

Pension Application for Joel Coleman

S.22680

State of New York
Orange County SS.

On this thirtieth day of May in the year 1838 personally appeared before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county of orange now sitting as a court of record, in open court Joel Coleman of the Town of Walkill, County aforesaid aged seventy eight years on the thirteenth day of May instant who being first duly sworn according to law on this oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That eh was born in the Town of Goshen in said county on the thirteenth day of May in the year 1760.

That in the latter part of the month of July in the year 1776, this deponent enlisted into a company of militia of the State of New York for the term of five months of which John Wood was the Captain Jacob Dunning was the First & Israel Wells the Second Lieutenant that said company belonged to Colonel Nicholas regiment and rendezvoused at Goshen in said County & marched from thence to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson river & were conveyed from there in sloops down to river near Peekskill & were landed at night & marched to Kingsbridge & remained there until after the City of New York had been taken by the british[British] army & then marched to White Plains and was there at the time the british attached Genl McDougal's Brigade and from there marched to Peekskill and remained there until the first day of January in the year 1777 when he was discharged, having served the full term of five months in the aforesaid company.

That immediately after the taking of Fort Montgomery by the British Army there was a general alarm & all the militia of Orange County was called out that this deponent then belonged to a company of Militia of which David Sweezey was Captain Elind Tryon was the Lieutenant. That this deponent rendezvoused at New Windsor or [Nimdner's?] Creek & followed the british Army up the river as far as Kingston and then returned to Goshen that he was absent on this tour at least two weeks that he was a private during all this time, this was in the regiment which had before been commanded by Col. McClaghry.

That in the fall of the year 1777, this deponent was again called into service under Captain Sweezey, and marched to Tappan on the Hudson river, and served there two weeks in said company in guarding the shores of the Hudson River to prevent the british from landing from their shipping, this service was done as a private.

That this deponent was several times during the year 1778, 1779, 1780 & 1781 called out as a militia man & served at West Point, and at the forts along the valley of the Nerversink under Capt Sweezey & Lieutenant Tryon but this deponent from old age & loss of memory is unable to give the precise length of the tours of service, except the following two tours which he well recollects.

That in the month of July 1779 the Indians attacked & burned a part of Peenpack there was an alarm sent & the militia of Orange County was called out that this deponent went under the command of Captain Sweezey & Lieutenant Elind Tryon & this deponent was stationed at the Neversink River under Lieutenant Tryon to guard the horses while the rest of the Militia pursued the Indians. That this tour was eight days under Coll. Tersten. And in the month of June in the year 1781 to the best of deponent's recollection he served on an alarm fifteen days at VanEtters Fort under Lieutenant Tryon. That from old age & loss of memory he is unable more definitely to state his services.

That he was on his seventeenth year when he first enlisted into the service of the United States. That he first enlisted & served as a private five months, and that he resided during the revolutionary war & until this time in the County of Orange, that except the first term of five months he was called upon on alarms & served as a militia man.

That he was [?] in Goshen aforesaid.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services that he knows his age from a record in his bible, and that he knows that Thomas Wood & John Kortright are acquainted with his services in part. And that John Barker & John W. martin two of his neighbours know of his services by reputation in the neighbourhood where he resides.

That the reason he has not before applied for pension is that he was unable to obtain proof of service. (Signed) Joel Coleman

Subscribed & sworn to in open court the day & year first above written. Lebbeus L. Vail, Clerk of Orange Com. Pleas.