

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Charles Colyer S30967

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State of Kentucky } Sct.

Rockcastle County }

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 1834 before me John B Dysart a Justice of the peace in & for the County & State aforesaid, personally appeared Charles Colyer a resident of said County aged 77 years next December who being duly sworn according to law upon oath made the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832, That he entered the service of the united States in the Revolutionary War, in Henry County Va. in the year 1781 in the Sumer, awhile before Wallace was taken [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781], he was drafted for six months, and went out under Capt James Shelton and he was marched of Prince Edward Courthouse & there stationed, then under Capt Rice some considerable time as a guard and was then furlow'd home for 2 weeks, & he then returned and stayed there some time & he was permitted to get a man to serve in his place the ballance of his time after Wallace was taken he hired a man to serve in his place, & he returned home. He paid his substitute \$45 & a suit of of cloths, & he received his discharge having been in actual service not less than 4 months. He does not recollect the name of his Leut. or Ensign He was not at the Seige of York.. his company was armed to be marched there from Prince Edward, but the Seige was over before we reached them. In the fall of the year some time after the Seige of York he does not recol[edge of page] the date he entered the service against the Indians, and was appointed by Colo. Love to range the frontier Country near the Tennessee line and he served in that capacity in active service three months & was discharged.

In answer to enterogatories propounded by the Court

He says he was born in Faquire [sic: Fauquier County] Va in the year 1757. He has no record of his age. He receive but one discharge in writing and that is lost. He has lived since the Revolutionary in Va. & Tennessee, & in Kentucky and now resides in Rockcastle County Kentucky. He had no personal acquaintance with any of the regular officers. He refers to his neighbours L. T. Ellis & David Gentry who can testify of his Character. He has no documentary evidence of his service, & knows of no person living by whom he can prove his service. He further states that he is much afflicted & entirely unable to work. He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any State whatever. Sworn & subscribed this day & year afs'd.

Charles Colyer

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Be it known that on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct'r 1834 before the County Court held for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Charles Colyer, aged 77 years a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath made the following declaration, in order to obtain the benifit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

He states that he entered the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in the year 1779 or 80 in Henry County Va. He was called out as a malitiaman and went out under Capt [John] Cunningham and was marched to the North fork of Holsin [sic: Holston] river and there remained for some time guarding & ranging after the Indians and then to Powels River [sic: Powell River] and there stationed for some time guarding the frontiers from the Indians. He beleives they were taken to Powels river first. He was in this kind of service not less than three months, & was discharged by his afs'd. Capt

Afterward this same year in which Wallace was taken he believes in 1781 he was drafted for 6 months and went out under Cap. Shelton and was marched to Prince Edward Courthouse & was there

placed under Capt Rice, he was then marched to Richmond, and some time thereafter he was furlowed home and he thinks perhaps was gone two weeks, and returned, and he then hired a man to take his place and serve out the ballance of his time and he was discharged by Colo Davidson He returned home some time in the winter and was in actual service not less than four months. He state that he was drafted for the purpose of going to York to fight Corn Wallace, but he was taken before they got there. He states that he made a declaration some time since before John B Dysart a Justice of the Peace for the County afs'd which is now on file in the war office as he supposes He states that when he made said declaration he oमितed to mention the first tour of duty set forth in this declaration because he had been informed that such service was not embraced by the law he had been informed there was nothing allowed for guarding the frontier & scouting after Indians but he has been told since that he is entitled to pay for such service He states that he is very frail the most of the time not able to get about owing to decease & old age. During his said first tour he was in an engagement with a small party of Indians on the Holsen & received a wound from a ball which passed partly thro his left side above his belly he thinks shot from a pistole. He was born in Faulquire Co Va in 1757. He has no record of his age. After the War he moved to Tennessee (now Washington Co) from there he moved to Pulaskie Co [sic: Pulaski County] (Ky) from there to Rockcastle (Ky) where he now lives. He was not acquainted with any of the regular officers only from information. He knowes of no person living by whom he can prove his service, & he has no documentary evidence of his service

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state whatever. Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
[Certified by Archibald Hasty and by Richard Colyer, a clergyman, who stated that he had known Charles Colyer 30 years.]