

Pension Application for William Coplin or Copeland

W.16218 (Widow: Bethiah)

Letter in folder dated January 22, 1914, written in response to an inquiry.

Sir; In response to your request of the 21st instant, you are furnished the following history of the only William Coplin or Copeland of the New York troops, found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

In the papers in claim W. File No. 16,218, Rev. War, it is stated that William Coplin a "High Dutch" man who wrote his name "Coplin" although it was pronounced and generally spelled "Copeland" was of Northumberland, Saratoga County, New York, when he enlisted November 16, 1776, in Captain Copp's Company of the First New York regiment and was a prisoner June 4, 1779, for which service he received a grant of land (bounty) from the State of New York. There are no further particulars of service.

He married at Stillwater, New York, May 12, 1783, Bethiah Palmer daughter of Joseph Palmer of Saratoga, New York.

William Coplin died April 25, 1814; his widow Bethiah removed to Ira, Cayuga County, New York, where she died August 19, 1839, and the pension which might have been due her, was allowed for the benefit of their only surviving children in 1842: viz, Leonard Coplin & Caroline Payn wife of Seth Payn of Oswego, New York; John Coplin of Wolcott, Wayne County, New York; Eunice Howland wife of Nicholas Howland of Butler, Wayne County, New York; Joseph Coplin, George W. Coplin & Silas Ward of Ira aforesaid; and Jared Coplin of Adrian, Michigan.

Family Record

William Coplin born May 10, 1762, Died April 25, 1814, married May 12, 1783, Bethiah Palmer born January 19, 1768, died May 23, 1823)

Their children were:

Sarah Coplin born Dec. 31 1786, died May 23, 1823.

William, Coplin Jr, born Aug 6, 1888.

Eunice Coplin born Dec. 12 1790.

John Coplin born March 9, 1792.

Mary Coplin born April 22, 1794.

Jared Coplin born Oct 9, 1796.

Malancton Coplin born Nov 22, 1798, and died Sept 18, 1828.

Joseph Coplin born Jan 19, 1800.

Caroline Coplin born Aug 6, 1803.

Lewis Coplin born Aug 6, 1805 and died Aug 23, 1828.

Alanson Coplin born June 22, 1807.

Leonard Coplin born March 3, 1809.

George W. Coplin born Jan 19, 1811.

Caroline Coplin married December 14, 1831, Seth Payn born May 6, 1806.

Their children were:

William Nathan Payn, born December 2, 1833.

----- (Second son) Payn, born August 22, 1835.

Charles Spencer Payn, born Septmeber 10, 1836.

George Henry Payn, born August 27, 1839, died October 17, 1840.