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Georgia 27.812

John Collins' Son.

of Hall Co. in the State of Georgia
who was a Br & Supt. in the company
of Capt. A. J. of the Regt. assigned
to Col. A. in the S. Carolina Regt.
for 19 months Br. — 62.33
S. — Supt. — 25.00
\$87.33

Resided in the State of Georgia

at the rate of 35 dollars 33 cents per annum
in arrears on the 1st day of March 1831.

Receipt of Money paid the 23^d day of May
1834 for debt to John Collins
Garnett Co. Ga.

Amount in the 1st of March 1834 266.99
Previous arrears including 46.16

\$313.15

{ Receivable from }
{ the June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by D. J. Jones

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to the 1st of May
May 29. 1834

6.135

Georgia

Rebecca Collins

widow of

J. C. John Collins

who served in the Revolutionary

war, as a

Priv. & Sgt.

Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
Dollars 3 3

Cents per annum, to commence on
the 4th day of March, 1832

Certificate of Pension issued the
5th day of Sept. 1865
and sent to

Wm. B. Knight
Marilla
Ga.

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
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Feb. 2, 1848.

State of Georgia
County of Hall

On this 27th day of January 1830
Personally appeared in open Court before me
Cato Wiley Woods and John A. Kaper - Justices of
the Superior Court of said County of Hall before whom
a resident of said County of Hall and being then
upon the fourth day of December last upon being
first duly sworn according to Law took solemn
Oath. Makes the following Declaration in order
to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the
act of Congress passed June 7 1832

That he entered the service of the United
States under the following named officers and being
as herein stated.

Was at about the month of April 1776
the Cherokee Indians broke out in the Kingdom of South
Carolina and committed many depredations; in consequence
of which the British there called out some were
drafted and volunteered for six months or during
the Campaign. On the 10th day of May 1776 I joined
as a private soldier a militia called Major Neale's
Regiment for six months or during the Campaign and
was attached to Col. Neale's Regiment and marched
to a Fort on Synega River I think called Fort Independence
where we remained for a fortnight where we had
frequent skirmishes with the Indians and from there
marched to what was then called the middle settlement
the Cherokee nation where we had a severe
engagement with the Indians and defeated them
with a loss on our side of twenty three killed
and seventy three wounded. This battle was the
first Andrew Williamson had command of the
American army at this place Col. Neale
thence marched on to the settlement of the Cherokee

After the battle the remainder of the storming through the
Native's Long Walk then returned to the fort. The
16 and were discharged which was on the 28th day of
October in the same year. I went to my father's
land in what ^{now} called Sandusky which is about 100 miles
where I remained until June 1800 on the mouth of the
1778 When I left my father's property to his wife and
Went to where Genl Thomas Harrison lived who was a
drafted Militiaman and hired myself to him as a
Substitute for a two months tour of duty and was placed
under the command of Capt Robert Hager and sent to
the 8th Mass Regiment and arrived at Philadelphia
On 10th Dec in 1781 the British being in the
vicinity of the same place left a party of the troops
at that place I went the other part was marched
to a place called Germantown now called Quaker
near the high Shoals of the Delaware River in 1781
when we remained until we were ordered by the
troops to be two months in the service and of the
time spent in marching to ~~the~~ the Fort. I was
then discharged and immediately before leaving the State
Substituted again the place of a man whose name I do not
recall. He had been out about half his time
which was a two months tour he being a private
Militiaman. I remained at this place until the
end of the tour. I then started home and on the
Way met a Battalion of drafted Militiamen under
the command of M^r Francis Ross. I here
Substituted with the Battalion in the place of a man
by the name of Moses Smith as a private soldier
Under the command of Capt John Parsons and
arrived at where Genl Ross lay his Corps
in the State of Georgia where we remained
a few days when we were ordered to the British and
then finally returned after the defeat the death

