

Pension Application for Reeves Cox

W.16293 (Former Widow: Elizabeth Horton, wife of Joseph) Reeves Cox died September 15, 1803, in the 51st year of his age.

State of New York

Orange County

On this 9th day of August—personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Please [sic] in and for Orange County Elizabeth Horton a resident of the town of Minisink in the County of Orange and State of New York aged eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 an the act explanatory of said act passed March 3, 1837.

That she was married to Reeves Cox who was a Corporal and private in the Revolutionary War and in the commencement of the war belonged to a company of militia commanded by Isaih Vail John Dunning and Jonathan Owens Lieutenants and in the Regiment commanded by Col. James McClaughrey Jacob Newkirk Lieut Col Moses Phillips Major in the County of Ulster and State of New York.

That as she has been informed and believes her said husband Reeves Cox enlisted or volunteered in the latter part of June or first of July 1776 into a company of men commanded by Capt. Nichol and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Pawling for the tour of six months and went in the said company to Kingsbridge and other places which she is not able to state until the expiration of the six months service when he was discharged with the rest of the company on or about the first January 1777.

That as she has been informed and believes he said husband Reeves Cox was again called out in the month of April 1777 as a relief to serve under Capt. Faulkner and Col. McClaughrey at Fort Clinton and that he served at the said fort at least twelve days as a corporal from Capt. Vail's company for the proof of this service she relies on the records already in the pension office.

That she has been informed and believes that in the month of May 1777 a guard was raised to guard the powder mill at Phillipsburgh in the County of Ulster and State of New York and that her husband Reeves Cox volunteered from Captain Vail's company as one of that guard and service for two months as a guard at Phillipsburgh under Lieut. John Dunning and was discharged at the expiration of the full term that during the year 1777 her said husband Reeves Cox was several times called out to guard along the north river and as she has been informed and believes he was out at one time to Fort Montgomery for three months and was there when fort Montgomery was taken and both his coat and gun under Capt. Jack Vail and Col. McClaughey.

That her said husband was at Ramapoo during the fall and beginning of winter of the said year under Capt Vail and under Col. Hathorn or Tenton at least one month that during the years 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 and 1782 her said husband Reeves Cox was out at West Point and other places along the eastern frontiers of Orange County

and was very frequently out on the western frontiers of orange and Ulster against the Indians as a classman and upon alarms.

That in 1778 in October as she has been informed and believes her said husband was at Dewitt's fort fifteen days under Capt. Vail and Col. Newkirk.

That as she has been informed and believes her said husband Reeves Cox was called out on alarm in July 1779 and went under Capt. Vail to Minisink against the Indians at least five days.

That her said husband Reeves Cox was out several time on alarm in 1780 but from old age and loss of memory she is unable to state the time or the officers which he was under.

That in the spring of 1781 her said husband was out to Minisink under Captain Vail and Col. Newkirk at least fifteen days.

That when Warwasink was burned her said husband was out under Capt. Vail and Col. Jansen to a place called Mamakating on the western frontiers of Ulster County.

She further declares that for the foregoing statements she relies upon the proof that may be made in the case that she has no documentary evidence in the case except the eight weeks as a guard to guard the powder mills at Phillipsburgh which is herewith presented.

She further declares that she was married to the said Reeves Cox on the sixteenth day of November seventeen hundred and eighty by the Reverend Nathan Kerr then Pastor of the Presbeterian [sic] Church in Goshen in the County of Oragne and State of New York and that her name before marriage was Elizabeth Webb and that her said husband Reeves Cox died on the fifteenth of September eighteen hundred and three.

That she was afterwards on the 15 day of December eighteen hundred and nine married to Joseph Horton and that her said husband Joseph Horton died on the 22d day of October 1828 and that she was a widow on the 4 day of July 1836 and still remains a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed sworn and subscribed the day and year above written before me and I certify that and was there when fort Montgomery was taken and lost his coat and gun, was interlined before signing. (Signed with her mark) Elisabeth Horton.

S. W. Fullerton, Judge of County Courts.