

Pension Application for Cornelius P. Low

W.24580 (Widow: Johanna) Married August 27, 1788, he died September 15, 1835.
Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.
State of New York
Sullivan County SS.

On this 9th day of October in the year 1833, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] of the County of Sullivan the same being a Court of Record now sitting at Monticello in said County Cornelius P. Low aged 70 years 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 7th 1832.

That in the year 1777 he resided at a place called Wyoming In the State of Pennsylvania the Country was embedded by the Indians and Tories under Brandt & Butler he was then about 14 years old he volunteered in the service of [the] United States as a private Militia man in Captain Hewit's company and Colonel [blank] Denisons Regiment he entered on duty the first of May and served in a fort which was Garrisoned and maintained for the protection of the Inhabitants he remained in this service four months the fort in which he was stationed was attacked by the Enemy and the Soldiers compelled to surrender he remained a prisoner at the Fort a few days when the Indians began to kill and mascre [massacure] the soldiers [blot] made his escape at evening and with his Father and Mother one Brother and two Sisters (two of his brothers had been taken and destroyed by the Indians); returned to Rochester in the County of Ulster and State of New York from which place he had previously removed to Wyoming on the Susquehanna River.

In the month of April he thinks the first of the month in the year 1780 he volunteered in the service of the United States a private Militia man in Captain Benjamin Kortright's Company at Tochester he cannot say whether Colonel Cantine or Colonel Pauling had the immediate command of the company at that time they were each of them on the frontiers of Rochester at Various times through the Season Levi Dego commanded as Lieutenant and Jacob DeHoornbeck Ensign the duty performed by the Company was keeping Garrison on the frontiers of Rochester Scouting after the Indians and spying out their movements and operations he continued in steady service in the said company untill the forepart of January 1781 at which time the snow had fallen upon the ground and the Indians left the frontiers. The soldiers were principally allowed to return home for winter quarters he was in actual service this season nine months or over before he was permitted to return home.

In the spring season of the year 1781 as soon as the snow had gone off the ground he thinks early in April he returned on duty in the same company to which he belonged the season before and at the same place performing the same kind of duty he knows that Colonel Pauding had the command of the Regiment this year soon after the Company met in the spring Captain Kortright left the company on other duty and Captains John Burnet from Orange County took the command on the 12th of August this year he was in a battle with the Indians at a place now in the Town of Wawarsing

in Ulster County early in the morning of this day the principal part in the morning of this day the principal part of the buildings in the Neighbourhood was set on fire by the Indians and consumed.

He continued in the said service untill about the last of December where the company was discharged cannot state the precise length of his service this year but is certain that it was not less than eight months.

In the year 1782 in the month of June he was a drafted militia man under Captain John Hasbrouck went to a place called Napenough and guarded some military stores which were deposited at Bevins Mill remained in the Service three weeks and returned home by permission of the Captain; he never received a written discharge from any of his officers. He was never counted with any of the troops belonging to the Continental line as he recollects knows that Colonel Wysavelt command[ed] a Regiment in Ulster County called the new levies knows that Colonel VanCortland's Regiment or a part of it was stationed a short time at Rochester in the winter season.

He had no family record of his age it was lost in the flight of his family from Wyoming but from the best information which he possesses was born the 25th day of July 1768 at the Town of Rochester Ulster County State of New York he resided at Wyoming in the State of Pennsylvania when he first entered the Second time since the war ended.

He has lived where he now does in the Town of Neversink Sullivan County which was, at the close of the war in the Town of Rochester in the County of Ulster.

There is no Clergyman with whom he is sufficiently acquainted to testify to his Character and their belief as to his service as a Revolutionary soldier who can be procured without great trouble and expense to him the said Cornelius P. Law.

Two of his Neighbours are now in Court who can testify to his Character and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

That it is for the service herein particularly mentioned that he claims a Pension and that he hereby relinquishes every other claim to Pension or annuity except the present and that he is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State the names of these neighbors are Solomon Teller & Hopkin Reynolds.

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. James H. Foster Dep. Clk.