

Pension Application for John Coleman

S.43347

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this fourth day of July 1820—Before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Personally appeared John Coleman, aged Seventy one years, the fifteenth day of last July, resident in the Town of Dryden of said County, 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 navel [naval] service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”.

That he the said John Coleman enlisted for the term of one year, on or about the first of January in the year 1776, in the Town of Newburgh in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Capt Belknap of the Infantry, in the line of the State of New York, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said Corps, or in the service of the united States until the expiration of said year, when he was discharged from service in the Fort Montgomery in the State of New York on the first day of January 1777.

And that he the said John Coleman, enlisted again for the term of three years on the first day of January 1777—as he believes in the Town of Poughkeepsie in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Captain Rosecrants of the Infantry in colonel Lewis Dubois’s Regiment in the line of the State of New York, on the Continental Establishment. That he continued to serve in said corps or in the service of the United States, until after the middle of January in the year 1780, when he was discharged from service in the Town of Pumpton or Morristown in the State of New Jersey, when in the company commanded by Capt Dubois and in the regiment aforesaid.

That he was in the battles again the Indians, on the Chemung river when Genl Sullivan marched into the Indian Country, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services, except the annexed affidavits of Samuel Weed, and Daniel Lillie, he having lost his said discharge.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. John Ellis.

Letter in folder dated May 24, 1921, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the 18th instant, you are advised that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, Survivor File No. 43,437, it appears that John Coleman was born July 15, 1748, place not stated. He enlisted at Newburgh, New York, about January 1, 1776 served as private in Captain Belknap’s Company of Infantry, and was discharged January 1, 1777. He re-enlisted January 1, 1777, at Poughkeepsie, New York, served as private in Captain Rosecrantz and Captain Henry Dubois’ Companies, Colonel Lewis Dubois’ Regiment, was in the battles during General Sullivan’s Indian Expedition, and was discharged about the middle of January 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 4, 1820, while living at Dryden, Tompkins County, New York. There is not data on file as to his family.

The Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to Jonathan Coleman and Enos Smith described by you.