

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Colby Creed S32194¹

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State of Illinois, Morgan County SS

On this Thirteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before Samuel D. Lockwood, presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of said County now sitting as a Court of Chancery, Colby Creed a resident of the County of Morgan aforesaid, aged Seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: during the Revolutionary War he resided in Surry County North Carolina, a company of militia was raised and organized in that County by Captain James Giddings. The company was composed of mounted men, all volunteers, this deponent joined the company, furnished his own horse, arms and accoutrements, those who joined the company were held to service without any limitation of time, the object being to keep the Tories in subjection and to guard the country generally. This deponent cannot tell the date at which the company was organized, nor the time that he joined it. Not long after he joined, the company was marched from Surry County aforesaid in to the state of Virginia against a party of Tories said to have assembled on Reed Island, on the waters of New River. Upon arriving at place, the Tories had dispersed, two only were found, one named William Warton, the other named Adkins. They were taken to Ausborn's Mill in Surry County North Carolina, tried at that place and condemned to be hung as the deponent understood, but they were not hung – the company was engaged on this expedition about six weeks and returned home. Not long afterwards, the company went out another expedition after Tories to the same region of Country, on this expedition three Tories were taken and as deponent was informed were hung. He recollects the names of two of them, Burke & Adkins, the latter a brother to Adkins taken on the first expedition. The company was on this expedition about one month and returned home. This company continued in service performing various duties such as marching through the Country to keep the Tories out and to keep in subjection such as had not joined the Tories in fact but who were disposed to do so and were only restrained & prevented by their fears. The company was at length ordered to march to Crider's Fort on the Catawba River, after Tories said to be embodied in that region of Country. On the march to the Fort, the company joined the Regiments or troops commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] and Colonel Phillips. The troops remained at Crider's Fort for some time, whilst the Army encamped at that place, the deponent started from the encampment with one John Boyd to his farm a short distance from the Fort. On the route, Boyd was walking

¹ See N. A. Acc. No. 874 050040 Not Half Pay Colby Creed

some distance before the deponent and two Tories came out from their hiding places on the road, one of them fired his gun at the deponent, but this fire did no injury. Boyd had passed the Tories and upon hearing the gun, he dropped his own gun and fled. The other Tory presented his gun at deponent and requested him to surrender. The deponent being deserted by his friend and not knowing but that there were more Tories close by, surrendered as a prisoner. He was taken to Broad River and delivered to Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who had command of all the Tories in that Country. The deponent was kept a prisoner until the Battle at King's Mountain [October 7, 1780].² He was then re-taken by the Whigs and again joined his company. He remained with the company but a short time until he was sent home with two wounded man, the names of the Tories who took him prisoner were William Jones and Isaac Baldwin. This deponent states that he was in the service at the least two years, but his service was of such a character that he cannot tell at this time the different periods of time that he served, he was bound to service whenever called on more than two years, but never until lately expected to receive any pay for those services, and he has not such a recollection of dates as to enable him to state the different dates at and during which he served. He was sometime detached from his company on duty. He was sent on one occasion from North Carolina to Virginia after lead. He furnished two horses on this trip. He took the lead to Salisbury. He belonged to Captain Giddings' company nearly the whole of the time that he was in service, but he was sometimes under other officers for special purposes and for limited periods. He has no recollection of ever receiving any discharge for any tour of duty. He thinks, however, that he at one time received a certificate that he had rendered some service, but if he had any such certificate, he has long since lost it. He has no documentary evidence now in his possession or power by which to prove his services. He does not know of any person by whom he can prove that he served, except Samuel McCraw, Jonathan Davis and John Davis, all of whom reside in Overton County, Tennessee. He states that he was born in Orange County Virginia on the fourth of May 1758. He has no record of his age, but he states his age and date of his birth from information received from his parents. His parents removed to Surry County North Carolina when he was about 12 years of age, he resided in that county until about 17 years ago, he removed to Henry County Kentucky, remained there one year & then removed to Overton County Tennessee, from which place he removed to Morgan County Illinois three years ago last spring, where he now resides. He is personally known to William O'Rear [?] William Crow, Aquilla Hall, John Robertson & Peter Robertson all of whom reside in his neighborhood and can testify to his character for truth & veracity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory.

S/ Colbay Creed, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ Saml. D. Lockwood, Judge OC

[Micajah B. Rowland, a clergyman, and Isaac R. Bennett gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace within & for the County aforesaid, Colby Creed who hath subscribed to the foregoing declaration, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the period, or length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he first entered the service in May 1779 under Captain Giddings as a mounted volunteer as stated in his declaration, on the first expedition stated he served at least six months, on the second expedition he was in service at least four weeks. His next service he was engaged

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html

in was under command of Captain Humphreys who raised a company of mounted men to go to Virginia after lead & took the lead to Salisbury. The deponent furnished two horses on this expedition and went with the company to New River, obtained lead and returned to Salisbury. He was engaged on this expedition at least one month. The next service that he was engaged in was on the expedition to Criders Fort as stated in his application. He was engaged in this expedition at least three months, this service was performed on foot as a private of the Infantry, the other service he performed as a mounted volunteer furnishing his own horse, arms & Equipments. These are the only campaigns that he can with any certainty state the lengths of the service, but he was engaged in the service of the country from 1779 to the end of the war so much of his time that he attended very little to his private affairs.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 14 March 1834.

S/ Colby Creed, X his mark

Justice of the Peace

S/ J. R. Bennett, J. P.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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Addendum to Colby Creed S32194

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[[Virginia Half-Pay pension records on fold3.com](#) includes a file for this soldier inscribed “Not Half Pay.” The only informative content is a letter dated 7 Nov 1844 forwarding papers of John A. Creed requesting the arrears of pension owed for the service of his deceased father, Colby Creed.]