

Pension Application for Francis Cole

S.43351

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 16th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record, having by the constitution and laws of the said State Common law Jurisdiction and possessed of the power of fine & imprisonment, Francis Cole aged fifty nine years being a resident in the Town of Oppenheim in the County of Montgomery aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows. To wit he enlisted at Albany State of New York on or about the fifteenth day of November open thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Swartwout in the Colonel Peter Gansevoort Regiment being the second or third regiment of the New York line of Troops and was to continue in the service during the then war with Great Britain that he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the 24th day of August 1778 where he & one Francis Cranbury as they were going to a spring for water were taken prisoners by 20 Indians at Fort Stanwix now Rome State of New York * were carried by them to an island in near the outlet of Lake Ontario where he the said Francis Cole was kept until about the tenth day of October 1778, when he was sold by the Indians to Frances Gochee a Frenchman & in Fur trader who kept me until the year 1783.

That he was in a short engagement with the Indians at Fort Stanwix a few days pervious to his being taken prisoner by the Indians and that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services, and I Francis Cole do solemnly swear that I as a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of march one thousand eight hundred & eighteen and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with in trust there by or to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war passed on the eighteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred & eighteen and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debt due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. That I have no land or buildings whatever. That I no land or buildings whatever that I owe about three dollars & fifty cents, that I now live with my brother in law but have no settled place of abode.

That my occupation has been that of a farmer but am now so feeble as to be unable to do much labour.

That the foregoing declaration an oath is made in order to obtain he provisions of the Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. (Signed with his mark) Francis Cole

Sworn to and declared in open court the 17th day of June 1820. Jno McCarthy, Clerk