

Pension Application for John Cole

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State of New York

Orange County SS.

Be it remembered that on the eighth day of April in the year 1818, personally appeared before me Joseph Mowell one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange John Cole of Newburgh in the said County and who being duly sworn and depose and say that in March of the year 1776 he enlisted in what was then called the minute service under Capt. Seth Marvin at Bloomingrove in the county of Orange, and marched with this company to Flat Bush on Long Island was in the engagement at Flat Bush and with the army on its subsequent retreat from Long Island and in the engagement at White Plains—and in the following summer are enlisted in the 5th New Jersey Regiment under command of Col. James Spencer, and about a year afterwards were drafted from the Company of Capt James Burwell in that Regiment—at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania—into the life guard of General Washington – at that time commanded by major Gibbs—and Captain Livingston—and that he served in General Washington’s life guard until about the 3rd day of June 1783 when he was discharged—at Newburgh in the then County of Ulster. That his discharge was signed by General Washington. That Captain William Colfax commanded the life guard at the time of his discharge.

That he has since received a donation of land from the State of New York and gave his discharge to the person who purchased this land. And that he is in reduced circumstances and in need of support from the government—and is now sixty six years of age. (Signed with his mark) John Cole

Sworn before me the eight[th] day of April 1818. Joseph Morell, one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas