

Pension Application for Jacob P. Cole

S.12590

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess, Jacob P. Cole a resident of the Town of Milan in the County of Dutchess aforesaid and State of New York aforesaid, aged seventy eight 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 the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

In the year 1776 or 1775, but which he does not recollect, when he was about twenty one years of age, he signed what was called the association paper. The purpose of which was an agreement to oppose the aggressions of Great Britain—In the year 1775, and as he thinks in the early part of the fall, he enlisted as a volunteer minute man in a company commanded by Captain Herman Hoffman, First Lieutenant Andrew Hermance, under Colonel John VanNess—He acted as such minute man in the aforesaid company about three or four months, and during that time held himself in readiness to turn out at a minute's warning but was not to his recollection, called out in service except to parade once or twice a week, during this time.

Early in the year 1776, the minute men were disbanded and each one fell into his respective militia company. This applicant fell into the company of captain David VanNess in the Regiment of Colonel Morris Graham.

In the month of June in the year 1776 he was called out and went to a place called the Hollow in the County of Dutchess to keep guard over the disaffected inhabitants who had been apprehended and were kept there. In this service he was engaged three days. He then returned home to Rhinebeck (Now RedHook) in the said County of Dutchess & remained at home until the first part of the month of January 1776 when he was called out to go to WestChester County and went in General Peter TenBroeck's Brigade, in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment and Captain David VanNess' company & after proceeding as far as Rhinebeck Flats, they were obliged to return & find recruits on account of the disaffections of many of the soldiers, they were engaged in this about a week & as soon as they had obtained a sufficient number of recruits; they proceeded on their march through Fishkill, the Highlands, Peekskill, Krumpond to North Castle in Westchester County, where they remained several days. They then proceeded to Williams' where the head quarters were. How long he remained at this place, he does not recollect. He remembers that while here he was sent as one of a picket guard at one time to DeLancy's Mills two miles distant. From Williams' they retired in the night to Stephen Wards' some miles north, and the next day continued retiring north to Harrison's Purchase. Here they halted and there being too many officers in proportion to the number of soldiers, a consolidation was made, by which this applicant fell into a company commanded by Captain Peter Westfall, Lieutenant, Cornelius I. Elmendorph. In this company he remained in service at that place for one month. They were then dismissed and returned home sometime in the latter part of February 1776, having been in service at this time at least one month and a half.

After this and as he thinks in the month of June in the year 1778 he was drafted to go to West Point and went there, in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Hermance, and served for one month in the said company, during which time he was sent as one of a guard of fourteen men, under the command of Sergeant Coonradt Barringer, this applicant being corporal to Robinson's on the east side of the river nearly opposite West Point for the purpose of guarding the head quarters there. At the expiration of the month he was dismissed and returned home and remained at home as he thinks, about

one year, when he was again drafted, in the month of June 1779, as near as he can recollect to go to old Fort Constitution in the Highlands opposite West Point, in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Kip, Lieutenant Ryer Hermance. He went there in this company and remained in service two weeks when the provisions became scant and they were dismissed and returned home.

After this but at what particular time he does not recollect, the militia in that part of the county of Dutchess where he resided, was called out to go to the Highlands and this applicant went in a company commanded by Captain Andrew Hermance, in the Regiment of Colonel Langdon as he believes, and remained for two weeks in this service, stationed at Bird's in the Highlands on the east side of the Hudson River when they were discharged & returned home.

In the fall of the year 1779 and as near as he can recollect in the month of September, he was drafted again for three months to go to Fishkill in Dutchess County, and went accordingly in a company commanded by Captain Silas Husted, First Lieutenant Cornelius J. Elmendorph in a detachment from the Regiment of Colonel Morris Graham. Here he remained in service under the above named officers for two months and a half as near as he can recollect, when they were discharged and returned home.

In addition to the different services above stated he was called out at one time in the spring of the year 1777 and was engaged for a week under Captain David VanNess in arresting disaffected inhabitants in the manor of Livingston and taking them to Esopus Creek on board a brig, on board of which they were imprisoned. At another time in the spring of 1777 he was called out and engaged for two weeks at the house of Jacob Thomas in the town of Rhinebeck aforesaid now in Red Hook, as Sergeant of a guard of the court martial held at that place—at another time, but when he does not recollect he was again called out & served for one week as sergeant of the guard of a court martial held at the same place.

In the month of June 1777 he was called out and went to the Town of Claverack, then in Albany County to transport prisoners from there to Esopus in Ulster County and was engaged in this one week.

At another time but when he does not recollect, he was called and engaged two days in going to Kinderhook then in Albany County on an alarm. Again he was called out, at what particular time he does not recollect, and went under the Command of Captain Andrew Hermance to Esopus and thence to Woodstock in Ulster County and was engaged four days in arresting disaffected persons and taking them to Saugerties in the same county for trial.

This applicant was also called out and was in the service in behalf of the United States on several other occasions but how often or how long he does not now recollect.

This applicant was born in the Town of Rhinebeck in that part which is now Red Hook on the 28th day of January in the year 1754. He has no record of his age.

He has always resided in the Town of Rhinebeck now Red Hook, both before and at the time when he was called into the service, and has lived in the same town ever since, until about the middle of April in the year 1832 when he removed into the town of Milan in the County of Dutchess aforesaid where he now lives.

The names of some of the regular officers who were in the service with the troops where he served are—General McDougal, General Scott, General Peter Ten Broeck, Colonel Morris Graham, Colonel Langdon, Major Nicholas Fish, Major Paine.

This applicant never received any written discharge from the service and has no documentary evidence of his service. He refers to Christian Allendorf, Gotlope Martin, Nicholas Bonesteel, Cornelius J. Elmendorf who reside near him, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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) Jacob P. Cole

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Henry J. Traver, Clerk