

Pension Application for William Colegrove

R.2153 (Widow: Theodasia)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

State of New York

Tompkins County, SS.

On this 17th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting, William Colegrove a resident of the town of Newfield in the county of Tompkins and State of New York, aged sixty eight 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 latter part of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty at a place called Continental Village four miles before West Point on the East Side of the Hudson River he enlisted under Captain John Campbell he was enlisted for to do the duty of a Teamster he served as such teamster drew provisions to the army—work at West Point once he went on a Scouting party under his Captain into Westchester County after Torys, Cowboys & horse thieves, once he was sent into Connecticut to carry baggage – he served his nine months and was discharged at the said Continental Village.

That during the service he frequently saw Genl Arnold he carried him a quarter of [?] to a house on the east side of the Hudson opposite West Point this was in June of the year 1780—he saw Major Andre after he was taken—he knew a Captain Brown who used to give this deponent [?]-but which are all lost, he received from his Captain John Campbell a discharge in writing but has lost it.

He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can prove who can testify to his service

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) William Colegrove
Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Saml. Sove, Clerk

Letter in folder dated July 27, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.2153, that William Colegrove was born December 20, 1763 in Phillipstown, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of Phillipstown, New York, he enlisted March 26, 1780, served nine months as a teamster in Captain John Campbell's Company, Colonel Hughes' New York Regiment; also served part of the time as a waiter to Captain John Campbell and Captain Brown.

In 1811 he moved from Phillipstown, New York to Newfield, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 17, 1832 while a resident of Newfield, Tompkins County, New York.

He died June 21, 1844 in Newfield, New York.

Soldier married February 7, 1790 Theodosia, her maiden name not given. In 1845 she was aged seventy-three years.

It is stated they raised a large family of children, the only name stated is William Colegrove, who was a resident of Newfield, New York in 1852, he age not given.

Soldier's brother, John Colegrove, born March 5, 1767 was residing in Phillipstown, Putnam County, New York in 1835. There are no further family data.