Caroline Matilda and I both time resided in small
apartments up the country to where George Williamson lay with
his four men near Augusta. We remained until
the 17th March to the help of my constituents at which
time I was discharged having served two months and
ten days in the year 1778 and the greater I remained
days in the year 1779 I then started to see
my acquaintances who lived near the North Carolina
line (having no horse) and just as I got
into the settlement where I intended going I
met a woman by the name of Rebecca P. who
told me to take her place in the North
Carolina Militia for three months I was placed
under the command of Capt. Benjamin Gordon
as a private Militiaman. We then marched
Lieutenant John Thompson was with the Regiment
We then marched to a place called Charlotte in the
County North Carolina & remained eight or ten days
waiting for other troops. We then marched to the mountains
thence opposite Augusta and back. Several heads of cattle
after remaining there two or three weeks we crossed over
into Georgia and marched down near to Green
bush then crossed the River again and passed the
Portage where we saw their march to Charlotte after
going to Raven Ridge on the 14th Nov. We found
that the British had changed their route. We arrived there
on the 14th Nov. 1779. We remained there
several days watching the movements of the enemy. We then
marched through at the Horse Creek. We then marched
down and attacked & drove them back. We then returned
to the mountains and remained a considerable time
waiting for other troops or relief. I was then discharged
with the North Carolina troops and returned to the
vicinity of friends where I remained but a few
days. I then returned to the same place where I came in
and

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months term of duty as a private militiaman and held
place under the command of Capt James Abrah and
then immediately appointed orderly Sergeant to the corps
and attached to a Regiment under the command of
Colt Hampton & Lieutenant Col. Harnight and
to Charlotte in North Carolina being both bound
to being the place of rendezvous and from there
to Charleston or the Rocky Camp near the city
where the command would be taken up and
Lieut. Jennings command the Piquette Company
of some Regiments, then the young men of
service and fair craft, turned out one from
each of the four Regiments to raise such a
company to be known as and called the North
Carolina Volunteers these companies were raised for
the express purpose of defending Charleston against
the British who were then lying near the place in
their ships. I enrolled myself into one of these
Companies under a Capt John J. Garrison
in a few days after this we were taken within the
walls of the city and put under strict discipline
under the command of Col. Archibald Pitt of
Hillsborough North Carolina and Major
Habbesham, and immediately after being put under
discipline the Col. took up the colors and ordered
the Regiment Major to the Regiment in which I was
I continued to act until the 1st of December
at Charleston I received the appointment the first of December
to the post of my destination and was taken to Savannah
on the 15th day of May following where I received said
appointment second a certificate from the Col.
to that effect which certificate was signed by me

time together with all the other papers I obtained during
the Revolutionary War on the 3rd day of December 1783
some days after our surrender. I was paroled to
Lincoln County North Carolina and after being at
home about two months I was taken by a party of Tories
and carried to where Col. Ferguson lay with a
parcel of British and Irish where I was changed
to a black coach of Parole and lived for my life
found guilty and sentenced to be hanged but by a private
discovery I effected my escape. This circumstance together
with the distressed & confined state of the country caused
me to seek refuge in the army and not having it in
my power to join the army in such a manner as I
should have preferred I turned in with some
North Carolina and Georgia refugees where practised
it was to harry the Tories and occasionally flank
fire on the British Regiments as passed through the
country frequently passing between them and our troops
I continued with these men until ~~until~~ after the battle
at Guilford Lord Cornwallis's retreat I
was at Tarleton's defeat at the Cuper. at Ferguson's
defeat at Kings Mountain and at the battle at
Guilford Court house after this battle being almost
without clothes and my horse much injured I went
to Sandy Spring in Virginia where I have become again
acquainted with a Col. Fenn who finding it necessary
that I possess some knowledge of military matters proposed
that if I would substitute in place of some one of the
drifted Militiamen belonging to his Battalion and thereby
enable myself to get some clothes he would undertake to
put my horse in better plight and would give me
the appointment of Adjutant to his Regiment I
accordingly substituted in the place of some one of the

James P. Milledgeburg who had been captured for a time during the
time. He was wounded at Fort Mifflin where Col. Penn
agreed to permit give me a Certificate of my appointment
as Adjutant and to rank as Lieutenant. We marched to
Petersburg in Virginia from which place we were sent
after the arrival by the British. We then marched to Roanoke
about house in Virginia where Col. Penn turned some
over to, Maj. Waller and some other field officers were
in this campaign. I was then commanded by Col. Penn to
Col. Bailey who brought down a great quantity of
chief of these under Col. Penn. I was then by Col. Bailey
and acted as adjutant to his regiment until the expiration
of his service. a Col. Penn then transferred to where I was
likewise commanded and remained as adjutant and after
the large had commenced at Little York Col. Penn called
me to Col. Hoffman who then remained as adjutant
to the Regiment until after the surrender of Cornwallis
there were a number of field officers during the time
I was in the Virginia service. But Gen. Lincoln was
Commander in Chief during the whole time.

