

Pension Application for Christopher Coats or Coates

S.12515

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Broome County SS.

On this 30th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Christopher Coates a resident of Barker in the County of Broome and State of New York aged 70 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of his country while living at Stephentown Rensselaer County N. York in the year 1781 as a substitute for Nathaniel Griffin and was enrolled in Capt. B. Tierces company and Col. M. Willets Regiment of N. York State Troops at Albany in May 1781, was marched immediately to Johnstown where he staid part of the summer and thence to Stone Arabia and Fort Plain thence to Herkimer Fort in the Fall of the year.

The army went into Winter quarters at Fort Plain and the applicant was with them at that place when his term expired having faithfully served for Nine months.

He immediately enlisted again for the term of three years in the same company and was stationed at Fort Plain and occasionally at Fort Herkimer. Was at Fort Plain when the news of Peace reached that place, he however was not discharged but continued on duty until January 1784 when he received a discharge in the City of Albany from his Colonel, while on duty on his last enlistment he marched under Col. Willet for Oswego on lake Ontario then in possession of the enemy for the purpose of taking that place on this expedition they hired an Indian pilot or guide by the name of "Captain John", they marched five or six days when it was ascertained that their Indian guide had deceived them and they returned having been absent about 10 days. His discharge he kept until about two years ago when the same was enclosed in a letter to James Fairlie Esqr. of the city of N. York for the purpose of enabling the application to obtain a pension, and the applicant it unable to get it and believes it is lost.

He has no witness of his said service to his knowledge.

He was born at Stonington in the State of Connecticut in the year 1762 but has no record of his age and he is therefore unable to state the month or day of his birth.

At the close of the war he lived in Stephentown Rensselaer Co., N.Y. and lived there until 1836 when he removed to Lisle (now Barker) in the county of Broome.

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) Christopher Coats.

I B. Marvin Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Broome N.Y. do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of Christopher Coates for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office, this 30 day of August 1832. B. Marvin, Clerk