

Pension Application for Joseph Collins

W.18954 (Widow: Catharine) Private in the company commanded by Captain Bleecker of the Regiment commanded by Colonel VanShaick [VanSchaick] in the New York Line for 6 years, from the year 1777 to the year 1783. Certificate of Pension issued the 30 of March 1819 and sent to Aaron Harris, Johnstown, New York. Inscribed on the roll at Albany. Married Catharine in January 1785, by Dominie Schneider a minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Schoharie. Joseph died November 19, 1840. State of New York
Montgomery County SS.

Be it remembered that on the 21st day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Montgomery and State of New York personally appears Joseph Collins, aged sixty one years resident in the town of Mayfield in said county who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled and Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War. That the said Joseph Collins, enlisted in Albany in the State of New York, in the company commanded by Captain Leonard Bleecker of the third New York Regiment of the New York Line on or about the first day of November 1777 that he continued to serve in said corps until the consolidation of the five New York Regiments into two when he continued in the said company and under the command of Colonel Goose VanSchaick then called the first New York Regiment of the New York Line until the third day of June 1783 when he was honourably discharged from service in Newburgh in the State of New York as a Private Soldier, that he was in the Battles of Newtown near the Chemung River in Pennsylvania [Pennsylvania] and at Yorktown in the State of Virginia at the take[taking] of Cornwallis, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That his discharge was given to one William McCready for the purpose of drawing his bounty lands and which this deponent is unable to get, the said McCready being dead or removed to some distant parts, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Joseph Collins.

Sworn to and declares before me the day and year aforesaid. James Hildrath. Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County