

Pension Application for Timothy Coleman

W.15763 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

Be it remembered that on this first day of August 1836, before the undersigned Daniel Mosely Esquire Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit of the State of New York personally appeared Elizabeth Coleman a resident of Spring Water in the County of Livingston in said state aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Timothy Coleman who was a Lieutenant in the army of the United States in the Revolutionary War, in a Regiment called the Levies raised for the defense of the frontiers commanded by Col. Pawling as will more particularly appear by reference to his commissions for that office which is hereto annexed—according to her best recollection her said husband served as such ensign for the defense of the frontiers as such Ensign for the defence of the frontiers for some time before he was appointed such Lieutenant.

That the said Timothy Coleman was of the same neighborhood in Ulster County where this deponent was born & brot up & this deponent had known him from childhood.

That this deponent was married to the said Timothy Coleman on the eleventh of January in the year one thousand & seven hundred & eighty one.

That the said [Mossingstooln?] place at the fort at PeenPack in which fort his father's family were then posted. The said Timothy Coleman was then stationed at the said fort.

That they were then married by the Rev'd Charles Lesley who lived at a place called now Shawangunk. She believes he was a Presbyterian Clergyman.

That the deponent retained a record of his age & of her said marriage in her family bible until a few years since when the said record was accidentally destroyed.

The deponent further saith that he said husband timothy Coleman served as Lieutenant in the said Regiment of Levies from the time of his appointment to the end of the war according to her best recollection & belief.

That after their marriage she lived with the said Timothy Coleman & knows that he remained in the service until he was discharged that he was discharged at the time the soldiers were generally discharged at the close of the war.

She recollects that her father's brother, Thomas DeWitt was a major, discharged him as she understood.

The deponent further saith that from the time of her said marriage with the said Timothy Coleman until the time of his death which happened about sixteen years ago she resided & cohabitated with him, & that she has remained a widow ever since his death having never married since the death of her said husband.

That she had resided in Pompey in the County of Onondaga for about forty years & about three years since she removed to Springwater in the County of Livingston in the State of New York, from where she has lately returned to [Halyius in the County of Onondaga where she is now staying with her son Joshua Coleman & where she expects to remain for some time & further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Elizabeth Coleman

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 1st August 1836.

Letter in pension folder dated November 20, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W. 15763 it appears that Timothy Coleman while a resident of Ulster County, New York, was commissioned March

23, 1778 Ensign in Captain Benjamin Veal's Company, Colonel James McClaughry's Regiment of Ulster County Militia, and was commissioned May 11, 1780 Lieutenant in Captain Abraham Westfall's Company, Lieutenant Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment of Levies and was discharged in June or July 1783.

He died August 18, 1821 in Pompey, Onondaga County, New York. His age is not given.

Soldier married January 11, 1781, Elizabeth DeWitt born in Ulster County, New York. She was the daughter of Jacob Rutson DeWitt, and they were married in a fort at Minisink, Ulster County, New York, which fort was built around her father's house.

Pension was allowed on her application executed August 1, 1836, while living in Fabius, Onondaga County, New York with her son Joshua, to which place she had lately come, from Springwater, Livingston County, New York. She was then seventy-six years old. She died December 16, 1837 in Pompey, New York.

The following children survived her: Joshua born about 1787, Timothy born about 1799, Jane Cuddeback and James C. Coleman.