

## Pension Application for Jesse Coles

S.12523

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this twenty eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Plea in and for the County of WestChester aforesaid now sitting (Being a court of record) Jesse Coles a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the county aforesaid aged seventy six years on the fourth day of September last 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 is to say he entered the said service sometime in the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and seventy five at Mosquito Cove on Long Island in the said State, as a Sergeant in the company of Minute men commanded by Captain John Sands in the regiment commanded by Colonel Birdsall for the term of nine months that he continued in the said service in the said company and Regiment for and during and until the expiration of said term of nine months at [Cove?] Neck on Long Island on the north side of said Island on Long Island sound, where some troops were then stationed and was at the expiration of said term of nine months honorably discharged from said service.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the service of the United States as a private sometime in the summer (he thinks in the month of March) in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine in the company of militia commanded by Captain Olmstead in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas.

That he entered the said company as a volunteer at the town of Ridgefield in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut that he continued in actual service in said company under the command of said Captain Olmstead for and during and until the expiration of two months and was then honorably discharged, at said Ridgefield; that he served during said term of two months in the County of Fairfield aforesaid and was during said term in the Battle between the American Troops commanded by Gen. Putnam and the British troops commanded by Governor Tryon.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the service the United States some time in the month of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty at Horse Neck in the County of Fairfield aforesaid as a private in the Naval service and served under the command of Captain Samuel Lockwood who commanded one of five under the command of Major Hull Boats at that time engaged in the service of the United States in cruising in Long Island Sound, that he continued in the said service from the time of his entering the same as aforesaid for and during and until they expiration of one year. That during said last mentioned year he was employed in cruising in Long Island Sound and intercepting British vessels and in annoying and attacking their out ports on the shores of said sound.

That he was in an expedition against a small British force stationed on Hart Island in said sound and took and carried away twelve prisoners. That after he had been in the service as last aforesaid one year and whilst he was still in said service he was in an expedition against a small party of British troops stationed on Long Island in which expedition he was taken prisoner by the British and carried to the City of New York and confined in the old City Hall three days, that he was then taken together with a number of other American prisoners and confined a prisoner in the old jail in said city thirteen weeks during which he was kept in irons that he was then released from confinement on giving security that he would not go without the British lines and continued a prisoner from that time within the British lines at least two years and a half and until the close of the war.

And the declarant further saith in answer to interrogatories propounded to him by the court agreeably to the instructions of the War Department.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in the town of Oster [sic] Bay in the County of Quees [Queens?] in the State of New York on the fourth day of September 1756.

2<sup>nd</sup> That his age is recorded in his family bible now in his possession.

3<sup>rd</sup> That at the times he entered the service as herein before set forth he resided in Oster Bay aforesaid, that since the Revolution he has resided in the town of Green Burgh in the County of WestChester aforesaid where he also now lives.

4<sup>th</sup> That he entered the service as a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> The regular officers with whom were General Putnam, Col Burr, Colonel Shelden, Major Hull and the following militia officers Colonel Sands, Major Cornwall, Captain Hicks and many others whose names he does not now recollect; that he does not now recollect any particular Continental or Militia regiments other than those herein before mentioned and that the general circumstances of his service are as herein before set forth.

6<sup>th</sup> That he never received a written discharge from the service.

7<sup>th</sup> That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are the Reverend Cornelius Montross of the said town of Mont Pleasant and William Yorks of the same place.

And the declarant further said that he claims a pension for the services herein set forth as follows:

Viz: For the term of nine months in the company commanded by Captain John Sands in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Birdsall.

And also for the term of two months herein before set forth in the company commanded by Captain Olmstead in (to the best of his recollection) Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment. And also for the term of one year in the Naval Service as herein before set forth.

And also for the term of thirteen weeks and three days during which he was in confinement as a prisoner in the City of New York.

And also for the term of two years and a half during which he was kept a prisoner in possession of the enemy within their lines.

That he 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. (Signed) Jesse Coles

Sworn to and subscribed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1833 before me in open court. N. Bayles, Clk &c