

Pension Application for James Covert or Coovert

S.19254

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this second day of September 1833, personally appeared before the court of common Pleas in and for the County of Orange now sitting it being a Court of Record, James Coovert a resident of the Town of Deerpark in said County of Orange aged sixty nine years the tenth day of January last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two in the month of April at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in a company of volunteers for nine months and served one month in Col. Wysesfelts Regiment at FishKill aforesaid he cannot recollect the captain's name and that at the end of one month after his first enlistment this applicant again enlisted for three years in the month of May in the year last aforesaid at the place aforesaid—in Captain Moody's Company in Colonel John Lambs Regiment of Artillery and that he served eight months in said Regiment at Westpoint in Orange County and State aforesaid that he was a private both terms of his service.

And this applicant says that after serving eight months under his last enlistment (? can being declared) he received an Honorable discharge signed by Lieut Col. Stevens, that he left the said discharge with George Brinkerhoof of Fishkill in Dutchess County for him to ascertain whether this applicant was entitled to any land and that afterwards this applicant was informed by said Brinkerhoof that he did not draw any, and that he neglected to get back the said discharge, and that a year ago last spring he went to the late residence of the said Brinkerhoof who is now dec'd, that one of his Executors searched among the papers of the said Brinkerhoof for said discharge but could not find it, whereby it is lost to this applicant and this applicant says he was born at Phillips town in the county of Dutchess in the State of New York in 1764—he has a record of his age in his Bible he lived in the County of Dutchess from his birth (except while in service at Westpoint as aforesaid), until about forty years ago, he then moved to where he now resides and has ever since resided there, he says he does not know of any person living who can testify to his services except Anna Rhodes whose affidavit is hereto annexed and that he does not know as she is now living she was old and unable to attend Court which he presented his affidavit which was presented before the passage of the act of June 7th 1832, but is acquainted with Col. Cuddeback, Hon. James Finck and a great many persons in his neighborhood who he believes would swear to his character for truth and veracity, that there is no settled Clergyman in the vicinity of this applicant, that he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the services was performed he was not employed in any Civil pursuit.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) James Covert

Subscribed & sworn in open court the second day of September 1833. Asa Dunning, Clerk