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Pension Application of Abraham Cole R2119 Cecil Cole Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The federal file contains no pension application. The following two letters contain only the information that an application was made by a person claiming to be the widow of a Lieutenant Abraham Cole. Francis B. Heitman's *Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army During the War of the Revolution* states that an Abraham Cole was a 2nd Lieutenant from Maryland attached to the 1st Continental Artillery at the time of his death on 20 Jul 1778.]

Balt'r. [Baltimore] County Nov. 2^d 1845

Dear Sir [Col. J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] I have been creditably informed there was some time since application made to your Department for a Pension for the Revolutionary services of a Lieutenant Abraham Cole Se'r. by his represented widow. Now this man was not her husband but her husband's Father who was named after him, and went by the name of Abraham Cole Jr. This information came from one amongts the most respectable old residents in this County who knew & was intimate with both this the Father & Son & now his son's widow I send this information in justice to my Country

Very Respectfully/ N. H. W__

Towsontown, Nov 10th, 1845.

Sir, Yours of the 6th inst. acknowledging mine, referring to the pension case of a Mrs. Cecil Cole, is received. The letter is a forgery. I have never written a word in the case. You ask me to put the allusions to fraud in the letter in form to be used judicially. I would do most cheerfully, if I knew any thing of the kind in the case; or any other pension case, as much fraud has been practiced on the government.

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I am most respectfully/ Yours, N. H. Ware