

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cook R2247

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State of North Carolina County of Iredell: SS

On this 18th day of August A.D. 1856 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County and State aforesaid, now in session, John F Cook, only son now living of Thomas Cook, deceased, and the legally Constituted Administrator of his Mother Ann Cook, deceased, aged 73 years, a resident of said County and State declares as follows viz. That he and his sister Sarah Cook (she never having been married) of Iredell County, North Carolina on the only children now living of Thomas Cook and Ann Cook his wife, and that the former died in the year A.D. 1809 of the 31st day of August, and the latter on the 24th day of January in the year 1844. He further declares that his father the said Thomas Cook served as a soldier in the Militia "during the Revolutionary war". That the said Thomas Cook entered the Service of said War in the County of Rowan, and State of North Carolina, the day, month and year of his father's entrance into the service is not known. That he has heard his father say that he served in a company commanded by Captain David Crawford, and was at the Surrender of Charleston South Carolina in the spring of 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], and that he the said Thomas Cook was taken prisoner at said surrender of Charleston, and that he afterwards entered the service of his Country in said war and served to its close. That his said father the said Thomas Cook served as a soldier a period of two years or more during the war of the Revolution, and thereby became authorized to receive out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the amount of his full pay in the said service, according to his rank etc. Had he been living at the passage of the act of Congress entitled "an act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution approved June 7th 1832 (vide Stat. at Large, vol. 4, p. 528, ch. 126). He also declares that his said father and mother the said Thomas and Ann Cook were married in Henrico County in the State of Virginia on the 18th day of August in the year A. D. 1763 by an Episcopal Minister and published by the Banns, and that their marriage was recorded in the Prayer Book of his said Father which book is still in the possession of his Sister Sarah Cook. That owing to the long continued use of the said book in the family of his said father, and also of many of his neighbors the date of said marriage and births of all the children have been worn out, but that said marriage and births of himself and sister have been transcribed into his own family Bible. That said marriage took place "prior to the Commencement of the Revolutionary War" and before the expiration of the last period of his, the said Thomas Cook's service in said war, and that his said mother the said Ann Cook, remained unmarried from the period of the death of said Thomas Cook as aforesaid, to her death as aforesaid, she having deceased in her 100th year, was entitled to receive of and from the Government of the United States a pension from the 4th of March, 1831, to the 4th day of January 1844, the day of her death, under the Act of Congress approved July 4, 1836, section 3 (vide Stat. at Large, vol. 5, p. 128, ch. 362 or) which provides

that if any person who served in the war of the revolution, in the manner specified in the Act passed the 7th of June 1832, entitled "An act supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Revolution," have died, leaving a widow whose marriage took place before the expiration of the last period of his service, such widow shall be entitled to receive during the time she may remained unmarried, the annuity or pension which might have been allowed to her husband, by virtue of the act aforesaid if living at the time it was passed. He also declares that his said mother the said Ann Cook, either from ignorance of her rights as aforesaid, or from some other cause fifth not known to him did not make application for, nor received said annuity or pension, nor any portion thereof from the Government of the United States. He now makes this declaration in order to obtain the annuity due to himself and his sister Sarah Cook only surviving children of the said Thomas and Ann Cook, which annuity or pension was due to his said mother under act of four July 1836 as aforesaid, and in support of the justness, and the successful termination of this claim he herewith transmits with this declaration, his father's old parole which shows that his father the said Thomas Cook was taken prisoner at Charleston SC in May 1780 – and which parole has always been in his possession since his said father's death, and which was also in his father's possession during his lifetime.

He also declares that neither he nor his sister has never before made application for pension nor is not entitled under any other act of Congress.

S/ John F. Cook, X his mark

I do hereby acknowledge myself to be a Prisoner of War, upon my Parole, to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton, and that I am hereby engaged until I shall be exchanged, or otherwise released there from, to remain at my Plantation in the Parish of St Luke's in the County of Roan in the province of North Carolina and I shall not in the meantime do, or cause any Thing to be done, prejudicial to the Success of His Majesty's Arms, or have Intercourse or hold Correspondence with his Enemy; and that upon a Summons from his Excellency, or other Person having Authority thereto, that I shall surrender myself to him or them at such Time and place as shall hereafter be required. Witness my hand this 19th day of May 1780.

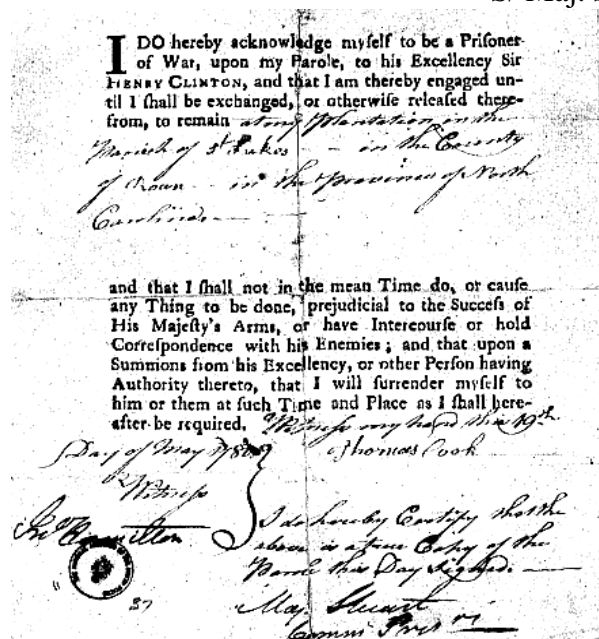
Witness

S/ Thomas Cook

S/ Jno. Hamilton

I do hereby Certify that the above is a true Copy of the Paroled this day.

S/ Maj. Stuart Comm^r Pris^{rs}



[pp 5-6: On August 18, 1856 in Iredell County North Carolina, John Murdoch, 65, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Thomas Cook, deceased and his wife Ann Cook along with all of their children whose names were William, Ann, Mary, Rebecca, Thomas, Nancy, Sarah, Robert, Margaret and John F Cook; that their youngest child John F Cook and Sarah are the only surviving children of Thomas and Ann Cook.]