

Pension Application for Christopher Colbey

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Centre SS

On the twenty seventh day of August AD one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Honourable Thomas Burnett Esquire and his associates, Judges of the Count of Common Pleas of the said County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, now ins deponent Christopher Colbey a resident of Logan Township, in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty seven years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his solemn oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress, passed the seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he, the said Christopher Colbey entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.—

That in the month of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he resided in Albany City, in the State of New York, and in the same month and year, he entered into the service, and marched across Albany, towards the north as a volunteer under General Arnold, and was present and aided in the capture of Genl Burgoyne & his army at Saratoga, where General Gates was the commander & chief; and then we guarded Genl Burgoyne, to Boston, and from thence, I went to Lancaster in Pennsylvania, and on the first of March seventeen hundred & seventy eight, enlisted, with Captain John Shaffner, during the war in Conl Armand Legion in the Continental Army, of Light Dragoons, and remained in service to the close of the war, that he was engaged in the Southern Campaigns under General Gates and was in the Battle of Cambden where he was wounded by a musket ball that passed through the fleshy part of his thighs; that he laid in the hospital in Wilmington, in North Carolina during that winter, that afterwards he was waiting upon Conl Lanantee? Who sent him in seventeen hundred & eighty one, to Philadelphia and that in that year, in the City of Philadelphia, he received his certificate and honourable discharge, which said discharge was burned in his house, which was destroyed by fire; that in 1783 he went to live in Smithfield Township, Northampton County and that about the year seventeen hundred and ninety two, he settled in Logan Township, Centre County [one line cut off] has continued to reside up to the present time.

That he was born in Albany City in the then Province of New York in the year one thousand seven hundred & forty five, and the above mentioned applicant Christopher Colbey doth further depose and say that during or between thirty & forty years past, he has resided in Logan Township in Centre County & State of Pennsylvania, and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll, of the agency of any state.

Questions by the Court.

1. When and in what year were you born? Ans. I the year one thousand seven hundred and forty five.
2. Have you any record of your age; & if so where is it? Ans. I have not any record, I was born on Christmas Day.
3. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Ans. I lived in the City of Albany, Province of New York when I first volunteered, in the service & have lived since the war in [?]thfield Township, Northampton County, up to seventeen hundred & ninety two; from thence I removed to Miles Township Northumberland county (now Logan Township, Centre County, where I have continued to reside, to the present period.
4. How were you called into service were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom. Ans. I first volunteered at Albany in seventeen hundred & seventy

seven in May & remained in service to the winter of 1778, and then removed to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and enlisted in Lancaster, in the Continental Service on the first day of March 1778.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops when you were & such Continental & Malitia [Militia] Regiment as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Ans. I was under Genl Arnold as a volunteer, at the capture of Burgoyne, Genl Gates being commander in chief; I was at White Plaina under Conl Arnold?, Genl Washington commander in chief, from thence, I was marched to the south and our Regiment was attached to the army under General Gates, commanding.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge, from the service, and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it? Ans. I did receive a discharge & certificate, from General Steuben in Philadelphia, which has been burned, when my house was consumed by fire, in Northampton county Penn.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can certify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer. Joseph White, a soldier of the Revolution knew me in the army, during the war, as a soldier, and has known me in Centre County of many years, and the Honourable Jacob Kyder, one of the Associate Judges, of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for Centre County, has known me & knew my residence in Centre County. (Signed) Christopher Colbey
8. Sworn and subscribed in open court this twenty seventh day of August AD 1832. Jas. Gilliland Proth? [Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas]