

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cole W5824 Amy Bizzel<sup>1</sup> (Former Widow) f81NC fo  
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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 14th day of May 1847 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Amy Bizzell a Resident of said County aged 77 years who having been first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th July 1838 and 3rd of March 1837.

That she is the widow of Thomas Cole who was an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary [war] that her husband the said Thomas Cole enlisted in the Army of the United States in the fall of the year 1776 for three years in Captain Caldwell's Company as she has often heard him say and believes. She further swears she was legally married to Thomas Cole in the month of August 1788 and that her maiden name was Amy Joiner and that her oldest child was born in the month of June 1790 and that her husband Thomas Cole died in the year 1824 age 70 years and after his death she married Thomas Bizzell who is dead and she is now a widow. She further declares that she has no family Record of the marriage or ages of her children.

S/ Amy Bizzell, X her mark

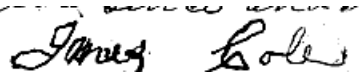
Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above before me

S/ Jno. Q. Adams, JP

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 24th day of May 1847 personally appeared before me James Hinnant one of the Justices of the peace for said County James Cole a resident of the said County aged 87 years and after being first duly sworn according to law says he is well acquainted with Mrs. Anny Bizzell formerly the widow of his Older Brother Thomas Cole deceased who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War. I know that Thomas Cole served in the Revolutionary war about three years and I have heard him say in Captain Caswell's Company. I know that Thomas Cole was married to Anny Joiner about the year 1788 they had several children James that they named after me died when small and one other died and Thomas Cole Junior is now living aged about 50 years. Thomas Cole died about 1824 and Anny his widow then married old Tom Bizzell and he died a few years since and Anny is now a widow.

S/ James Cole



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<sup>1</sup> Her name is also spelled Bizzell and Bizzill

State of North Carolina Johnston County

On the 25th day of May 1847 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in said County James Brady<sup>2</sup> aged 89 years a pensioner as a Soldier of the revolutionary War who having been duly sworn according to law doth upon his Oath make the this affidavit. This affiant Testifies and says that he was well acquainted with Thomas Cole deceased who was a Soldier in the Revolutionary War and served in Captain Caswell's Company about three years. He entered the service about one year before I did he was in Caswell's and I was in Coleman's Company I am also acquainted with Mrs. Amy Bizzell the widow of Thomas Cole. I know that Thomas Cole married Amy Joiner about seven or eight years after he came out of the war. He died about 1824 and Amy then married Thomas Bizzell who died some few years since and she is now a widow. We lived in the same neighborhood were born. Sworn to before me.

S/ James Brady



[fn p. 50: letter dated December 14, 1857 from Bentonville North Carolina in which the author, William G Bizzell, refers to Amy Bizzell as his mother stating that she is 84 or 85 years of age; was 24 or 25 years of age when she married Thomas Cole who was about 50 years of age when they were married; that "she does not know that her first husband Thomas Cole was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, but his Brother who was evidence in the case says he was a soldier in the war of the revolution."]

[fn p. 59: the widow was still alive and living in Johnston County North Carolina in April 1867 when she applied for the reinstatement of her pension.]

[facts in file:

A letter in the file contains the following information: "Thomas Cole married in August 1788, Amy Joyner, the daughter of Joel Joiner; the name of her mother was not given. The license for this marriage was dated August one, 1788, was recorded in Johnston County North Carolina, and signed by Thomas Cole and Willis Cole; no relationship between this Willis and the soldier was stated. Amy's father served seven years as a soldier; he was in service at the time of her birth, afterwards served three years as a volunteer to subdue the Indians and Tories."

"Amy Cole, the soldiers widow, married later, the date not given, Thomas Bizzell.

Thomas Bizzell served about six months as an officer in the Revolutionary War, no details were given, as this claim for pension was not based upon his service. Thomas Bizzell died a few years before 1847, exact date not shown."]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$86.39 per annum commencing March 4th, 1848.]

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<sup>2</sup> [James Brady S8090](#)