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Pension Application of Apollos Cooper BLWt2258-200 VA  
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Know all men by these present, that we Jacob Cooper and Sarah Dobyons late Sarah Cooper heirs at law of Apollos Cooper deceased do hereby nominate constitute and appoint George Love of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia our agent and true and lawful attorney in fact, with a power of substitution to demand and receive from the proper Officers in Richmond and Washington, any warrant or warrants that may be due us on account of the Revolutionary services of Lieutenant Apollos Cooper an Officer in the Virginia line of the Continental Army who was slain in the battle at Brandywine [11 Sep 1777]. [The rest not transcribed. 14 Oct 1834]

State of Kentucky Sct

At a Court held for Mason County on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834, William Reed and James Reed appeared in open Court, and proved that Apollos Cooper late a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War was killed at the Battle of Brandywine; that at the time of his death he left a widow named Mary, and three children to wit; Robert Cooper, Jacob Cooper, and Sarah Cooper; that Robert Cooper dec'd many years ago without any legitimate children, leaving Jacob and Sarah his heirs at law; that Sarah intermarried with James Dobyons, who died in the month of July last; that Jacob Cooper and Sarah Cooper are both living in the State of Kentucky, that Mary the widow of the said Apollos Cooper intermarried with one William Stoker; that both Stoker and his wife have been dead several years.

Upon motion of the said Jacob Cooper and Sarah Dobyon it is ordered that the above proof be certified to the proper office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at  
Washington the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834 Marshall Key

[The following are in the [bounty-warrant files in the Library of Virginia](#):]

I do hereby certify that Apollos Cooper a Citizen of the State of Virginia was appointed a Lieut and served in the third Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in the year 1776, that he continued as such until the 11<sup>th</sup> of Sept. 1777 when he was killed in the Action at Brandywine. Certified under my hand this 7th day of Nov 1787 T Marshall [Thomas Marshall] then Col. 3 V Regt. Entitled to Depreciation from 1 Jany to 11 Sept. 1777. Jno. Carter/ Lt. Colo. Powell

[13 Jan 1819] I Mary Stoker, of Fleming County Kentucky, do certify on Oath that I was married to Apollos Cooper in Loudoun County Virginia on the 23<sup>d</sup> of January 1771, by the reverend parson Scott. That in the fall of 1775 my said husband joined the American army as Lieutenant in Capt. Simon Triplett's company of minute men, and in that capacity marched to Alexandria, and from there to Hampton in the lower part of Virginia That the said Apollos Cooper continued in the Army and received the appointment of Lieutenant in Capt. West's [Charles West's] Company 3<sup>rd</sup> Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Thomas Marshall, in which he continued as Lieutenant. And at the time of his death had received the appointment of Captain in said Regiment, and was in the discharge of that command when he was killed in the battle of Brandywine, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the eleventh day of September 1777. That the said Mary further states on Oath, that she had during her marriage with the said Apollos Cooper, the following children, to wit; Robert Cooper, born September 6[?], 1772, Jacob Cooper, born March 3, 1774, and Sarah Cooper, born January 12, 1776, all three of which are yet living. This deponent further states that she continued a widow from the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1777, the day of the death of her first

husband Apollos Cooper, until the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 1783, on which last day she was married, by the Rev'd Parson Thompson, to William Stoker She further states on Oath, that she always understood and believes that in consequence of her deceased husbands military services a military land warrant was obtained for 2666 acres of land in the name of Robert Cooper heir at law to Apollos Cooper deceased; And that further this deponent states of Oath she has never received from government or any officer or agent thereof, or any other person, either directly or indirectly, any pay that might be due her said husband at the time of his death or any pension, or any other thing in money or moneys worth, in consequence of the services or death or her said husband in the revolutionary army. That in and during the marriage and lifetime of her said first husband they were in easy circumstances: but from the affairs of the war and the loss of her husband therein, their pecuniary concerns became very much deranged, and she and children reduced measurably to poverty, in which situation she has always since continued. She therefore most humbly prays that she may be placed in the situation of all others situated as she is, and a pension granted her as others may have received in a similar situation, viewing the rank of her deceased husband.

