

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Isaac Cook R2256

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State of North Carolina County of Yancey: SS

On this 21st day of June 1834 personally appeared before me William Dayton one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for the County of Yancey and State of North Carolina Isaac Cook Senior a resident of South Toe River and County of Yancey and State aforesaid aged about seventy-five 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 of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That according to the best information he can get, he was born in Charlotte County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759 and at the age of thirteen or fourteen his parents moved and brought him with them into Wilkes County in North Carolina, where he lived until thirty-eight years ago when he moved into Burke County where he has lived ever since, until about four years ago when he moved in to Buncombe County where he has lived ever since – but this part of Buncombe about six months ago was made part of the new County of Yancey. He was living in Wilkes County in Northing [sic] Carolina when he entered the Service in the War of the Revolution his first tour, he substituted in August 1784 one Livingston Izbell [Livingston Isbell?] for six weeks in a light horse company and found his own horse, and was placed under Captain John Cleaveland¹ [sic, John Cleveland] and Lieutenant Thomas Izbell [Thomas Isbell?], he says this company acted under the Orders of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland and Colonel Elisha Isaacs and Major Francis Hardgrove [Francis Hargrove?] – and says when this six weeks expired he continued in the company as a volunteer, and continued out for 10 or 12 weeks when the weather became so cold they were compelled to return home for more clothing, And as soon as they furnished themselves with clothing Colonel Isaacs ordered them out again under Captain Pendleton Izbell the[Pendleton Isbell?] and says he served upwards of three months before he was discharged. Soon after, he was discharged Colonel Isaacs and Colonel Cleveland issued orders to raise another company of foot man when he volunteered again as a private and served under the following officers Captain John Keys Lieutenant Thomas Izbell – Captain Samuel Johnson, Captain Beverly and Lieutenant Samuel Merrell and Colonel Cleveland and Colonel Isaacs and Major Hardgrove was his head commander's at all times this term of service commenced in January 1781 and that he served more than three months before he

¹ This third name is spelled with a double 'ee' throughout this application.

was discharged that he received his discharge in Salem North Carolina. That he served in all six months and over, besides several little scouting tours of fifteen or twenty days at a time, but don't claim but six months for his services, and all which he served as a private – That he was marched down the Deep River in North Carolina twice in the time of his first tour after the Tories and was in two skirmishes with them, each time in the night, and wounded one and took some prisoners and sent them to Salisbury. In his last term he was marched down to The River again after the Tories where they took a few straggling Tories at one time Colonel Benjamin Cleveland had their company with him at Major Lewis's on the Yadkin [River] where they were stationed for several weeks to keep off the Tories – and says when the Battle near the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin was fought, he was left with a party to guard some prisoners which prevented his being in the action, and says a Tory Colonel by the name of Elrod was killed in that battle. And further saith that he has no discharge to show, and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services, none of those with whom he served in the time of the Revolution are living in this part of the country, and if there is any of them alive yet, anywhere else he does not know it. And says he is not on any pension roll in this State nor no other state or United States, and that this is the first time he ever made Application to be put on the pension roll by the United States or any other State. Sworn to and subscribed to this day and year above written.

Attest: S/ Wm Dayton, JP

S/ Isaac Cook, X his mark

[John Woody and David Cox gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[J. B. McMahan, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

September the 19th 1834 Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Yancey and State of North Carolina Isaac Cook who being duly sworn according to law – and the following interrogatories being propounded, has given the following answers

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ansr. In Charlotte County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759 –

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ansr. I have an old record of it in my possession –

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ansr. I was living in Wilkes County in North Carolina, and continued to live there until about 38 or nine years ago, when I removed to Burke County where I lived until four or five years ago when I moved to Buncombe County but now Yancey County where I am living at present –

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ansr. I first entered as a substitute in 1784 one Levingston Izbell [Livingston Isbell?] and afterwards in all my other tours, I was a volunteer, and always served as a private –

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ansr. There was Colonel Isaacs, Colonel Cleveland and Major Hargroves Captain John Cleveland, Captain Pendleton Izbell, Captain keys, Captain Johnson and Captain Beverly and Lieutenant Thomas Izbell and Lieutenant Merrell – In his first tour he marched twice as low down the country as Deep River and was in two skirmishes with the Tories – In his last tour he was marched down on deep River where they took a few prisoners – and says at one time

Colonel Cleveland marched them to Major Lewis's on the Yadkin River where they were stationed for several weeks to keep off the Tories – and says when the Battle near the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin was fought he was with the troops and was left to guard some prisoners, and was within hearing of the guns –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ansr. I received a discharge in Salem from Captain Izbell but it is destroyed or lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ansr. There is John Woody and David Cox and all my neighbors.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State or United States.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John W McElroy, JP

S/ Isaac Cook, X his mark

[Elender Riddle filed a power of attorney dated October 26, 1852 to which is appended a note appearing beneath her mark stating she is the daughter of Isaac Cook. No county or state is shown.]