

SERVICE

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Continental (Penn.)Collins, JohnS. 40,844

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3,994

Pennsylvania Roll

John Collins,
Private 4
Pennsylvania Line } 3 years
Slaters regt }
In the army of the United States during the Revolutionary War

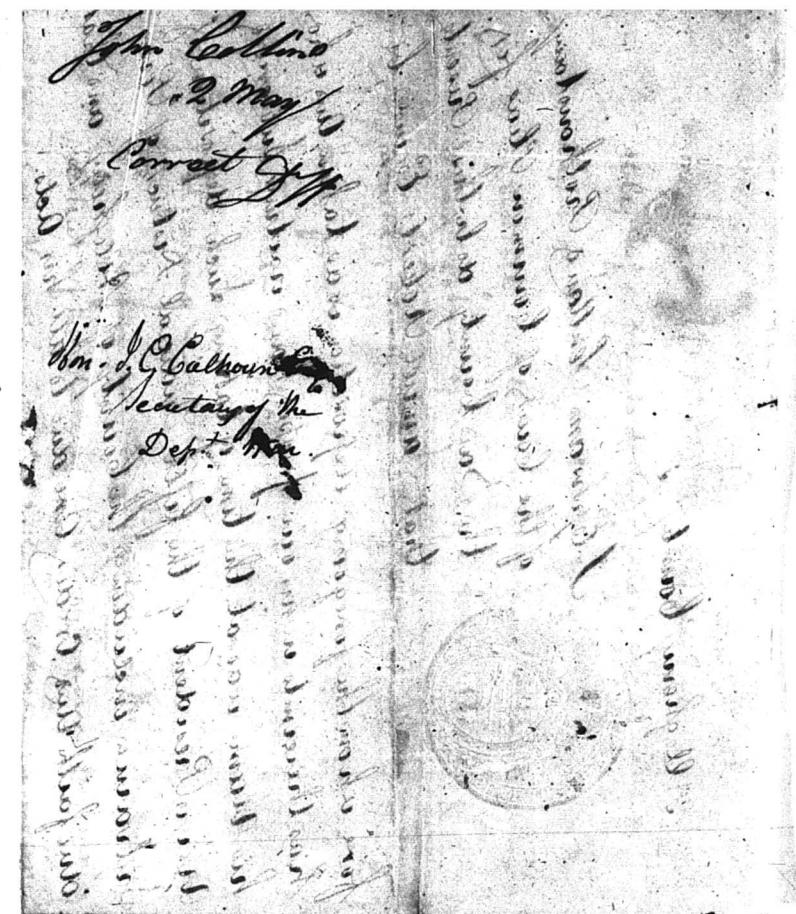
Inscribed on the Roll of Penn.
at the rate of 8 Dollars per month, to commence
the 2^d of May 1818.

Certificate of Pension issued the 28th of Oct. 1818
and sent to Sam'l Roberts, Esq.
Pittsb^g. Pa.

Arrears to 4th of Sept. 1818 ... \$32.86
Semi-annual all'ce ending March 4, 1819 48.
an' 4 m: 3/30. \$ 80.86

{ Revolutionary claim,
Act 19th March, 1818.

Alleghany
Continued
Robinson Township
Allegheny County



To the Honorable the Secretary of the
Department of War of the U. States

State of Pennsylvania

County of Allegheny Ss.

The Declaration by the author of
John Collins late a private soldier in the Revolu-
tionary Army and now an Appellant for
a pension, in virtue of an Act established "and
to provide for certain persons engaged in the
Land and Naval of the U. S. during in
the Revolutionary War."

That he enlisted in the year 1776

Respectfully Strength

That he is a resident Citizen of the U. States
and particularly his actual residence is Pittston
Township in the Dauphin County of Pennsyl-
vania.

That he enlisted in December 1776 in the
Company commanded by Captain John
Thomson at York County in Pennsylvania.

That he enlisted was attached to General
Hazen's Regiment, and having enlisted for
3 or 4 years during the war he served until
the conclusion of the war,

In June AD 1783 he was discharged honor-
ably by a printed discharge, which was af-
terwards sent to the land office at Philadelphia
in order to entitle him to receive a tract of land
which has been of no use to him. Having
been deprived of his discharge in this mode
and for this purpose, he cannot furnish
any letter of discharge of such character.

