

Pension Application for John Cole

W. 6926 (Widow: Pamela)
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State of New York
Onondaga County SS.

On this twelfth day of September personally appeared in open court before Daniel Moseley vice chancellor at a Court of Chancery in Onondaga now sitting at Onondaga John Cole a resident of the town of Manlius in the county of Onondaga and State of New York age seventy one 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 month of September 1776 he lived in the town of Stephentown, State of New York, that he then volunteered in the company commanded by Captain Weed, and went to Stillwater, where he was stationed for one month under Major Taylor who commanded a Battalion of New York Militia at that place, that in the month of September 1778 he volunteered with a single company under Capt. Fisher at Stephentown aforesaid and went to Johnstown near the Mohawk River, and was stationed there and at Stone Arabia at a Fort called Fort Paris or Paries for two months when he returned to his home recollects Major Taylor, was there. His Captains name was Fisher.

In the month of April 1779 he volunteered under Captain Sanford, of the New York Militia lived then at Ballstown, Saratoga County was stationed at Fort Plain on the Mohawk river in the early part of the summer he went with a part of the forces at that place to West Point on the Hudson as near as he can recollect was then attached to Col. Dubois Regiment of Continental troops of the New York line was soon after that sent with a party to guard some prisoners about 30 or 40 (British & Cowboys as were called taken down the river) went with them to Lancaster in Pennsylvania returned to New Burgh on the Hudson River and from thence went back to Fort Plain was under Captain Dubois while at West Point, soon after his return to Fort Plain then where was a Battle at Stone Arabia and either the same day or the next was engaged with the troops from fort Plain in another Battle near Col. Clock's House, saw Col. Brown after he was killed and scalped by the British & he declares the continued in the service, at Fort Plain and in that vicinity until late in the fall or early in the winter, recollects that much snow had fallen before he went home.

Thinks he served as much as nine months in that year.

I was born in the town of Salem, Westchester County, State of New York 18 December 1761. Has no record of his age. Was living at Stephentown in the now county of Rensselaer in the State of N.Y. when he first entered the service and when he last entered at Ballstown Saratoga County N.Y. where he continued to live until 1796 when he removed to the town of Pompey Onondaga County New York and has lived there and in the adjoining town of Manlius where he now lives ever since has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person living who can testify to his services. Did not receive a written discharge from the services. The persons to whom he is known and who will testify to his veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Allen Breed, Azariah Smith and Elijah Rhoades.

He hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)
John Cole.

Sworn & Subscribed to the day and year above written. Daniel Mosely, Co. Judge

Letter in file dated December 28, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Cole, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claims, based upon the military service of John Cole, in that war.

John Cole was born December 18, 1761, in Salem, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Stephentown, New York, John Cole enlisted in September 1776 and served one month as private in the New York troops under Captain Weed and Major Taylor. He enlisted in September 1778 and served two months as private in the New York troops under Captain Vischer and Major Taylor. While a resident of Ballston, Saratoga County, New York, he enlisted in April, in the year of the battle of Stone Arabia, served nine months as private in Captains Sanford's and Dubois' companies, Colonel Dubois' New York Regiment and was in the battle of Stone Arabia, and either the same day or the next day was in a battle near Colonel Clock's House.

In 1796 he moved from Ballston, New York to Pompey, Onondaga County New York, thence to Manlius, Onondaga County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 12, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Manlius, New York.

He died January 13, 1854, in Manlius, New York.

John Cole married September 17, 1786 or 1787 in Charlton, Saratoga County, New York, Pamela Ball.

Soldier's widow, Pamela Cole, was allowed pension on her application executed July 10, 1854, at which time she was aged eighty-seven years and a resident of Manlius, New York.

Soldier's widow, Pamela Cole, applied for bounty land march 27, 1855 while living in Pompey, New York. She was allowed one hundred sixty acres of bounty land, on account of the Revolutionary War services of John Cole, on warrant No. 26796, under the act of March 3, 1855.

In 1855 one Calvin S. Ball was residing in Pompey, New York, his age or relationship to the family not stated. There are no further family data.