

### **Pension Application for Benjamin Cowl**

W.723 (Widow: Mahitable or Mehitable Darling Craft) First married Elizabeth Gorham, b. Feb. 28, 1762, d. April 10, 1843. Married Mahitable Darling Craft on May 28, 1843, in Patterson, Putnam County. Benjamin died Dec 31, 1851.

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State of New York

Putnam County SS.

On this eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Putnam now sitting Benjamin Cool a resident of the Town of Patterson in the County of Putnam and State of New York aged seventy 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 stated, that he was born in the Town of Canaan in the State of Connecticut in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, that he has no record of his age but that his information thereof is derived from the declaration of his Parents, that he was living in the Town of FredericksBurgh now the Town of Patterson when called into service, that he has lived in the Town of Patterson since the Revolutionary War and now lives in said town that in the year seventeen hundred and eighty tow he volunteered in the Revolutionary service as a soldier and on the first of April of said year he joined the company under the command of Captain Livingston and was attached to a Regiment of the New York line under the Command of Colonel Weisenphell which at the time our company joined there lay at the Town of Fishkill after laying about the mouth of Fishkill he volunteered with others to go and join colonel John Lambs Regiment of Artillery which there lay at West Point.

That he there joined the company and the command of Captain Andrew Moody belonging to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Lamb as aforesaid & that he remained and did duty as a soldier until the first day of January at West Point, when he received a written discharge from his Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Ebenezer Stevens having remained in the service of the United States as a soldier nine months from the time of his enlistment.

That he has lost his discharge and is unable to find it. That he knew General Knox when in service and that General Knox commanded at the Point when he was in the service that he knew General Washington, that he knew Major bowman of his Regiment & knew many officers in Colonel Graines Regiment of Artillery which lay at the time of his service at Wes Point that he is acquainted with Frederick Stone First Judge of Putnam Common Pleas who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity & that he lives in the neighborhood of the said Judge, that he is acquainted with Reuben D. Barum now a member of the Legislature of the State of New York who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and as to a belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution, that he has no documentary evidence to prove his service but that he served in the war with with [sic] Nathan Bennett whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Benjamin Cowl.

Subscribed & Sworn this eleventh day of September 1832 before me. Asher Gilbert, Dpt Clk.