Allegheny County S.

Before me the President of the 5th judicial
district of the State of Pennsylvania personally
examined John Collins who being
duly sworn and examined saith that
that the facts as stated in the following
affidavits doth bear to the best of his
remembrance & that from his earliest
circumstances he needs the assistance
of his Country. John Collins

Swear I subscribe to

this 2^d day of May 1815

May AD 1815

Sam Roberts

Allegheny County



I Ephraim Pettman Prothonotary
of the Court of Common Pleas for
the said County do by these Presents
that Samuel Roberts, Esquire, be.

before whom the foregoing deposition was taken and who
has thereto in his own presence and writing subscribed
his name was at the time of taking such deposition
then President of the Fifth Judicial District of Penn-
sylvania including the County of Allegheny and that
due faith and credit be due to all his acts.

In testimony Whereof I have hereunto
Set my hand and affixed the Seal of the
said Court at the City of Pittsburgh this
2^d May A.D. 1818.

Ephraim. Pettman. Pro

Pittsburgh



I Samuel Roberts President of the Court of
Common Pleas & the Fifth Judicial District in
the Commonwealth aforesaid Do certify that
it appears to my satisfaction that the said John Collins did serve in
the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding deposition, against
the common enemy for the term of nine months, at one period
on the continental establishment, and also the necessary
and have also satisfied that he is in indigent circumstances
and know therefore the proceedings & testimony had before
to the Secretary for the Department of War & pursuant to the directions
of the aforesaid and principal - In testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & seal, at the city of Pittsburgh, this fifteenth
day of September A.D. One thousand eight hundred and eighteen

Samuel Roberts

John Collins

Scrip. 23 May 1823.
See letter to R. S. Walker.

Pittsburgh Penn

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Allegheny County

On the twenty fourth day of January 1823
personally appeared in Open Court, being a Court of Record
(viz the Court of Common Pleas for the County of
Allegheny) before me John Collins aged Sixty seven years
who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on
his oath make the following declaration - That he served
in the Revolutionary War, that he enlisted in the year 1776
into Col. Hazen's Regt and that he was in the Battles of
Germantown, Brandywine, and York - That he received
a Pension under the act of Congress of 18th March 1818
No 3994 and dated the 2^d of October 1818

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 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 other
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 entitl'd "An act to
provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval
Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War"
pass'd on the 18th March 1818, and that I have not nor
has any person interest 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
herunto annexed

sir

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200 Acres of Dotation Land in the 8th Dist unimproved
probably worth per acre. That the same is
wholly unseable and of no profit or use to him
One last Springs Cots - 3 Cows - 11 Sheep - That
he has due to him in account viz Thirty seven dollars
& that he has no real security for the pay^t of the whole
or any part of the same - And that he is indebted to the
amount of eleven dollars and seventy six cents
That he is a School teacher by profession - That he
has eight Children viz Thomas aged thirty one years
who resides in another State and is unable to render him
any assistance, Hannah aged 29 years who lives with
him and is in a great measure dependent on him,
Mary aged 26 years who lives with him under
similar circumstances - Rachelle aged 19 years &
Catharine 13 years both living with him and
scarcely able to support themselves, John aged 24 years
who is living in a consumptive State and entirely
dependent on him for every kind of Assistance
William aged 22 years lives at home but has no
property and contributes nothing beyond his own support
& George aged 17 years who is also indebted Apprentice
to Thomas Hazleton White Smith Pittsburgh

Swear to declare, on the
24th day of January 1823

John Collins

James R Butler

3 P.M.

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Allegheny County



James R. Butler Prothonotary
of the Court of Common Pleas for
the County of Allegheny aforesaid
Do hereby certify that the foregoing
oath and the Schedule thereto annexed
are truly copied from the record
of the said court; And I do further
certify, that is the opinion of the said
Court that the total amount in value of the property
described in the aforesaid Schedule is Two hundred
and twenty five dollars

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Court
at Pittsburgh the 2^d day of April 1823

James R. Butler Atty

Rev. & 1812 Wars Section

W.L.S.

