

Pension Application for Arthur Colwell

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State of New York

County of Saratoga

On this [blank] day of [blank] 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of chancery now sitting at Saratoga Springs Arthur Colwell a resident of the Town of Galway in the County of Saratoga & State of New York aged sixty nine 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 provisions 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.

1. To the question, where & in what year were you born? He answers, In Ireland in the County of Longford, June 15, 1763.
2. To the question, have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it? He answers In his Family Bible, in his possession in Galway aforesaid.
3. To the question, where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? He answers says, in June 1774 he emigrated from Ireland aforesaid to New Castle in the Province, now State of Pennsylvania in North America now United States where the continued to live a few days only when he went to Philadelphia where he continued until a few days when he removed to the City of New York where he continued until a few days when he removed to New Windsor about sixty miles up the Hudson from New York City where he continued a few days when he removed to Little Britain in the State of New York in the County of Orange (then County of Ulster) where he continued to live during the period of the Revolutionary War, excepting the time he was in the service of the United States as herein after stated & until the year 1786 or 7, when he removed to the County of Albany in the Town of Saratoga where he lived about one year when he removed to Galway in said County, now County of Saratoga, where he has continued to live ever since & where he now lives.
4. To the question, how were you called into service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? He answers and says.
5. To the question, State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services. He answers, he can state no farther than he has already stated herein.
6. To the question did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it. He answers he never received any written discharge.
7. To the question state the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Revolutionary soldier. He answers, and states the names of Robert Spiers Esqr, Peris Otis Esqr, who are Justices fothe Peace., Jonathan West, James Hayes, Henry Hayes, Junior.

In April 1st 1779, he was hired by a Militia Class of fifteen members at Little Britain in the then county of Ulster in the State of New York for nine months and served as a private until the 20th November 1779 that George Denison was head of said class and David Cook first Sergeant, he this deponent was employed with 6 or 7 others as a guard, under said Sergeant Cook at Rochester other called Mombocus in said County of Ulster, and & [sic] were stationed at the House of Joel Holenbeck to keep guard on the lines being Frontier & much exposed to the enemy there were other like guards each under a non-commissioned officer the nearest to our station was about $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile & 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant & so on, he this deponent continued to do duty as a private under the said Sergeant cook guarding the lines &c from our said stationed to Lack a Wanek and other places on the lines until the 20th November

following when the guard was discharged by the said Sergeant cook at Bombarus aforesaid having served at least seven months & twenty days when the guard was broke up.

Albert Paulding was Colonel of the Regiment to which he belonged & served as aforesaid who he frequently saw giving orders to the guards, he this deponent did not join the company or Regiment otherwise than as above stated, nor did any Continental or Militia Regiment serve near where we served and that during the period aforesaid he served under the command of the said Sergeant Cook and nor is there any person now living by whom he can prove the same to his knowledge.

He does not recollect the name or names of any other officers commissioned or noncommissioned who commanded on the lines aforesaid if he ever knew nor has he any documentary [documentary] evidence of his said services, nor does know of any person now living by whom he can prove the same.

That in April 1st 1780, he is [?] again hired by a class of fifteen members at Little Britain aforesaid of the company of militia under the command of Captain John Burnell in Colonel Albert Spaulding's Regiment of New York Militia or State Troops, George Denison being head of the class & the aforesaid David Cook was first Sergeant who commanded the guard of six or seven men stationed at the House of Joel Holenbeck in Bombacus aforesaid to keep guard at the same places in the same manner as in the last years campaign and was in constant service as aforesaid for the said 1st of April 1781 to 1st January 1782 being nine months under the aforesaid officers that he did not join his company but served under the said Sergeant David Cook on guard as a private during the period aforesaid he has no documentary evidence of his services aforesaid there as not Continental or Militia Regiment who served near where this deponent served during the aforesaid period.

And further this deponent states that he again entered the service as a private & was hired by a class of 15 members of the militia company commanded by Captain Telford at Little Britain aforesaid and served from the 1st of April 1782 until the 1st Jany 1782 being nine months the fall term of his engagement. In the company under the command of Captain J. L. Holenbeck in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenvelt, went from Little Britain aforesaid to Bombarus under the said Sergeant David Cook was stationed at the said house of Joel Holenback[?] the guard consisted of about the same number as in the [?] campaign & we were employed under the said Sergeant David Cook to guard the lines on the same route as in the two last campaigns & in the same manner.

That he served as aforesaid from the said 1st of April 1781 until 1st January 1782 under the said Sergeant Cook & was discharged by the said Sergeant book at Bombarus aforesaid & returned home; in the aforesaid service he served on guard as above stated & was not joined to his company nor was there any continental or militia troops who served near where he served in any campaign.

He has no documentary evidence of his services aforesaid and that he knows of no person living who can testify to the same except Daniel Wharry who lives in Jefferson County in the State of New York about one hundred & fifty miles from the said Court & cannot be had in court without great inconvenience & expense.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Arthur Colwell

Subscribed & sworn to the day and date above in open court. E. Cowen.