

Pension Application for William Coe

S.46645

State of New York
Rockland County SS.

On this sixth day of June 1835, personally appeared before me Edward Suffern, first Judge of the said county, William Coe, a resident in the town of Ramapo in said county aged eighty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

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

That in the first of August or last of July 1776, he enlisted for five months in a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Deronde, in Col'n A. Hawkes hays Regiment at the then town of Hampstead now Ramapo aforesaid from thence marched to the Hudson River and crossed the same and marched to Red Hills near Peekskill and served there making fortifications and guarding until the first of January when the term of his enlistment being expired he was discharged and went home.

That in the spring of the year 1777, the militia being then divided in Classes so that each man had to serve one week in each and every four weeks, when he served in a Company commanded by Capt. Garret Acker, from early in the spring of that year until winter, and served not less than two months in weekly tours, a guarding at different stationed along the Hudson River along the shoar [shore] at Haverstraw and Nyack.

That early in the spring of the year 1778, he was again called out to perform his weekly tours, under Capt. Acker aforesaid and served one week in each and every four weeks, until January 1779 and served not less than two months in weekly tours a guarding along the river at different stations as aforesaid and at Tappan Town at Clarkstown and at the long cove.

That early in the spring of the year 1779 he was again called out to perform his weekly tours and served two weeks in said tours, when the British army took possession of Stony Point and fortified the same, when he was allowed out to guard near Stony Point and guarded from the first of June until the sixteenth day of July, when the point was taken by Genl. Wayne when he was dismissed and went home, having served one month and a half.

About the first of August in the same year, the British having again taking possession of Stony Point, he was again called out by his aforesaid Capt. Acker, and served a guarding near Stony Point until about the first of November—when he was dismissed, having served not less than two month and a half.

That early in the spring of the year 1780, he was again called out by his aforesaid Capt. and served one week in each and every four weeks until December following and served not less than one month and a half in weekly tours, doing duty along the river at Nyack at different stations at Tappan Town, at Clarkstown and at Haverstraw.

That early in the spring of the year 1781 he again served in weekly tours at the stations aforesaid and served until in the fall of the year, and served not less than one month and a half in weekly tours.

That in the spring of the year 1782, he was again called out to serve under his aforesaid Capt. until the month of September and served not less than one month in weekly tours at the stations aforesaid.

That all the services by him above set forth except the five months service was under Capt Garret Acker in Col'n A. Hawkes Hay's Regiment of which regiment Gilbert Cooper was Lieutenant Col'n and the principal commandant. That the pay he received for his services was paid to him by his Capt.

That the number of men on guard at one place was from six to twenty men—except his service from the first of June until November in 1779, when Captain Acker's whole company was out or nearly so.

That he was born on the twenty fifth day of January 1748.

That he has a record of his age taken from his father's family Bible.

That he was born in the town of Hampstead now Ramapo in said county where he ever since his birth has resided.

That his first five months service was by enlistment the remainder voluntarily by order of Capt. Acker.

That Genl Washington, Putman and Wayne were at times with the troops in which he served.

That he never to his knowledge receiv'd a written discharge for any of his services.

That he is known to Col'n Cornelius A. Blauvelt and Judge Edward Suffern in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity an[d] their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—

That the following affidavit is all the testimony in his power to offer in proof of his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) William Coe

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Edward Suffern, First Judge Rockland County

Letter in folder dated June 25, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.46645, it appears that William Coe was born January 25, 1748, in Hampstead (later Ramapo), New York.

He enlisted at Hampstead, New York, August 1, 1776, served as private in Captain Jacob Deronde's Company, Colonel A. Hawk Hay's New York Regiment and was discharged January 1, 1777.

From the spring of 1777 until the spring of 1782, he served at various times in each year, on short tours, amounting to about one year in all, as a private in Captain Garet Acker's Company, Colonel A. Hawk Hay's New York Regiment. This service consisted principally in doing guard duty along the Hudson River and adjacent territory.

Pension was allowed on his application executed June 6, 1835, at which time he was aged eighty-seven years and resided at Ramapo, Rockland County, New York.

He died October 8, 1836, leaving no widow but the following children survived him: Arthur, Charles, Downing, and Robert Coe, and Phebe, wife of Joseph Crum. The name of their mother is not shown.

A hand written note on the above letter reads: There was a Capt. Garret Ackerson in Col. Hay's 2nd Regt Orange Co., NY, Mil. in which regt soldier's name appears see "NY in the Rev." Page 157. There was also a Garet Acker, Capt in 2nd NY Mil [Militia] (Orange Co.) See "NY in the Rev." Page 254. & as soldier always said Capt. Acker—I used Acker.