

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cole S39348

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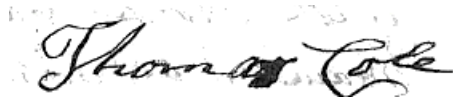
South Carolina Richland District:

Personally appeared before me Henry Wm DeSaussure, Senior Judge one of the Judges of the Court of Equity – for the State aforesaid Thomas Cole who made oath that he was a Soldier during the revolutionary war, in the Company of Captain William Caswell, he enlisted in the said company, the 1st company in the 5th Regiment of North Carolina, commanded by Colonel Buncombe, he believes in the year 1776 – and that he continued in the said Regiment until they were removed to South Carolina at Haddrell's Point, was then removed to the northern States and was under the command of General Washington at Trenton and continued under the same until 1780. In which last year he was again removed towards Charleston South Carolina and at Burn Coat [Burn Coat Creek], Neuse River in North Carolina was discharged his term of enlistment being expired – And that he fought in the battles of Monmouth, Brandywine, Germantown and several smaller fights. Also that after his said discharge he again served under Colonel Abram Sheppard, then of North Carolina, but now residing in the aforesaid District of Richland South Carolina and was under his command in the company of Captain Harper in North Carolina at the battle of Muscle Shell bridge. That he is now very poor and indigent and has a family of four children to support and no one to assist him. And that he is much in need of assistance from his Country for a support, as he is unable to support himself.

Sworn before me the 12th May 1819

S/ Henry Wm DeSaussure

S/ Thomas Cole

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Cole". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.

South Carolina Columbia District

On this first day of March 1822 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said District, Thomas Cole, age seventy-nine years, resident in said District, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: viz.: That he enlisted in the year 1776 in the first company (Captain William Caswell) of the fifth Regiment North Carolina Troops, commanded by Colonel Buncombe: that he served in said Regiment according to the terms of his enlistment for one year: that he afterwards enlisted in the same Regiment and served in the same for the space of 18 months: at the expiration of which time (immediately after the battle of Germantown) the said Regiment was reduced and divided into two regiments and he this declarant was drafted into Captain Robert Fenner's company in the second Regiment, Colonel Patton, that he served in said company and Regiment until the 8th

of February 1780, at which time he obtained his discharge: That he afterwards volunteered his services and joined a militia company commanded by Captain John Granger, in a Regiment then commanded by Colonel Abraham Sheppard in the State of North Carolina; and served therein until the end of the war. That he was at the battle of Moore's Creek, the battle at the head of Elk, at the battle of the Welsh track meeting house, at the battle of Whitely Creek, then at the battle of Redly Creek, at the battle of Brandywine: afterwards at the battle of Germantown; afterwards at the battle of Monmouth, and in various skirmishes. – That he applied for, and obtained a pension certificate of eight dollars per month up to the 4th March 1820. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 viz.:

1 Bell	valued at	\$15:--
1 Hand saw & other tools		10:--
Household and kitchen furniture		<u>5:--</u>
		\$30:--

And this declarant further states that he is a house carpenter by trade, but is unable to work at his trade on account of his age and infirmities: that he had two children alive, both daughters one about 20 years old: the other 18 years old: the oldest is married but is poor: that he lives with her and is maintained from there small income.

Sworn to before me and declared in open Court this first March 1822

S/ Henry Wm DeSaussure, Judge in Equity

S/ Thomas Cole

South Carolina Richland District

Personally appeared before me Stephen Truhitt¹ and makes oath that he became acquainted with Thomas Cole during the Revolutionary War of the United States of America at Valley Forge, above Philadelphia, that he then belonged to Captain Caswell's Company (the same that he belonged to) of the fifth North Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe and they fought together in the battles of Monmouth and that he came on with the said Thomas Cole to the South, until they arrived at Burn Coat in North Carolina after which saw him no more, but believes he was honorably discharged there and that they served together in the United States service upwards of two years –

Sworn to before made this fourth day of August 1818

S/ James S. Guignard, Clerk

S/ Stephen Truhitt, X his mark

[fn p. 13: certificate dated October nine, 1818 from the North Carolina Secretary of State indicating that Thomas Cole served as a Corporal Captain Caswell's Company in the fifth Regiment commanded by Colonel Edward Buncombe; that he enlisted November 26, 1776 for three years and was a private June 78 and discharge February 8th 1780.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing May 12, 1819, for three years service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ [Stephen Truhitt S45451](#)