

### Pension Application for John Cole

W.25442 (Widow: Olive)

John was born October 6, 1761.

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before me Stephen Phelps a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County and State personally appears John Cole aged 57 years resident in the town of Middlesex in said county and State who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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.

That he the said John Cole enlisted for nine months the last of March or the first of April 1782 at Pittstown in the County of Albany and State of New York in the company commanded by Capt Anthony Welps of the New York Line and the name of his Colonel he has forgotten. That he served in said Corps about two months when he was transferred into a Company commanded by Capt Moody in a Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. Stevens of the New York line.

That he continued to serve in [sic] said Corps until the expiration of the said term of nine months when he was honorably discharged from service at West Point in the state aforesaid.

That he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that having lost his discharge he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed with his mark) John Cole.

The foregoing declaration sworn to and declared the day and year aforesaid before me. Stephen Phelps.

Letter in folder dated June 6, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from claim for pension W.25442, based upon the military service of John Cole in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth of John Cole, and names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, John Cole enlisted sometime in March or April, 1782, served about two months in Captain Anthony Welp's New York company, was transferred and served nine months in Captain Moodie's company, in Colonel Stevens' Regiment of Artillery.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 9, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Middlesex, New York, aged fifty-seven years. He was living in 1820, in Alfred, Allegany County, New York.

He died December 24, 1846, in Middlesex, New York, at which time he was on a visit to one of his sons, name of this son not designated.

John Cole married October 8, 1878, in Pittstown, New York, Olive Francisco of said Pittstown. The date and place of her birth, and names of parents are not shown.

The widow, Olive Cole, was allowed pension on her application executed November 24, 1848, then a resident of Alfred, New York, aged seventy-nine years. She continued to live in Alfred in 1851.

The following data in regard to the children of John Cole, and his wife, Olive, are shown:

Leonard born January 26, 1789.

Thomas born January 12, 1791.

Elizabeth born November 12, 1793.

Olive born November 8, 1795.

Cornelius born November 26, 1798.

Cathrine born May 16, 1801. [sic]

Abigail born July 26, 1805.

Dorcas born July 14, 1810.

Daniel Branard born April 17, 1817.

The following data are shown, also, relationship to the family not stated:

Arthur Odell was born August 5, 1806;

Sarah, daughter of Arthur Odell and Catherine Odell, was born May 5, 1840;

Delia Dorcas, daughter of Arthur Odell and Catharine Odell, was born July 4, 1842;

James Wrenn, son of Arthur Odell and Catharine Odell, was born July 20, 1844.

The widow, Olive Cole, stated that the following persons were present at her marriage: Abraham Francisco, Nelson Francisco, Betsey Francisco, and Lucretia Francisco; their relationship to the widow not given.

Anne Francisco a resident of Glenville, Schenectady County, New York, in 1849, then aged ninety years, the widow of Cornelius Francisco, who she married December 12, 1779, referred to their children - John, born August 1, 1785, and David born May 1, 1788; their relationship to the widow, Olive Cole, not shown. The papers on file in these claims contain no further discernable data relative to family.