I went into the above named service under Col.
Penn I think on the 15th day of April 1781 and
was discharged the 24th of the following October and
during said service I was in the battle fought at
Old Point Below where Col. Penn commanded the
Regiment to which I belonged.

After being discharged I procured a Certificate
from the field officers of my conduct and the
Opinion they entertained of me and returned
to the neighborhood in South Carolina where
was possible. Where I remained until some time in
the month of March 1782. Where there was a call
for the

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of which I was notified I concluded that they
had not the right to draft and stationed
as a private Militiaman for two months when we
underground I found the South Carolina Militia
badly organized and most wretchedly drilled
many. Squad of them came in without even a bayonet
to command them. about three hundred
presented themselves with their Capt. and
to Mr. Col. Winn the funds order for the men
from a certain section of country to elect a Capt.
Lieutenant at which election I was elected Capt.
and a man by the name of Black was elected
Lieutenant. We then marched to Orangeburg where
Winn having previously given me a private
commission as Capt. from Orangeburg. We marched
to a place called the four hole bridge at which
place Col. Low joined Col. Winn with a new draft
of Militia and they being almost destitute of officers
I was retained by Col. Winn and took command of
a Company as Capt. We then marched to a place
called (I do not know from there to Rice's bridge
and about this time Col. Hugh Drayton
came down with a parcel of Militia for the
relief of those under Col. Low. I was again
retained by Col. Drayton to remain and take
command of a Company. which I did and
until the last of October 1782 at which time
the army was disbanded I then returned home

I will have much that I make it an insurable rule when discharged at the end of a campaign to procure from the field officers a Certificate bearing forth the many instances of the services they rendered of such valuable certificates by the state any Capt's Commission Certificate of appointment at adjutant and discharges were all bound in my house on the 26 day of December 1825.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

I have to and subscribed thereby and gave of said

Ans 1st I was born in Frederick County State of Maryland in the year 1760 on the 7th of December.

Ans 2 I have no record of my birth and made by myself taken from the one kept by my father which frequently saw when there.

Ans 3 I was living in what was at that time called lower District now called York District in South Carolina. I remained in South Carolina about four years after the Revolutionary War. I then removed to Abbeville County Georgia where I remained some years. I then moved to Franklin County in said state where I remained 18 years until the year 1813 which place is Abbeville about twenty miles of this place and from there to Hall County where I have lived upwards of twenty years past. My birthplace within the limits of Abbeville the County Seat of said County.

Ans 4 I first volunteered and afterwards enlisted first for Thomas Harrison then for a man when done was not recollect then for a man by the name of Joseph Hoop then for a man by the name of Daniel L. White then for a man by the name of Nichols then volunteered with the South Carolina troops then volunteered with the Regulars.

and continued as Adjutant of the Militia in Virginia
for three successive terms making nearly ten months
I then volunteered again in South Carolina
but ~~in the two first terms~~ of service Col. Neal & Lieutenant
Col. Mather attended the Regiment alternately
Genl. Wilkinson was the Commander in Chief
Col. Sumpter was the only field officer belonging
to the Continental line. The two other officers
that were ~~several~~ ^{several} field officers of Genl. Mather
Col. Maybrow Col. Henderson with many others
whose names I do not recollect. - at the dusky camp
near Charleston we had no other officers except those
belonging to the South ^{Georgia} troops to Col. Genl. Sumpter
Col. Hampton Col. Hamright & Majr. Henry Bishop
who belonged to the Continental line. Col. Anhalt the
Little Wars also Mather adj. - during the siege at Charleston
Genl. Lincoln was Commander in Chief. Genl. Sumner
Genl. Logan Genl. Woodford. Col. Parker &
Parker belonged to the Continental line there were
many other officers who I saw but do not
not recollect their names

but 6 I received several discharges & never kept any papers
without possessing a Certificate or discharge my
Object being to procure a Commission in the
Continental line all of which Certificates or
discharges were turned in before stated paper
Certificates were always obtained from the field
officers under whom I served
I received a brevet Commission from Col. Sumner
to act as Adjutant and rank as Lieutenant

and an other sent from the Boston
Main of South Carolina as Captain of a
Militia Company both of which were burned as
before stated.

