

Pension Application for Halsted Coe

W.3951 (Widow: Abby) Halsted Coe was born March 20, 1759. Abby Ward, who was born June 3, 1770, married October 3, 1789. Halsted died August 19, 1832. Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress of the 7th July 1839, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

State of New Jersey

Essex County SS

On this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before me Samuel B. Miller one of the Judges of the Inferior Court of common Pleas, in and for said County of Essex the widow, Abby Coe, a resident of the City Newark in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey aged seventy years on the third day of June last past. (Who I certify cannot from bodily infirmity attend the court) who being by me 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 July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of Halsted Coe, who resided in Rockland County in the State of New York in the time of the War of the Revolution but late of the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, deceased, who was a private enlisted soldier in the service of the United States, in the war of the revolution as she has often heard her said husband say and fully believes. And the said Abby Coe further declares that he maiden name was Abby Ward and that she was married to the said Halsted Coe on the third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine by the Rev'd Mr. Chapman, who was then Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Orange Essex County, New Jersey and that he husband the aforesaid Halsted Coe died on the nineteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two at his residence in said County of Essex. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz at the time above sated. And that she has remained a widow and unmarried ever since the death of her said husband.

And this deponent further saith that the reason of her not sooner applying for a pension, was on account of the difficulty in obtaining the necessary proof of her said husband's service in the war of the Revolution, and although the affidavits hereunto annexed were made out and forwarded to her by mail, last April she did not receive them until last Friday. They having been sent to the post office at Washington and returned to the office where they were first mailed as she has since understood.
(Signed) Abby Coe

Sworn to and subscribed at Newark in said County of Essex on the day and year above written before me. Sam'l B. Miller, Judge of Common Pleas.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this 14th day of April 1840, personally appeared before me Peter Stephens a Justice of the Peace in and for said county, John Hutton aged 78 years and Abraham VanHouten, aged 80 years both residents of the town of Clarkstown in said County, who, being first duly sworn according to law; do depose and say that they was acquainted with Halstead Coe, and knows that the said Halstead Cox did on or about the first of July in the year 1776 enlist for five months, as a private in a company whereof John Blauvelt was Capt. in Col'n Drake's Regiment and went to the City of New York, was there for sometime then crossed the East River and was stationed on Brookland [Brooklyn] heights and there remained until after the Battle was fought, then retreated with Genl Washington's Army, recrossed the river to New York, thence to Harlem, thence to White Plains, and after the Battle was fought retreated to Peekskill [Peekskill] and there lay encamp[ed] until in the month of December when the term of enlistment being expired the mem [men] was discharged and returned home, that during the said tour

of duty the said deponant's was fellow soldiers with the said Halstead Coe. (Signed) John Hutton, Abraham VanHouten. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Peter T. Stephens, Justice.