Mary Stoker

State of Virginia Fauquier County to wit

This day [19 Apr 1839] personally came before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Anthony Ethell [pension application S6825], of said county a soldier of the Revolutionary war, aged eighty-two years or upwards and being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith, that he was intimately acquainted with Lieutenant Apollos Cooper, an Officer of the American Army of the Revolution, that the said Cooper first entered the Army as a Subaltern Officer in the Minute service early in the fall of seventeen hundred and seventy five Deponent is the more confident as to the statements herein made from the fact that he (being then about eighteen years of age) enlisted in the month of September seventeen hundred and seventy five into the said minute service, under the command of Captain Simon Triplett of Loudoun County, the said Apollos Cooper being Ensign to the company – And shortly thereafter the said company marched to Hampton in Virginia. That the said Apollos Cooper continued in the minute service until he was appointed as Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line early in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six. That he then turned in and being an active and much beloved Officer soon enlisted his quota of men chiefly if not totally from the ranks of the minute men) and marched as well as this deponent can now remember about midsummer 1776 towards the north, and was attached as this deponent always understood to Captain Wests company. These facts are the better recollected by deponent from the circumstance that he was enlisted himself at the time alluded to by the said Lieut. Apollos Cooper but through the interposition of Capt. Triplett he was released and continued in the minute service. Deponent never saw Lieut Cooper after his march to the north, but living in or near to the neighbourhood ever since from which the said Cooper at first marched he deponent always understood and believed, and it was in the neighbourhood generally understood and believed that the said Lieut Apollos Cooper was slain in the battle at Brandywine. [signed] Anthony Ethell

To the Executive of Virginia [6 Mar 1840]

The memorial of Jacob Cooper and Sarah Dobyens widow of James Dobyens dec'd. and late Sarah Cooper of the County of Mason State of Kentucky Respectfully represents that they are the children and only surviving heirs at law to Lieut. Apollos Cooper dec'd. who was an Officer of the army of the Revolution of the Continental line of Virg'a. – that they said Apollos Cooper entered the American Army early in the fall of 1775 as a Subaltern (Ensign or Lieut.) in the minute service in a company under the command of Capt. Simon Triplett from Loudoun County Virginia, that he continued in said service until he was appointed Lieutenant in the Continental line of Virg'a early in the year 1776, that he marched to the north in the 3<sup>d</sup> Virg'a Regiment and was attached it is believed to Capt. West Company that having continued in the service until the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1777 He was then killed in the action of Brandywine

(See No 1. Ethells [Anthony Ethell] & Murrays [Reuben Murray, pension application R7524] affidavits – No 2 Mary Stoker & James Reed Sen'rs affidavits herewith filed. See also Report of the Commissioner of Revolutionary claims Doc No 6 page 80) leaving a widow Mary Cooper and three Orphan Children Robert Cooper, Jacob Cooper and Sarah Cooper. That Mary the widow intermarried with one William Stoker, that both Stoker and his wife have been dead for years. That Robert Cooper died many years ago without any legitimate children leaving the said Jacob Cooper and Sarah Cooper, your memorialists his heirs at law, as may be seen by No 3 proof of heirship by James Reed and William Reed

Your Memorialists are advised that they are entitled to bounty land on account of the services of their deceased parent under the laws of Virg'a from early in the fall of 1775 until peace proclaimed say from September 1775 to the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1783 A term of seven years and seven months. A warrant having issued for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres there is yet due to your memorialists additional bounty land for One year and 7 months amounting to 703 acres.

The father of your memorialists being a meckanic his hope of rearing a family was built upon his own labour, but in the contest for liberty he sacrificed all and volunteered in the service of his country. the achievement of independence was in part the price of his blood, but the countries gain was your memorialists irretrievable loss. They were berieved in their infancy of their best friend and natural guardian and cast upon the world orphans in poverty. They remain poor and from their obscurity have never understood or been able to seek their rights Your Memorialists therefore pray that the additional land bounty due them whatever it may be, may be awarded them. And in duty bound they will &c

Jacob Cooper/ Sarah Dobyms  
by George Line their attorney in fact