

Pension Application for Coe Stephens

S.42380

Westchester Common Pleas

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court house at White Plains in and for the County of Westchester in the State of New York on the first Monday of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Present the Honb'le William Jay, First Judge. Isaac Requa, Stephen B. Hoffman, Judges.

Westchester County SS. Be it remembered that on the fifth day of December in the Year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Personally appeared in the said Court of Common Pleas in open court, the said Court being a Court of record for the State of New York, created such by statute and proceeding according to the Court of Common Law with unlimited Jurisdiction as to amount of recoveries Coe Stephens aged sixty nine years resident in Yorktown in the said County of Westchester who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820. That he the said Coe Stephens enlisted at a place called Westfarms in the County of Westchester in the spring of the year 1775 in a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Wright in a regiment commanded by Colonel Richmore of the New York line. That at this time he enlisted for one year and served in the said company and regiment until the same was broken up some time previous to the expiration of the period of his enlistment after which, and on or about the first of January in the year 1776 he again enlisted under the said Jacob Wright at the same place and served in a company commanded by the said Jacob Wright in the Second New York regiment Commanded by Colonel Philip Cortlandt until the spring of the year 1782 when he was discharged by Colo. Van Cortlandt at Peekskill in the State of New York about six weeks before the regiment was disbanded or discharged the deponent at that time being unwell and unable to do duty as a soldier. That Col'o Van Cortlandt gave him a written discharge which this deponent has lost being a labourer and working from place to place & generally carrying with him his said discharge. That at the time he last enlisted as aforesaid he enlisted for three years & was returned as having enlisted for three years or during the war.

That this deponent was in the Battle at White Plains the taking of Burgoyne and the Battle of Monmouth [Monmouth]. That when the said regiment went to Yorktown in Virginia at the Capture of Cornwallis the deponent was taken sick & lame on their march to York Town near Valley Forge and was sent to Valley Forge. That after the Capture of Cornwallis and the return of the said regiment, he again joined his regiment at Morris Town, and remained with the same until discharged as aforesaid and that he has no other evidence of his services now in his power except the affidavits hereunto annexed. That in the fall of the year 1818, this deponent made a declaration under oath pursuant to the act first above mentioned before the recorder of the City of New York in order to obtain his pension under said act and has hitherto been unable to obtain any satisfactory information what disposition has been made of the same except. That it was forwarded to the officers of the Secretary of War.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 March 1818 and that I have no since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or of any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income whatsoever. That I have no property, whatever except the cloathes [clothes] which now cover my body. That by infirmities particularly the Rheumatism I am unable to earn my living by labour. That I have no family whatever and that I now am a pauper and supported by the town of York Town in the said County of Westchester and for the last five or six years the said town has aided and assisted me in my support as a pauper of the said town. (Signed with his mark) Coe Stephens

Sworn in open court this 5th day of December 1820. Wm. Requa, Clk