

## Pension Application for Richard Collier

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Steuben SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said county now sitting, Richard Collier, a resident of the town of Bath in the said County of Steuben, aged seventy two years 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That he was born at Coxsakie [Coxsackie] in the County of Greene (then Albany) on the thirtieth day of September in the year 1760 as he was informed by his parents. That his age was recorded in his father's family bible, that he copied the same into his own bible which is the only record he has of his age.

That in the fall of the year 1777 and about the first of October he was ordered out from Coxsakie aforesaid in Captain Minard Van[?] company of Colonel VanBeyen's Regiment for the purpose of guarding the banks of the Hudson River.

That said company was commanded by Lieutenant Tryon (Captain VanSchaick having gone with a part of his company with Colonel VanBergen to meet Buyoyne) [Burgoyne] that Lt col. Dubois commanded said guard while so stationed upon the Hudson, that they continued upon the banks of the river about four weeks and until after the news of the surrender of Buyoyne, where they were dismissed & returned home.

That he enlisted in a company raised by Captain David McCarty of one hundred men in the month of November in the year 1777 for the term of three years, that said company was ordered out upon the banks of the Hudson River in the town of Coeyman's in the county of Albany and was there engaged in cutting timber & wood for the building of the fort at West Point. That they were mustered by the Captain on Saturdays & Mondays, which were the only times they saw said captain, that Lieutenant Daniel Antwerpt had the command during the absence of the Captain that said company received their provision from Colonel Willet at Albany—that said company was dismissed during the winter season. That said company did not serve the three years for which they were enlisted but were discharged in the fall of the year 1779. That they were discharged & received certificates from Colonel Willet that he received a certificate but that he has no seen it in thirty years & knows not what has become of it. That said company was not engaged under a civil contract.

That in the same fall of 1779 Joakim Collier a brother of the petitioner was drafted as a militia [militia] man in Captain Minard VanScaick's company of Colonel Anthony VanBuyen's Regiment. That this petitioner returned home from the above mentioned service a few days previous to the marching of said company and became & was accepted as a substitute for the said Joakim—that said company marched through Albany and Schenectady to Johnstown, that Butler had been savaging the Valley of Schoharie and that they went to meet him, but when they arrived at Johnstown Butler had retreated, they were stationed a few days at Johnstown when they returned home & were dismissed. That eh was engaged in that service between three & four weeks.

That he was drafted in Captain M. VanScaick company and marched to [Shuyer?] hill staid about a month but that the particulars of this service he does not recollect.

That he [blotted] above services from Coxsakie aforesaid that he continued to live in Coxsakie after said services and that in 1812 he moved in the said County of Steuben.

That all of said services amount to between two and three years.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Rich'd Collier  
Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. M. S. Rumsey, Dep. Clk, Steuben County