

### **Pension Application for Henry Colley**

W.124 (Widow: Elizabeth) Henry died November 4, 1838. Married September 1889, he was a widower. Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New Jersey  
County of Morris SS.

On this twenty eight day of July 1832, personally appeared, in open court, before the Judge of the Inferior court of Common Pleas now sitting Henry Colley a resident of Randolph township in the County of Morris and state of New Jersey aged 75 years in March last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

He lived in the State of New York, Long Island, Queens County, Oyster Bay, in the year 1776 & then & there enlisted, about planting Corn time, probably in May, under Capt. Thomas Mitchell, Lieut. Cornell & Ensign Lawrence being Co. officers, --Colonel Malcom commanding the Regiment, which was known as the 3d Battallion, New York line, of the Continental Establishment.

Directly after enlistment, this deponent, with his company marched to New York, city, when Genl. Gates took the command in Chief & here we were quartered till the enemy landed.

We then went to Long Island, into entrenchments which had been thrown across from Red hook to the Wallabout. Remained there till the battle of Long Island was fought, in which we did not engage.

We then retreated with the main army across the river to N. York City, where we remained about two weeks & then followed Washington's Army from the City & our Regmt. was left as a guard at Fort Washington for a week or so. We were then relieved & crossed the Hudson at Kingsbridge, marched this English neighbourhood, so called, thro' Tappan crossed back to Peekskill & White Plains & joined Washington's Army, where we fought the enemy a pitched battle, in which I was personally engaged & was wounded by a musket ball in my left leg, the scar of which is yet plainly visible. I was ordered by Genl Washington himself in consequence of my wound to get into a baggage wagon. I was unfit for duty from the wound, about three weeks, when I took my place at company duty. We proceeded by a march down the Hudson river to Kingsbridge, remained there some weeks, & at Haverstraw, when our time of service or enlistment expired,

Genl Washington personally entreated us not to leave him, but to remain half a month with him, to go to Hackensack, to relieve that place from the plunderings of the Tories & Refugees. We all agreed to remain with our General, marched to Hackensack, drove off the Tories, took many prisoners & relieved that place.

Thence we marched to Paramus & rec'd our discharges in Paramus Church. My Discharge I have lost. I did not further duty as a regular soldier in the army, but was drafted for militia duty for two months, at a place called the Nine Partners, under Capt. Sutherland, Lieut. Sawkins being our Company officers. We were stationed at Fishkill & staid only two weeks myself, but hired a substitute, name Potter, to take my place, received a verbal discharge from my officers & went home.

This tour of Militia duty was done in 1777 as I think & in the summer time. I paid my substitute forty dollars & gave him a Beaver Hat, to take my place for three years to come, whenever I was called on, or should be required to serve my country. I do not recollect the names of any of my superior officers who commanded at Fishkill & having lived in New Jersey but a few months, have no persons on whom I can call to testify as to my character in this state, nor on this side of Long Island except one man, viz: Samuel Barnes, with whom I have been personally acquainted there 30 years.

I am a cripple by disease of the hip joint & have been unable to walk except with the help of two crutches, for the last ten years, & am without any property or means of support myself, but am dependant on my son, with whom I live. I cannot therefore go to Long Island to obtain my testimonials

of my character, but must rely on my country & its records for proof of my services. I have this day accidentally met with a fellow soldier named William Ball, living in Hanover, Morris county, who served in Malcoms Regiment as I believe & his testimony will be hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Henry Colley  
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Jesse Jepson, Stephen Vail