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Pension Application of Michael Coon R2290

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State of Pennsylvania                    } SS.  
City and County of Philadelphia    }

On this fifth day of July A.D. 1851 before me one of the Judges of the District Court of the said City and County, personally appeared Michael Coon a resident of the said County and State aged 89 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he was drafted into the Army of the United States as a private in or about the year 1781 and served in the First Regiment of the Virginia line [see endnote] under the following named officers, viz. general Stevens, Colonel Wilson and Captain William Porterfield; that he served in the Army for a period of six months or more and was honorably discharged at Winchester in Virginia; when drafted he resided in Virginia near Peter Seight's Mills; that he was engaged in the Battle of York Town and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]; he marched through Martinsburg to Yorktown and afterwards to Winchester where he was discharged. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not (to his knowledge) on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

[signed] Michael Coon

State of Pennsylvania            } SS:  
County of Montgomery         }

On this thirtieth day of June A.D. 1854 before me a Justice of the peace in and for said State and County duly authorised to administer oaths &c. personally appeared Michael Coon Jr, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 and its supplements and such other Acts as relate to his case. The said Michael Coon Jr declares – That he is now a resident of the Township of Lower Merion, County of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, and I was I believe 88 years of age on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March last. I enlisted when I was about 14 years of age in the Army of the United States, I and my Father Michael Coon, Senior, and my three Brothers, Daniel Coon, Joseph Coon, and Thomas Coon. We all enlisted in the same Company by order of General George Washington. I and my Father and Brothers enlisted in or about the year 1779 at Peter Sykes Mills near the Lake or Salt-Spring in the State of Virginia. We all lived, that is, my Father and my Brothers and myself at Martinsburg near the said Mills, and we all enlisted at the same time, and served for six months in the First Company in the Virginia Regiment of the Line under Captain William Porterfield, Colonel Daniel Shister or Shuster and General Robert Stevens, under General George Washington's Command. We all enlisted as Soldiers as Privates. I and my Father and Three Brothers left the service, I think it was in 1779 (My memory is very poor as to the exact dates, it gets poorer the older I grow) We were engaged in the Battle at Little York in Virginia at the taking of Lord Cornwallis. We took him Prisoner and marched him to Winchester Barracks [sic], and there at Winchester Barracks, we were discharged. My discharge and my Father's and Brother's were all signed by General George Washington. My Father and Brothers are all dead. I am the only one living. I was the Youngest of the family. I had all the discharges and the Bible which had our births recorded in it, and the House got on fire at Huntstown, State of New York where my Father had bought a farm, and the discharges and Bible were all burned up. My Father Michael Coon, Senior died about 30 years ago near Huntstown State of New York. My Brother Daniel died there soon afterwards. Joseph and Thomas my brothers, have been dead about 25 years, they died near Huntstown also. I had two sisters they have been dead as much as 25 years. I am the only one of my Brothers and Sisters Father and Mother now living.

Mother died directly after Father had died. I now live with my Daughter and her Husband John Hutchinson, they support me. I cannot work. I am too old and feeble. I used to follow the Millwright business and lost all my property by going security. I have no evidence now of my service, or of the discharges, and I do not know of any of my comrades or fellow soldiers or Officers now living who were in the service with me then. All that I know of are dead and gone. I think that the State of Virginia or U. S. Government must have some knowledge of my being in the service as I have stated in the Revolutionary War at the taking of Cornwallis. My pay then and my Father's and Brother's was each Five Dollars a Month. My two Sisters and my Brothers Joseph and Thomas died leaving children; How many they left or had or where they are now I do not know; they went away off somewhere. I believe they went West. My brother Daniel was married but had no children; his widow also is dead, and also the Widows of my other brothers are dead.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. I claim my pension pay under the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 and its supplements or Amendments, from the fourth day of March 1831 to the present time. And also such Bounty Land as I may be entitled to under the Acts of Congress for the Revolutionary Services set forth.

I said Michael Coon further declare on oath that the County Court of the County of Montgomery is I am informed and believe to be held at Norristown the County Seat in August next, that the President Judge of the Court resides at Norristown, that the said Norristown is about eleven miles distant from my place of residence, and the journey there and back I know would be more than I am able to endure at my advanced age and consequent feeble health. The last journey I took was only eleven miles, it was about the first of March last. I had not before for several years taken such a journey, and for several days afterwards I was very sick. I believe that for me to attempt the journey to Norristown and back this hot weather to see the Judge of the Court, would endanger my life. I have often spoken about the propriety of my having a pension from the Government; but have never of late when I became necessitated and feeble had either money or an opportunity to have an application made out, last March I moved with my daughter and son in law next to the Country Seat of Lawyer William W. Hubbell of the City of Philadelphia, and I have now applied to him to attend to it for me. I pray that under the circumstances my oath before a Justice of the Peace will be deemed sufficient, and that the Commissioner of Pensions will excuse me from attempting to go to and from Norristown to see the County Judge in consequence of my advanced age and feeble health being unequal to the task. [signed] Michael Coon

NOTE: Gen. Edward Stevens was of the militia. I could not identify Gen. Robert Stevens or any of the other officers named. Cornwallis was not marched to Winchester.