

Pension Application for Jacob Cole

R.2129

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On the nineteenth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, Jacob Cole a resident of the City of Albany in the county of Albany and state of New York aged 16th August last seventy three 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 7, 1832.

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

That he was bound apprentice to John Fisher a farmer residing at the Beverdam [sic] about twenty five miles south west from the City of Albany and remained with him or was prentice to the farming business until he was nearly of age; and in the year 1778 he was enrolled as a private in the militia company commanded by Capt. John Groot, and in the year 1778, he marched with the company to Schoharie for the relief of that place and the neighbouring settlement of Cobbleskill; and that he remained there in garrison, at one or other of the three forts erected there, called the Upper, Middle and Lower forts, during the whole of that season, and in the fall of that year late, the company were discharged and returned home.

That subsequently this declarer has been ordered out with the militia once under Capt. Groot to Schoharie, and was in garrison at the Upper, at another time, he went Capt. Harper and was garrisoned in the middle and another time he was out under Capt. Dietz and was garrisoned at the lower fort.

That he was also once ordered out with the militia under Capt. Groot and marched Johnstown in Tryon (now Montgomery) county—That this declarer will not pretend to say with precision, what extent of time he was out on duty on each particular occasion, nor when he was discharged at each period, nor where, but he is bold to say, and doth confidently declare, that the whole of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier between the expiration of his apprenticeship, and the termination of the war was not less than twelve months; and he doth further say that whilst he was on duty at Schoharie on one of the occasions mentioned above, he accidentally injured his left leg by means whereof he is frequently so lame as to be obliged to use crutches, and which has caused him ever since to be troubled with fever sores; which at times are very afflicting.

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) Jacob Cole

Sworn to and subscribed, the 20th day of September and year aforesaid in open court. John G. Wasson Clk

War Depart't
Pension Office
Jany 16, 1833
Sir,

The Claim of Jacob Cole has been re-examined. He declared with unusual confidence that he had served not less than 12 months in the Revolutionary War but omitted to furnish the data by which he made the computation. He was required to supply that omission to comply with that requirement he is unable to make out more than 7 or 7 ½ months.

His claim specially rests upon the force of his own credibility sustained by the usual traditinary certificate.

The discrepancies of his declarations throw a distrust over the very foundation of his proof & consequently discredits his claim. His claim is suspended & his papers placed on file. J. VanIngen Esqr, Albany

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Letter in folder dated April 22, 1922, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated March 21, 1922, you are advised that from the papers in the pension claim R. file No. 2129, it appears that Jacob Cole was born August 18, 1752 and at the time of the Revolution was living in Beaver Dam, 25 miles southwest of Albany, New York. He alleged that he enlisted in 1778 and served a private at various times until the close of the Revolution under Captains John Groot, Dietz, and John Harper.

He applied for pension September 19, 1832, while a resident of Albany, New York, but his claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish satisfactory proof of six months military service as required by the pension laws. There is no family data on file.

The Revolutionary War records of this bureau fail to furnish any information relative to Leonard Cole.