

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joseph Collins S34256

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[Capitalization partly corrected.]

State of New Jersey

Salem County Ss on this fifth Day of May 1819 Before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common pleas in and for the said County of Salem personally appears Joseph Collins aged fifty three years Resident in the Count of Salem aforesaid who being by me first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for Certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war That he the said Joseph Collins Enlisted in Bucks County in the State of Pennsylvania in the Company Commanded by Captain Bawd [Boude?] of the Infantry that he continued to serve in the said corps and in the service of the United States two year & six months the first enlistment he served eighteen month the 2nd enlistment was one year both under said Captain Bawd he served untill Peace was made when he was discharged from service in Philadlphia in said state of Pennsylvania from the redgement commanded by Colonel Harmon [sic: Josiah Harmar] that he was in the Battle of Ashley Hills in the State of South Carrolina [see endnote] in which battle he received a wound by a ball passing entirely through the center of his left leg and at the same time a shot through the thigh the fleshy part also at the same time received a wound by a bayonet in his right wrist the first & last mentioned wounds he suffers much under at this time and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services
he further says he served as a Corporal the last year of his service Joseph hisXmark Collins

State of New Jersey

Amended declaration

Salem County ss.

On this fifth day of November 1819, before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common pleas in and for the said county, personally appeared Joseph Collins aged fifty three years, resident in Upper allaways Creek Township in the said County, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said Joseph Collins enlisted for the term of during the War on the 18th day of July in the year 1780 or verry near that time in Buck County in the state of Pennsylvania in the company commanded by Captain Bowd of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harman in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, until the year 1783 when peace was made, when he was discharged from service in Philadelphia state of Pensylvania that he was in the battles of Ashly Hill South Carolina where he Receivd to severe wounds and was at the taking of Corn Wallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781]. and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Joseph hisXmark Collins

District of New-Jersey, ss.

Salem Inferior Court of Common Pleas June Term 1820

On this 14th day of June 1820 personally appeared, in open Court, being a Court of Record, proceeding according to the course of the common law—having jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping records of its proceedings, and possessing the power of fine & imprisonment Joseph Collins aged 55 years, resident in Upper Alloways Creek in said County, who, being first duly sworn according to

law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in Captain James Bawd Company 1th Rgement under the Command of Colonel Josiah Harman Pensylvania line and that he has received a pension Certificate No 16009

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

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4 pairs of Weavers Gears	<u>4.00</u>
Joseph hisXmark Collins	\$6.25

That he is by occupation a Weaver but from bodily Infirmity by wounds Received in the Revolutionary war is unable to obtain a living with out assistance That his family consists of himself aged 55 years
Joseph hisXmark Collins

NOTE: Ashley Hill, about 12 mi NW of Charleston SC, was the headquarters of the Southern Department of the Continental Army from 7 Jul to 14 Dec 1782. There was no battle there, but there were several skirmishes in the area.