July 1, 1927

Mrs. W. W. Boyer
1537 Hewitt Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

Madam:

I have to advise you that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 40844, that JOHN COLLINS enlisted in York County, Pennsylvania, in December, 1776, and served until June, 1783, as a private in Captain John Thompson's Company in the Second Canadian or "Congress' Own" Regiment commanded by Colonel Mason; he was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 2, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Robinson Township, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

In 1823 he stated that he was sixty-seven years of age and that he had the following children: Thomas, aged thirty-one; Hannah, aged twenty-nine; Mary, aged twenty-six; John, aged twenty-four; William, aged twenty-two; Rachel, aged nineteen; George, aged seventeen; and Catharine, aged twelve years.

In 1826 he stated that he had lived in Butler and Allegheny Counties, Pennsylvania, for the last forty years, the last twelve years in Allegheny

County.

He did not give the name of his wife.

He died January 18, 1833.

Respectfully,

WINFIELD SCOTT
Commissioner

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Harrisburg February 18th 1823

Ken John C. Caffoon Esq

Sir Since I have been at the seat of government I have understood that John Collins of Allegheny County Penn a soldier of the Revolutionary war has applied to be reinstated on the Pension list of the United States

In a communication I have received from him he has requested that I would to you make known his situation and circumstances in life with which no one is better acquainted than myself

John Collins is a very poor man having no property of any consequence wherewith to support himself and for the last 6 or 8 months has been so much afflicted with the pains as to confine him almost entirely to his bed. he had taught a school in a country place the tuition money he received from a few pupils afforded him a precarious subsistence owing however to his infirmity he was forced to abandon it

Should you be of opinion his case will justify a reinstating on the Pension list I can safely certify that few are better entitled to the bounty of their country

With due respect I remain your obedient
humble Servt Wm Marks

Rev. J. Galbraith
Mar 21 1834

G.C

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Sir

War Department
Pension Office
March 31. 1834

In reply to the enclosed letter I have the honor to inform you that I have caused the Pennsylvania Roll of Pensioners to be examined, and I find that only one person named John Collins has ever received a pension under the Act of March 18, 1818 from that State. He resided, as appears by his declaration, in Alleghany County, and was pensioned in October 1818. There has been no report from the pension agent of his death, and I presume he ~~still draws his pension~~. The only real property the alleged to be possessed of, was 200 acres of donation land in the 8th District, which was stated to be unimproved and of little value. The County in which the land is situated is not mentioned.

Han J. Galbraith -
House of Reps -

PITTSBURGH
PA.
July 29, 1826
John Collins
Pension Agent
Penns.
Pension Agent
Penns.
Washington
FREE

Pittsburgh July 19 1826

Sr

Agreeably to the Motion of the 30th June
1826 I beg leave to report myself
to the War Department - my Name
is John Collins I am a U. States
Revolutionary Pensioner of one hundred
in Butler & Allegheny Counties in the
State of Pennsylvania for the last forty
years - the twelve years last past I
have resided in Allegheny County where
I now reside I am respectfully

Your obt bt

To the Hon Secretary
of War — } John C. Collins
Matthew J. Lawrence
M. J. Lawrence

Allegheny County Pa

I M^t Matthew J. Lawrence a Notary
Public in said County do certify
that I am personally well acquainted
with John C. Collins who has signed this
w^mthth dayth above report of him self, and I
know him to be the person whom
he represents himself to be

Witness my name and seal
of office the 19th July 1826

Matthew J. Lawrence

Not Publ

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Allegheny County

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On the twenty fourth day of January
1823 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of
record) in and for the County of Allegheny John Collins
aged sixty seven years who being first duly sworn according
to law doth on his ^{oath} make the following declaration - That
he served in the revolutionary War - That he enlisted in the
year 1776 into Colonel Hayes Regt and that he was in the
battle of German Town Broadwⁿ and York. That he
received a pension under the Act of Congress of 18th March 1818
No 3794 and dated the 22nd day of October 1818
and I do solemnly swear that I was a citizen ^{of} the United States
on the 11th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time
by gift sale or in any other 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 intituled 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 over had any person in
trust for me any property or securities contracts or debt due to me
over half my income other than what is contained in the Schedule
hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. Big 200 acres of
drowning land in the 8th District unimproved probably worth
per acre. That the same is wholly unmarketable, and of
no profit or use to him - One last Spring both - Slave
and Ship. That he has due to him in account one thirty
four dollars. That he has no real security for the payment of
~~whatever~~ any part of the same, and that he is indebted
to the amount of eleven dollars and seventy six cents -
That he is a School Teacher by profession. That he has eight
children Big Thomas aged thirty one years who resides in
an other State and is unable to render him any assistance
Hannah aged twenty nine years who lives with him and is in
a great measure dependent on him Mary aged twenty six
who also lives with him under similar circumstances - Rachel
aged 19 years and Catherine aged twelve years both living

