

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cook R2278

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State of Indiana Bartholomew County

On this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared before Thomas Overman a Justice of the peace in and for Bartholomew County and State of Indiana, Thomas Cook a resident of Sand Creek Township in Bartholomew County and State of Indiana aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the year – month of January in the year – 1776 and the then County of Dobbs in the State of North Carolina (the day of said month is not precisely remembered but it was before the 15th day of said month) he volunteered as a private soldier in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the Militia of the State of North Carolina in a company commanded by Captain John Shepherd [John Sheppard] Lieutenant William Faircloth and Ensign Samuel Pope in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Abram Shepherd [Abraham Sheppard] and the whole troop to which he belonged was commanded by General Richard Caswell that he served until the 10th of March of the same year is not positive as to the precise day of the month but believes it was the 10th when he returned home having been discharged by Colonel Shepard, during this service he was in the Battles of Black River and Moore's Creek bridge [February 27, 1776]. General McCloud [sic, Maj. Donald McLeod] the British commander – was killed in the latter battle. About the last of March 1776 while being in said Dobbs County he together with his neighbors volunteered their services and he said Thomas Cook was by them elected their Captain they marched under his command to Kingston [sic, Kinston] – the then head quarters – but their services not being wanted they returned home after an absence of about one week. He said Thomas Cook sustained out of his money the expense and provisions for his Company to Kingston about forty miles for which he was never reimbursed. In the month of April in the year 1776 he was commissioned an Ensign by the State of North Carolina and held the same for about one year sometime in the month of August in the same year he with his neighbors volunteered and marched about 10 miles on Contentnea Creek to meet the Tories. After about 10 days not finding any then they returned home which was all the service he performed during that period except sitting on Court-Martials in trying delinquents and ascertaining who was liable to perform Military duty, and who was examined in the month of April 1777 the day of month – he does not remember – he was commissioned a Captain by the same State and in a very few days thereafter he thinks not more than 20 – by Colonel James Glasgow's orders he mustered his company for a draft of men which was done which was the

last service he was called upon to perform during the war he never received any written discharge. He has no documentary evidence of his services but he believes he can prove some of his services by James Perishoe [?]¹ now a resident of Bartholomew County, but knows of no other person by whom he can prove his services within his power to obtain his testimony. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State or Territory.

S/ Thomas Cook, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Overman, JP

[William Arnold, a clergyman, and Benjamin Ellis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

In answer to questions² put to him by said Justice of the peace he the said Thomas Cook further states that he was born in Dobbs County in the State of North Carolina on the 14th day of April 1754. That he has no record of his age. That his father had one but that he does not know where it now is. That he was living in Dobbs County North Carolina at the time he was called into service. That he lived in what was then called Dobbs County until about 18 years ago when he moved to Edgecombe County where he resided about two years since then he has resided in Bartholomew County State of Indiana. He was called into service as a volunteer. His regular officers were the same as those stated in his declaration. He never received a written discharge. His commission as Ensign was signed by Abram Shepherd. His commission as Captain was signed by James Glasgow. He is known to William Arnold and Benjamin Ellis who attest to his veracity.

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State of Indiana Bartholomew County: SS

On this eighth day of November in the year of our Lord 1837 personally came before Thomas Overman a Justice of the peace in and for Bartholomew County and State of Indiana [James Perishoe] who being first duly sworn saith that he remembered that Thomas Cook was in the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war in the State of North Carolina and also remembers that said Thomas Cook was in some office But – does not know what office. But – knows of his being out more than one time But does not know how long he served he further saith not. The day and year above written.

James Perishoe

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

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.

S/ James Perishoe, X his mark

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[A letter in the file indicates that the veteran his application was rejected because he failed to furnish proof of six months service as required under the 1832 act.]