

### **Pension Application for John Collins**

R. 6878 (Sarah Manning, Former Widow) John died on or about July 6, 1809. Sarah married John Manning who died on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> of June 1838. Sarah died December 13, 1838.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by acts of Congress of 4<sup>th</sup> July 1836 (8<sup>th</sup> Section) and 1<sup>st</sup> section of act of March 3d 1837.

State of New Jersey

County of Essex

On this second day of October 1837 before William K. McDonald Surrogate in and for said county personally appeared James Collins of Newark New Jersey aged 69 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Acts of Congress above named.

That he is a child of Sarah manning dec'd late of Passaic County New Jersey and of her former husband John Collins who was deponent's father, that the said John Collins, deponents father and formerly the husband of said Sarah Manning did as this deponent has understood from his said father John Collins, and deponents mother after the death of her said husband and from others—enter the service of the United States in the War of the Revolution by enlisting into Captain Mills Co. of Artificers, that it is believed he enlisted at Newburgh New York about the year 1777.

That he continued to serve in such company of Artificers for a length of time, one year or more, and then he engaged a man by the name of Fought or a similar name to take his place in the company of Artificers for which he gave the said Fought or the so engaged for serving out his time a house and lot believed to have been in Newburgh, and he the said John Collins then left the company of Artificers and went into the commissary service, as an assistant commissary or as conductor of Military Stores. And that he the said John Collins continued to serve in the commissary department for about three and a half years, having served until near the close of the war.

That the said John Collins, deponent's father as aforesaid was married to Sarah Stone by Esquire Beam a Justice of the Peace in the town of Pompton new Passaic County, New Jersey about the year 1778 one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight as deponent has understood and verily believes.

That he the said Collins went home from the service on a furlow and was married to said Sarah Stone, and then returned to the army and was in service several years after his marriage with said Sarah Stone. That the said John Collins died about the year 1809 July 6<sup>th</sup>. That he left the said Sarah, before marriage, Sarah Stone—his widow—that she remained his widow until about the year 1817 when she was married to John Manning who died on or about the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1838, one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight—and that at his death he left the said Sarah formerly wife of deponents father John Collins, who was deponents mother—his widow, and that she remained his widow until the death which took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December (1838) one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, and that the said Sarah Manning widow of John Manning who died on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1838, as above stated was deponents mother and the identical person whose maiden name was Sarah Stone, and who was married as aforesaid about the year 1778 to Deponents father the said John Collins the Artificer and Commissary.

That at the time of his decease she left the following named children her surviving viz James Collins (deponent) of Newark New Jersey and David Collins of Monroe County New York—and that each were of the age of twenty one years and upwards at her decease. And that this deponent is the only child of said widow Sarah Manning formerly wife and widow of John Collins, the Artificer and Commissary who is now living.

That deponent has no documentary evidence of the service of his said father John Collins or of is marriage with deponents mother said Sarah Stone late widow Sarah manning, but deponent has a record of his own age which is herewith presented which deponent has kept as the true record of his age for more than forty years past, which record is believed to be in the handwriting of one Wm Parish a

school teacher who wrote it while boarding at deponents house and that deponent was born in the 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1782.

That deponents parents said John Collins and Sarah Collins formerly Sarah Stone and late Sarah Manning had one child older than this deponent named Benjamin Collins and that he was about two years older than this deponent, and deponent believes said John Collins and Sarah Stone were married in the year 1778 and Benjamin Collins born 1780 (dec'd) two years after their marriage—James Collins born march 17<sup>th</sup> 1782 (living) two years after the death of Benjamin and David Collins born July 6, 1784 (deceased) there being about two years difference in the dates of the birth of their children.

That the fact of deponents father having been engaged in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war as an artificer with Captain Mills and also in the commissary service conducting provisions & Military stores and assisting in the commissary department for several years is well known to the friends and acquaintance of the family.

That the foregoing statements are the facts as known and heard by deponent. (Signed) James Collins.

Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year before written. Wm. K. McDonald, Surrogate