Also assigned Joseph E. Smith James H. Hunt
James L. Cook John H. Hays Thomas H. Hays
John H. Bates Joseph D. Smith Joseph H. Smith
Joseph H. Smith Joseph H. Smith Joseph H. Smith
James H. Hunt James H. Hunt James H. Hunt
are all persons who are personally acquainted with
me and who would testify as to my character for
honesty and the belief of my being a soldier
of the Revolution.

First Mr. Hays to and subscribed the declaration
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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform
you that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. Hays

State of Georgia
Cath. County

On the thirty first day of January in the year 1865
eighteen hundred and fifty three personally appeared before the undersigned
Justice of the Peace of the County of Burke aforesaid John Collins a resident
of the County of both aforesaid in said State of Georgia aged
eighty two years who first being duly sworn according to law took
in his oath and made the following declaration in answer to the
oath of the provision made by the act of Congress [the said act passed
in what month & in what year it was passed] perhaps in the month of
of February 1865 eighteen hundred and fifty three qualifying persons
known of persons who served during the Revolutionary War. That she
is the widow of John Collins for she was a private and sergeant in
the War of the Revolution. whose Certificate of Revolutionary Service is
of file & number in the Pension Office Book B Vol 6 page 9 of
B Brown State. which Certificate is in the following words and
figures first:

War Department
Revolutionary Service

"I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 3d
June 1838 John Collins widow of the late of Georgia who was a
Private and Sergeant in the War of the Revolution is entitled to have
eighty eight dollars and fifty three cents for service during the said
life commencing on the 1st of March 1831 and payable semi-annually
on the 1st of March and 1st of September in every year."

Given at the War Office of the United States
the 25th day of May in the year 1865
Signed and duly sworn

(Signed) Edwin C. Carr, Secretary

Witness my hand and seal
this 25th day of May 1865

This document further sworn and says that the said John
Collins for was her lawful husband; that deceased was the said John
Collins for were married on the thirtieth day of November in the

year of Dec. 1st 1786. in North South a said State of Georgia by
that her maiden name was Siler. That there is no record of the
Marriage License of said marriage in the Clerk's office of the Court
of Ordinary of said County of Burke. That by said husband
John Collins died on the eighth day of March in the
said County of both over the Village of Stewart a said County.
That her said husband John Collins died on the eighth day of March
at the age of his death. That she has remained a widow ever
since the death of her said husband. As well as her fully
apparently before to the proper Court's answer.

The said deponent further says that from a long & last before
the year going before a Court for the purpose making a return
to the Court of the said John Collins before more apparent from
her to said husband on the day
and year above written before & I certify
that she was legally two years in the said
was once before saying & said means another
partially above & that I believe the facts set
forth in the above declaration.

Phoebe Collins
deponent

Samuel Barrett
to Justice S.P.
State of Georgia

HEED in the case of *John Collins, Senr.*
County of Galt in the State of *Georgia*
 (Act 7th June, 1838.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Spurs County*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *41*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

5 17
 2 11
 8 5
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 4 25
 3 42
 1 17

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Name of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	From.	Until.	Days.		

11 May 1776	at sea	4	20	Private	Col. Richard Butler
1778	at sea	2	00	"	
Troop of Horse 1779	at sea	5	00	"	Col. John Mifflin
1781	at sea	0	00	"	

Shortly after a colonel's hat etc. when a pack of horses was taken to the town of
 in connection with the *British* of *British* but nothing specified
 in the *British* of *British* but nothing specified
 5. In what battles was he engaged? *Some skirmishes on the waters of Tennessee*
by means of a general engagement at the battle of the Clouds
 6. Where did he reside when he entered the service?
What is ascertained with respect to the residence

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditional evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the oath? *A declaration and two living witnesses*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *The papers are not*
attached agreeably to the regulations. The living witnesses are not
certified as such.

I certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

George Taylor