

## **Pension Application for Solomon Cowles or Coles**

S.15049

State of Connecticut

Hartford County SS

Farmington July 23d—1832.

On this 23d day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate for Farmington District in Hartford County now sitting [Gen.?] Solomon Cowles a resident of Farmington in the county and state aforesaid aged 74 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated—(viz)—

1<sup>st</sup> In the year 1775 and 1776 he, being then 18 years of age, was a student at Pimpton College New Jersey, and by the request and recommendation of Doc't Witherspoon the President of the College, he with many other students, enrolled themselves into a volunteer company under Henry Livingston of the State of New York as Captain and were fully armed and equipped and organized with other proper officers and pledged to be in said readiness to act at a moments warning—

In the summer of 1776 was frequently alarmed, and daily under arms. He with this company opposed the march of the British army through New Jersey; and he was an officer to a considerable amount by the [?] of Princeton College—

Soon after the affair of Trenton and Princeton, he with a part of the said company joined the American Army under Gen. Washington, and accompanied him to the heights of Morristown where the General with his army took up with winter quarters. He the applicant then returned to Farmington his native town in Connecticut, after having been thus in service about fifteen months—

2<sup>nd</sup> Early in January 1777 he received a commission of Lieutenant in a company commanded by Capt. John [?] Wyllys of the third afterwards ninth Connecticut regiment in the continental establishment under Samuel B. Webb Colonel, Wm. S. Livingston Lt Colonel and Ebenezer Huntington major, and served as such until sometime in July 1778, when he was discharged from service on account of ill health by Gen Samuel H. Parsons—Which in this service he was in the engagement at Danbury in April 1777—in May at the battle of New Brunswick New Jersey – from thence ordered to Peekskill heights—afterwards he was in the battle at Fort Montgomery when it was taken by the British; and at the battle of Esopus or Kingston, when it was burnt—on the surrender of Burgoyne he marched to the lines near East Chester New York about the last of December, he went upon an expedition to Long Island for the purpose of destroying a foraging craft, where Col. Webb was taken prisoner—he then embarked for New London and from thence marched to Wethersfield Ct. near Huntington –

Early in the year 1778 his regiment was ordered to West Point for winter quarters, and he was ordered upon the recruiting service at and about Farmington

and remained in that service till he was regularly discharged in July following—His commission as Lieutenant, and discharge which was in writing were taken from him with other papers at New York in the year 1783 when he was there, on his private business—

3d At the opening of the campaign of 1779 he was drafted from the militia on a tour of 90 days, and joined a detachment of State troops commanded by col. Noah Phelps at Horseneck near the “neutral ground” and served under said Phelps, in the capacity of winter months, during the said term. At or about the expiration of this term the Detachment was joined by four companies of light horse, and all placed under the command of Gen. Oliver Wolcott, with which he served as Brigade quarter master a further term of ninety days. He does not know any officer or other of this detachment now living.

In answer to the interrogatories propounded he answers to thus.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in Farmington on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 1758—

2<sup>nd</sup> that his age is recorded in his family bible—

3d That his home has always been in Farmington—

4<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Already answered—

7<sup>th</sup> That he is generally known in his town and state and elsewhere—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state—(Signed) Col’o Cowles

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid—

Lemuel Whitman, Judge of Probate. Farmington District—