

Pension Application for William Cooley

W.6744 (Nancy) William died August 11, 1837. Married January 8, 1793.

B.L.Wt.26375-160-55

The State of Ohio

Butler County SS.

On this thirtieth day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in said County William Cooley a resident of Milford Township in the County of Butler & State of Ohio aforesaid aged seventy six, 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the State of New York on the third day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and fifty six and in the town of Goshen and that he has no record of his age other than one made by himself. Deponent states that in seventeen hundred and seventy three or four he belonged to the militia of the State of New York and in common with all the militia of said State belonging to the County of Orange was ordered into the service of the United States which he entered in the fall of one [of] the above named years.

This deponent further states that he entered said service under the command of Capt. [Saila?] Veil and whose company belonged to the Regiment of Col. Moses Philips.

Said Regiment together with others were commanded first by Brigadier Genl James Clinton and were subsequently placed under the command of Genl George Clinton of the Regular standing army of the United States. Deponent remained in the service aforesaid for the period of six months during which period he assisted in the building and guarding of Fort Montgomery on the North River and also assisted in constructing building and throwing over said North river opposite to said Fort what was called: "the big chain". Deponent states that previous to having assisted in the building of said Fort and in throwing & building of said chain that he marched through a part of New Jersey and was at the towns of Paramus & Hackensack at the latter of which places it was expected to have a battle with the enemy—

Said deponent states that he was drafted into said service and that when he was discharge[d] he received no certificate of such discharge, deponent further states that he was frequently called into the service for short periods of time after his first discharge and was from time to time in the service of the United States for at least a period of eighteen or twenty months between the year aforesaid and the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine.

Deponent further states that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service nor does he know of any person resident in this country by whom he can prove said service.

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.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) William Cooley
John Sutherland.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid John Reily, Clerk