with him and scarcely able to support themselves, John aged twenty four years who is lying in a Consumptive State and entirely dependent on him for every kind of assistance, William aged twenty two lies at home but has no property and contributes nothing beyond his own support and George aged seventeen years who is an invalid apprentice to Thos. Rayerton White Smith Pittsburgh —

Sworn to and declared the 24th day of January 1823. — John Collins

James R. Butler Notary

I James R. Butler Notary of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Do certify that the foregoing oath and declarations are truly copied from the records of the said Court In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand affixed the seal of said Court On this 27th day of August A.D. 1823.

James R. Butler Notary

I James R. Butler Notary of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Do hereby Certify that the foregoing Oath in the Schedule annexed are truly copied from the records of the said Court and I do further Certify that it is the opinion of the said Court that the total amount in value of the property exhibited in the aforesaid Schedule two hundred and twenty five dollars. In testimony whereof

I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court on the 25th day of August A.D. 1823.

James R. Butler Notary

On this 7th day of August A.D. 1823 Personally appeared before me a Notary Public in and for the County of Allegheny aforesaid the above named John Collins who being duly sworn according to law doth further declare that he hath disposed of no property real or personal since the 10th of March 1823 except only one pair shoes about five years old which he was compelled to sell in order to purchase flour for the subsistence of himself and family that he received for her forty dollars.

Sworn to and declared this 7th day of

August A.D. 1823

John Collins

James R. Butler Notary

40844

Rev INVALID.

File No. John Collins

John Collins
Pvt Rev Recd

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[Arrangement of 1870.]

1927 July 1 hist &
Mrs W. W. Boyer
wrote

To the Pension Commissioner
Dept. of Interior
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me
anything of John Collins
who drew a pension in
Allegheny County, (act of
1818,) and died in 1833,
such information which
you may be able to
give me will be greatly
appreciated.
I think he was my

great grandfather -

Sincerely

Mrs. W. W. Boyce -

1537 Hewitt ave -

St. Paul

Minnesota

April 6 - 1927.

1476 West 46th st
Los Angeles Cal

Dear Sir

Will you please send me
copies of the pension records of
Capt Adam ^{1st} Easler in the Reg. Inf.
Pa. or of Lieut Jacob Easler Reg.
soldier from Pa - Adam is found
on page 677. and Jacob on page
679. Pa archives Vol 15. accord series
also John Collins private a pensioner
of 1820 found on page 688 --

Thanking you I am



Miss May Schilgren
476 West 46th Los Angeles
California

S 40844

In reply to your request of _____, received _____
 for a statement of the military history of John Collins,
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
 information as contained in his (~~and his widow's~~) application for pen-
 sion on file in this Bureau.

S. File 40,844

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT.	LENGTH OF SERVICE.	RANK.	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.		STATE.
			CAPTAIN.	COLONEL.	
Dec. 1776	June 1783	Private	John Thompson	Hazen	25 Canadian "Congress Own" Regiment.

Battles engaged in, Brandywine, Germantown & York.

Residence of soldier at enlistment, & Enlisted in York Co., Penn.

Date of application for pension, May 2, 1818. His claim was allowed.

Residence at date of application, Robinson Twp., Allegheny Co., Penn.

Age at date of application, in 1823, sixty-seven years.
there is no reference to his wife.

Remarks: In 1823 he referred to his eight children, viz: Thomas aged 31 yrs.;

Hannah 29 yrs.; Mary 26 yrs.; John 24 yrs.; William 22 yrs.; Rachel 19 yrs.;

George 17 yrs. and Catharine 12 yrs.

In 1826 he stated that he had lived in Butler & Allegheny Co. Penn. for the last 40 yrs. - the last 12 yrs. in Allegheny Co. He died Jan'y 18, 1833. (Agency book.)

Respectfully,

1826
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1836
1814
1786

Commissioner.