

Pension Application for William Cole

R.2146 (Widow: Thankful) In 1821, William states he has no family, he is a cooper by trade. By reason of old age and infirmity and having lost use of his left hand, he is unable to labor. He said he is also subject to what is called the falling sickness.

State of New York SS.

On this 10th day of June AD 1818 before the subscriber First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Steuben in the State aforesaid personally appears William Cole aged sixty five years resident in the town of Prattsburgh in the county & State aforesaid, 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 [hole in document] persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War".

That he the said William Cole enlisted in the town of Schodack about twelve miles below Albany, in the State of New York, in the month of May in the year 1778, or near as this deponent can recollect, in the company commanded by Capt Davis, and in the regiment commanded by Col. Livingston and continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the month of May or June in the year 1779 when he was discharged from the service at Fort Plain in the State of New York; that soon after his enlistment he was ordered to Valley Forge where he took the Small Pox, and continued unwell until Discharged, 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 (Signed) William Cole.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid. Thos. McBurney

State of Michigan

County of Clinton SS.

On this seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton in the State of Michigan, Thankful Cole a resident of DeWitt in the County of Clinton aged eighty three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July seventh one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows.

That she is the widow of William Cole who was a Revolutionary War soldier also a pensioner.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Cole on the third day of February in the year seventeen hundred and ninety. That her husband the aforesaid William Cole died on the sixteenth day of May eighteen hundred and thirty nine. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four namely at the time above stated. (Signed wither mark) Thankful Cole.

Milo H. Turner Depy Clerk