

Pension Application for Jacob Cole

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There appears to be no deposition in the folder by Jacob Cole, just a series of letters from an attorney. The following is one of those letters.

Palmyra, Portage Co., Ohio, May 10, 1854

Mr. Waldo:--Hon. Commissioner of Pensions.

Dear Sir, Several years since Mr. Jacob W. Cole now of this Place but then of Milton in Mahoning Co., Ohio (Mahoning county being a new county from Trumbull County), made application for a pension for the services of his father Jacob Cole in the Revolutionary War in the State of New York both as a private and Lieutenant but the agent employed by him, a Mr. Green entirely neglected the business. It appears however that he laid the papers before the Pension office Department who returned them to him with a notification wherein the proof was defective. This I was informed of by a letter from your predecessor to whom I wrote on the subject. I then wrote to Green but could hear nothing from him, until Senator Dodge wrote me he was in the poorhouse in Washington City—I then employed J. T. Neely to attend to the business but after delaying it on many pretenses for more than a year we can get nothing satisfactory from him.

I write this letter to you to obtain from you information with regard to the claim, whether any thing is due and what the amount is whether any evidence is before the department now for investigation that will establish the claim Jacob W. Cole is an old man, he has a wife who has been an invalid and unable to walk for several years—She is in fact in needy circumstances; now, if his father performed the military service in the Revolutionary war and is unrequited to this day of which there is no doubt justice should not linger until the old man his son has struggled his way to the tomb a beggar. This is not the way I am proud to say the United States are in the practice of treating those who performed military service in any war in which we have been engaged much less those patriots who sacrificed every thing for their country in the war for independence.

You must be aware of the difficulty of obtaining proof of such services at such remote periods.

But Mr. J. T. Neely of Washington City wrote that he had established six months service and would try to procure evidence of the Lieutenancy. But he in a late letter said that you had required the original papers filed with the Department which were in the hands of green and that he could not find Green to get them. I do not know what course Mr. Neely has pursued please inform me how the matter stands and you will much oblige me. Yours Respectfully, Isaac Coles.