

Pension Application for Barnabas Cole

W.3512 (Widow: Sarah) Barnabas died February 22, 1839, Erie, PA. Benefit was payable to Barnabus, Amplias, Alworth, Andrew & John W. Cole, Sarah Keep, Phebe Hill & Priscilla Harris, surviving children.
State of Pennsylvania
Erie County SS.

On this seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas it being a court of record now sitting in and for the county of Erie aforesaid Barnabas Cole, a resident of the Township of Conneaut, the county of Erie and state of Pennsylvania, aged eighty one 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.

He lived in the nine partners in the county of Dutchess [Dutchess] and State of New York. On the twelfth day of July in the year 1775, at the same place he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Rufus Herrick in the Regiment commanded by Col. Holmes in the 4th Battalion of New York State Troops to serve until the last day of December 1775. We were first marched to Albany and from thence to Lake George and from thence to Ticonderoga in the State of New York. We were there joined [by] the army under the command of Genl Schuyler. He was at that place.

I remained at Ticonderoga till within a few days of the expiration of my term of service and was taken sick and allowed to go home. I got my discharge from Genl Schuyler at Albany on my way home. While I was at Ticonderoga a part of our Regiment was sent out to St. Johns to join the army under Genl Montgomery Charles Graham and Jesse Thompson were our Lieutenants. We kept Garrison at Ticonderoga while there.

On the 25th of March 1776, I again enlisted in a minute company under the command of Capt Barnum and was marched to the City of New York. A few days after I arrived there we were discharged, and about the first of April 1776, I enlisted in a company under the command of Capt Andrew Billings in the said Regiment of the New York State Line of Continental Troops commanded by Col. Adolphus Richards to serve for the term of nine months. We remained in New York till after the battle of Long Island and the British were about coming over to the city. We were then moved up to Harlem Heights and from thence to the White Plains. We were under the command of Genl Washington at White Plains. Genl McDougal was at White Plains. In our regiment were Captains Denten, Riker, Hobbie Hutchines, Horton, Hortonbeck and Pierce. The British came on to White Plains and we had a battle there. Col. Weisenfelt was our Lieutenant Colonel.

Sometime in the close of the summer our Captain was made a Major and our Adjutant Benjamin Pelton took command of the company. From White Plains I was marched to Peek's Kill. We got there about the first of December and lay till the last of the same month when I was discharged and went home. The main part of our army crossed over the river under Genl Washington and had gone into the Jersey's a small party had been left at Peekskill to take care of the stores. I was one of that party, and when my time expired; was dismissed and went home about the last of December 1776.

Sometime in the month of March 1777, I enlisted for three weeks service in a company of volunteers commanded by Capt. Mott. He was a Major in the Militia, but turned out as a captain in the volunteers. We marched down past the White Plains towards the City of New York about 7 or 8 miles below the Plains. We were stationed there for the time for which we enlisted we were placed while there under the command of Major Brinton Paine. While stated at that place aforesaid one night the British about three hundred in number under Col. Campbell attacked the house in which we were. Three of our men were killed and nineteen taken prisoners. The British had four men killed and nineteen taken prisoners. The British had four men killed including Col. Campbell. We retreated from the house three or four miles the same night and next day were dismissed and we returned home.

About the first of October 1778. He was drafted a militia man in the company commanded by Capt. Waters. He was drafted for one month. He marched down near to the Delaware River to a place called Pinpack. Lieutenant Col. Newkirk commanded there. He staid there until the month for which he was drifted had expired when he was dismissed and returned home.

Sometime in the month of April 1782, he was drafted in the militia to serve for the term of nine months in the company commanded by Capt. Whelp. He was marched to Saratoga and placed under Major Scott of the New Hampshire Continental Line sometime in the month of June the company in which he was – was divided—and he was sent to Ballston and placed in Capt. Livingston’s Company—The Lieutenant’s name was Wattson. He remained there until the 24th of December when he was marched to Schenectady and discharged on Christmas Day and went home—after serving his nine months tour.

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. This applicant states that he received two written discharges. One was when he first served; it was signed by Genl Schuyler and the other for his last tour from Lieutenant Wattson—his house was burnt the next year and both his discharges and other papers were burnt. He has in his possession a deposition of Mathias Honeywell of the State of New York. he has no other documentary evidence and knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services in the revolution.

In Answer to Interrogatories he further saith that he was born in Barnstable County in Massachusetts in the year 1751—has no record of his age.

That since the war he lived successively in Albany County, then Saratoga County then moved to Conneaut Township, Erie County, Penns’a (his present residence) about twenty two years ago.

That among his present neighbors are the Rev’d George Stuntz, Lyman Jackson, who have known him more than twenty years & Elijah Lewis not quite so long. (Signed) Barnabas Cole

Sworn & Subscribed in open court this 7th August A.D. 1832. Edwin J. Kelso, Pro.

Letter in folder dated December 11, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of December 9, 1929, I have the honor to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.3512, it appears that Barnabas Cole was born in 1751 in Barnstable County, Massachusetts.

While residing in Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted and served as a private in the New York Troops as follows:

From July 12, 1775, in Captain Rufus Herrick’s Company, Colonel Holmes’ Regiment and was discharged December 31, 1775; from March 25, 1776, in a “minute company” under the command of Captain Barnum, marched to New York City and was discharged; from about April 1, 1776, in Captain Andrew Billings’ company and under Adjutant Benjamin Pelton in Colonel Rudolphus Ritzema’s Regiment, remained in New York until after the battle of Long Island, was in the battle of White Plains and was discharged the last of December, having served nine months; from in March 1777, three weeks in captain Mott’s Company and was in a skirmish near New York City; from about October 1, 1778, one month in Captain Waters’ Company under Lieutenant-Colonel Newkirk; from in April 1782, in Captains Whelp’s and Livingston’s Companies, and was discharged on Christmas Day, having served about nine months.

After the Revolution he lived in Albany and Saratoga Counties, New York, and about 1810 moved to Conneaut Township, Erie County, Pennsylvania, where he resided when he was allowed pension on his application executed August 7, 1832.

He died February 22, 1839.

The soldier married in September 1777, Sarah, her maiden name is not given. She died November 27, 1844 in Conneaut, Erie County, Pennsylvania. Her age is not shown.

Children of Barnabas and Sarah Cole:

Phebe born May 23, 1778, married Amasa Hill.

Priscilla born August 18, 1779, died January 25, 1780.

Priscilla born December 3, 1780, married Jeremiah Harris.

Silvanus or Sylvanus born January 21, 1783, died in Benson, Vermont in January 1806.

Sarah born March 15, 1785, married Marsena Keep.

Barnabas born June 15, 1787.

Benjamin born November 15, 1788, drowned in the North or Hudson River, New York in the spring of 1808.

Amplias born August 4, 1791.

Alworth born December 7, 1793.

Andrew born March 8, 1797.

John Wesley born February 9, 1800.

The following children survived their mother:

Phebe Hill of Madison, Lake County, Ohio; Priscilla Harris of Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania; Sarah Keep of Conneaut, Pennsylvania; Barnabas, Amplias, Alworth, and Andrew Cole of Conneaut, Pennsylvania; and John W. Cole of New Durham, Laporte County, Indiana.