

Pension Application for Joseph Covey

R.2384 (Widow: Amy Wightman) Married August 9, 1801 by Esquire Phelps, Amy stated there is no public or private record of the marriage. Joseph died August 30, 1839..

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State of New York

Cortland County SS.

[Transcribers note: terrible spelling here, I left it like words like they were spelled.]

On this eleventh day of July eighteen hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before, the Hon. Oliver Kingman Esqr, one of the Judges of the Court of Com'n Pleas in and for said county, Joseph Covey, a resident of the Town of Willett in said Cortland County and State aforesaid, aged seventy four 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 1833—that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served has herein stated (viz) that in the month of September 1775, he volunteered in the service of his country, at the then Town of Fredericks Burough, in Dutchess County, and State aforesaid, and served under Capt. David Hecock under whom he had so volunteered, that soon after he had so volunteered said Capt. Hecock selected said applicant to drive a team, that belonged to or was employed by the army, the lading was provisions and foder for the use of the army that was stationed at Fishkill and West Point, that he served that term, three months and at the end of said three months got discharged that in the month of January then next following he again volunteered, under said Capt. David Hecock, and immediately joined Collo, Stephen Fields Redgement under General Scott—at said Fredericks Burough in said Dutchess County, and from thence immediately marched to North Castle Church in Westchester County, that said Redgement stayed there one week—recruting and then marched from thence through White Plains passing the spot where the court house had just previously been burned by the British & continued the march to the Town of New Rochelle, as stationed at the last mentioned place about one month, making that term of service six weeks, and got a discharge at that place, and returned home to his fathers at the Town of Fredericks Burough and that in the month of August the next following he again volunteered the service of his country, under said Capt. David hecock of Fredericks Burough aforesaid, and served in said Hecock's Company as a guard, to wach [watch] the movument of the Brites and also the movuments of the Torys in that section of country, and also guarding the company stores, also a part of the time of said Hecock, company was employed during said service in preventing the Torys in that section of country from going over to the British and from Commiting murders upon citizens and Roberies, that said Hecoeks company was frequently called upon in the night time to prevent Torys from doing mischief to our army, who were recruiting at FredericksBurgh during those said services, that one time there was an alarm given, that one Timothy Butler was shot by the Torys in his own house that said Capt. Hecock immediately with his company of guard as afore said went in pursuit of the torys, but we did not succede in taking the Torys at that time, that he served as a guard under said Capt. Hecock the term of six weeks, that he has no documentary evidence of his said services, and that he speaks from recollection, that by reason of old age and the consequent laps of memory he can not positively swear in the precise length of time he served or to the day of the month he entered the service, but from the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods and in several grades aforesaid and for which he asks a pension.

(Interrogatories by the Court), where and in what year were you born. Ans. I was born in Stonington, Connecticut State. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it. Ans. I have no record of my age. Where were you living when you entered the service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you now live. Ans, when I entered the service, I lived in the then Town of Fredericksborough in Dutchess County and State of New York I removed from there to the Town of Oxford now Guilford Chenango County from thence to the Town of Willett in Courtland County where I now live. How were you called in to service were you drafted, did you volunteer for whom. Ans I volunteered. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops, where you served, such Continental and Militia Redgements as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your services. Ans. There were many officers whose names I have known at the time of my said service, but whose names I can not now recollect, the names of officers I do now recollect in addition to those under whom I served, are, the first Serg't of Capt Hecoeks Company whose sir name is Tubs, Christian name if do not recollect, one Capt. Hunewell, commanded a company of Artillery, in Collo Fields Redgement, on James Crain was Capt. Of a company all those I have mentioned were station at the time and places were I was stationed and served as mentioned in my foregoing Declaration. Did you ever receive a discharge and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans. I received a discharge at the end of each of my said services they were given to me verbally. State the names of persons whom you know in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character, for veracity, and there belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution, and the names of persons reciding in your neighborhood where I do recide and who can testify to my character as to my veracity and there belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier are, those who appear upon the annexed certificate, I the said applicant herby relinquish every claim whatever to a pention or annuity. Except the present, and declare that my name is not on any pention roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Covey.

Swornt to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, Oliver Kingman Judge of Cortland Com. Pleas. I also certify the reason why Joseph Covey signe his name by making his mark is unability to write. O. Kingman, Judge aforesaid.

Note: that in my foregoing Declaration I omitted to mention that I do know of but one person [?] knows and who served with me a part of my said alleged services and who is one, Isaac Philips of the town of Triangle in Broom County.