

## Pension Application for William Coley

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State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Robert Monell, Judge of the Sixth Circuit in said State, being a Court of Record, now sitting William Coley, a resident of the town of Otselic in said County & State, aged seventy four years, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1777 and served as follows (Viz)

That about the first of May in the year 1777 he resided at Haverstraw in the County of Orange, State of New York, and was appointed a clerk to John Elsie, Issuing commissary to Gen. McDougal's Brigade.

The said Brigade was composed of the Regiments commanded by Colonels Chandler & Denker. The Brigade was stationed at Peekskill when he entered the service.

He remained there until some time in June or July following. Then went to Kings' Ferry. Where the army crossed and then marched through the State of New Jersey.

In the fall of 1777 he was appointed by Colonel Stewart, Commissary General of Issued, by a [listing?] under his hand, an assistant or Deputy in that department. That he has lost that written appointment.

His business was, to receive cattle, have them slaughtered and see that the beef was delivered to John Cheeseborough, Commissary of Issues for the use of the North Carolina Troops.

These troops were commanded by Col. Clark, acting commandant of the Brigade, who was afterwards succeeded the command by Brigadier Gen'l McIntosh. They went into winter quarters, at Valley Forge, he thinks, in the month of December and remained there until the month of June in the year 1778. Recollects that Gen. Washington was there, and that he frequently saw him during the winter.

In June the army was ordered to march from their quarters and went to Monmouth in New Jersey. He then volunteered as a private soldier under Capt. Coleman of the 2<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Regiment command[ed] by Col. Patten. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth and knew Gen. Lee, Baron Steuben & Lord Sterling. After the Battle went to Kings Ferry, then to White Plains. Thence to a place called Oblong or Fredericksburgh, he thinks in the County of Westchester.

When he left the army in October 1778 as near as he can now recollect. That he had no written discharge as he remembers. That while he was with the North Carolina Troops his pay was \$40 per month. Was furnished with a horse & forage, drew his regular rations and had a servant to attend him.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) William Coley

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Robt Monell, Circuit Judge