

### **Pension Application for William Cox**

R.2401 (Widow: Hulda Cole. Married April 1782, in Minisink, now Montague, Sussex County, N.J.)

State of Pennsylvania

Pike County SS.

On this twentieth day of November AD eighteen hundred and thirty two in open court before the Honorable John Coolbaugh and Daniel W. Dingman, Esquires, Associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Pike now sitting appeared William Cox a resident of Milord township in the said county now in the eighty first year of his age who being 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 according to the information he received from his parents he was born at Mashville, Somerset County in the State of New Jersey on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1752 lived there till he was about seven years of age, then moved with his parents to a place about six miles from Newton, Sussex County New Jersey, lived there there [sic] about seven years when his father died, he and his mother then moved to the State of New York about two miles from Carpenter's, on Station Point lived there some time and then moved to Newton N.J., he thinks it was in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he was drafted in the Sussex County Militia of New Jersey under Captain Philip Dudder, in Colonel Martin's regiment. The regiment to which he was attached marched through Newark to New York City, where he and other of the troops were employed generally in the erection of batteries &c. He staid with the militia in the City of New York two months and four days at the expiration of which time he returned to Newton.

On or about the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1777 he enlisted as a private at Newton, N. J. in the company commanded by Captain Peter Shaffer, or Shaver in the regiment he believes then commanded by Colonel Shreene, that he marched to the Short-hills in New Jersey by the way of the Suckasanny plains—that the Regiments commanded by Colonel Spencer, and Colonel Malcolm lay at the Short-hills at the same time—he was at the battle of Monmouth (when he thinks Colonel Crisse commanded his regiment) when he was very severely wounded in the foot—was carried off to the hospital just below Pluckemin where he remained till he was cured, three months, or thereabouts. He then joined his regiment at or near Princeton—a short time afterwards he was discharge—the reason for his being discharged was, orders on instructions had been received by the officers.

That the men who had been enlisted for three years, or those known as three year's men must enlist for during the war or take their discharge—that he took his discharge signed as he believes by General Maxwell, who then had the command of – the three year's men and militia there stationed—that his lameness occasioned by the wound he received at the battle of Monmouth, increased with his age and that in consequence of his lameness, he is scarce able to walk without great pain and difficulty his discharge which he received from General Maxwell has been lost, these

many years—he was discharged about the twentieth of October AD seventeen hundred and seventy eight.

He further saith that about the fourth of February AD seventeen hundred and seventy nine he again enlisted at Carpenter's at Station Point, under Captain Abraham Westfall and Major Thomas Dewitt, that he and the rest of the men were stationed at Westfall's fort in Peenpack State of New York, for the protection of the then frontier inhabitants—that during the eleven months he was out on that tour his services were those of a ranger, and Indian spy—that their duty was, to be out on the scout four days, and four days in the fort—that he then served eleven months—

After which time he went to Montague township Sussex County New Jersey where he married and moved into Pennsylvania, on the Masthope Creek in now Sacckawaxsen Township Pike County—where he lived twenty one years or thereabouts—

He further says that after the period of his return from his enlistments he was drafted in the New York Militia, under Captain Miller and Colonel Sowards, and served one month—that about six months after this he went out as a volunteer with about twelve others to Aquaga, they captured two tories of the name of Increase Miller and Jonas Wood and also took from the Indians and tories twenty two horses, a part of which had been taken from Peenpack where he then lived.

That about one year afterwards he again went out as a volunteer as one of a scouting party, and was out ten days, they went from Minisink up to the mouth of Mangap a distance of eight or ten miles, they captured two tory spies of the name of Robert Aland, and Ned Huks—they delivered their prisoner up to a garrison which was then at what was called the Point meeting house near Carpenter's point—the prisoners afterwards, as he understood made their escape and went to Canada—this party consisted of himself his brother Benjamin Cox, Wilhelmus and Solomon Kirkendall, Henry Vannatten and five or six others.—

He also further saith that on several occasions, and at various times other than those enumerated he was warned out, to scout, and reconnoiter on the frontiers for the protection of the inhabitants.

He saith that he has no documentary evidence other than that annexed to this declaration—

That he never received any discharge than the one above alluded to.

That Edward Allen is a minister of the Gospel of the Presbyterian Church and that Jabez Rockwell and John Brink are two of the oldest inhabitants and residents in the neighbourhood where he now resides and has resided for the last twenty four or twenty five years, and will as the deponent believes testify as to his veracity.

And the deponent 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.

That nearly the whole of those persons with whom he served in the Revolutionary War are dead—and the rest with the exception of Henry Quick have removed beyond the possibility of his availing himself of their testimony.

And that his family now consists of himself aged eighty one—his wife aged sixty eight and two orphan grand children. The whole of whom he has to support by his own labour. (Signed with his mark) William Cox

Sworn & Subscribed in open court this twentieth day of November AD 1832. The applicant William Cox could not obtain the deposition of Henry Quick alluded to above. A. D. Seaman [?]

Letter in folder dated June 4, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.2401, that William Cox was born May 11, 1752, in Somerset County, New Jersey. The name of the town is given but is not clearly written, might be deciphered Martinville. When he was about seven years of age, his parents, whose names are not given, moved to a place about six miles from Newton, Sussex County, New Jersey, where they lived about seven years when his father died. He and his mother then moved to New York State, about two miles from Carpenter's or Station Point, where they lived for sometime, then returned to Newton, New Jersey.

He enlisted in 1777, exact date not given, in Sussex County, New Jersey, served in Captain Philip Didders' Company, Colonel Martin's New Jersey Regiment and was engaged in building barracks in New York City, length of service two months and four days.

He enlisted about September 15, 1777, served as a private under Captain Peter Shaffer or Shaver and Colonels Shreve and Criss in the New Jersey Troops, was in the battle of Monmouth, where he was severely wounded in the foot and was discharged October 20, 1778.

He enlisted at Carpenter's or Station Point, about February 34, 1779, served in Captain Abraham Westfall's Company, under Major Thomas DeWitt, in the New York Troops and acted as a ranger and Indian Spy, part of the time stationed at Westfall's Fort, length of this service eleven months.

After the termination of this service, he enlisted and served one month in Captain Miller's Company, Colonel Soward's New York Regiment, dates of service not given; about six months later he volunteered and went out against the Indians and Tories, officers names and dates of service not given; and about a year after this service, he again volunteered and served ten days on a scouting party, officers names and dates of service not given. He stated that he also served on several other scouting parties, protecting the inhabitants on the frontiers, no details of these services given.

During the Revolution, he moved to Montague, Sussex County, New Jersey, and then to a place on Masthope Creek, which was later Lackawaxon township, Pike county, Pennsylvania, where he lived for twenty-one years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 20, 1832, while residing in Milford Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania. About 1836, he moved to Canandaigua, Ontario County, New York, where his children resided.

He died September 1 or 14 (both dates appear in the claim) 1844, in Ontario County, New York. He was totally blind for ten years before his death.

The soldier married April 4, 1782, in Minnisink (later Montague) Sussex County, New Jersey, Hulda Cole, who was born January 2, 1763. They were married at the home of her father whose name is not shown.

In 1845, she was residing in Canandaigua, New York.

William and Hulda Cox had eight children. The only names given are Samuel Cox; John Cox; Catherine Wells; Elizabeth Showers; Elenor C. DeWitt, who was aged forty-six years in 1844 and resided in Canandaigua, New York, she was deceased in 1854; and William Cox, who was fifty-two years of age in 1854 and resided in South Bristol, Ontario County, New York.