

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Cooper R2298                      Jane Cooper                      VA  
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State of Tennessee                      } SS

Green [sic: Greene] County                      }                      On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace Mrs Jane Cooper a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pension to certain widows That she is the widow of Christopher Cooper who was a soldier in the Regular service in the state of Virginia in the war of the Revolution for particulars she refers to a declaration made by her husband the aforesaid Christopher Cooper in the year 1830 [not found] She further declares that she was married to the said Christopher Cooper on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October seventeen hundred and eighty six That her husband the aforesaid Christopher Cooper died on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1830 that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the services but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninty four viz at the time above stated and she is still a widow  
Jane herXmark Cooper

State of Tennessee                      } SS.

Green County                      }

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty two I John Kidwell Sr. an acting Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, attended at the residence of Jane Cooper aged eighty four years a resident of Green County and state of Tennessee, she being unable from bodily infirmity to attend court for the purpose of making her declaration: who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by acts of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, July 4<sup>th</sup> 1836, and July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838, To Wit: That she is the widow of Christopher Cooper who was a soldier in the war of the Revolution in a company commanded by Capt [blank] in the Brigade commanded by General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens], he volunteered in the County of Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] & State of Virginia, and served during the last five years of the war of the Revolution and was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in Virginia [19 Oct 1781], she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim, and she states to the best of her recollection the traditionary evidence given her by her husband in his life time – She has often heard her husband tell over the names of his officers and incidents of the war, but from old age and consequent loss of memory has forgotten them. Further states that in 1829 her husband commenced having his claim prepared, but died on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1830 aged seventy seven years when he died, proceedings then stoped till the present time. Declarant states that she was married to the said Christopher Cooper in the County of Bottetourt and State of Virginia on or about 20<sup>th</sup> day of October one thousand seven hundred and eighty six and remained his widow ever since his death. She state that Zaffa Johnston [sic: Zopher Johnson, pension application S1840] whose affidavit is hereto annexed was a Revolutionary Pensioner and is now dead, and does not know of any living witness by whom she can prove the services of her said husband and must depend upon his general reputation and such other evidence as she may be able to procure. She was married after the year 1783 and before the year 1794 as stated in the foregoing declaration She further states that she has heard her husband state that he acted as commissary in the company in which he belonged.  
Jane Cooper

State of Tennessee} This day personally appear Zopher Johnston aged about 68 years  
Green County } before me John Hardin one of the acting justices of the peace in & for the said  
County and makes oath in due form of law that Christopher Cooper Seignor was a Soldier in the old  
revolution war under the command of General Stephens  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of September 1829

Zopher hisXmark Johnston

State of Tennessee } ss  
Green County }

Be it known that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1852 Personally appeared before me James McCollum  
an acting Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid Ephraim Doty aged fifty six  
years a resident of Green county and state of Tennessee, a witness with whom I am well acquainted and  
whose evidence is entitled to full faith and credit, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his  
oath depose and state as follows

To Wit: That, he has been well acquainted with Christopher Cooper for sixteen years previous to his  
death which took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1830, and the said Cooper and Jane his wife who has  
sworn to and subscribed the foregoing declaration lived together in all honorable relations of man and  
and wife; witness states that he has often heard the said Cooper tell over the incidents of his services in  
the war of the Revolution; that the said Cooper was generally believed and understood in the  
neighborhood where he lived, to have been a Revolutionary soldier, said Cooper has often told witness  
that he was never drafted nor enlisted, but whenever a call for soldiers he volunteered and served the  
United States from Bottetourt County in Virginia in five different campaigns against the British and  
Tories, and that he was in the service at Yorktown in Virginia when Cornwallis surrendered to General  
Washington. Witness also states that he has heard the said Cooper say he was at one time under the  
Command of Charles Lucas he believes a Capt of a company of Cavalry, sent in pursuit of a Tory Maj  
Gray either in north or South Carolina, Witness states that he always understood from said Cooper, that a  
part of his services was in the Cavalry, but does not remember the names of the officers under whom he  
served he believes that some efforts were commenced by said Cooper to prepare his claim previous to his  
death. Further this deponent saith not Ephraim Doty

State of Tennessee }  
Green County }

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1852 personally appeared in Open Court, before the Court of Green  
County now sitting, Jane Cooper aged eighty five years, a resident citizen of the county and state  
aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration  
(supplementary to a former declaration now on file) in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made  
by acts of Congress, passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832, and subsequent acts, for the benefit of widows of  
Revolutionary Officers and Soldiers –

That she is the widow of Christopher Cooper who was an orderly or first Sergeant in the Army of  
the Revolution from the County of Bottetourt and State of Virginia, and served (as she was informed by  
her husband in his life time) during the last five years of the war of the Revolution, and was at the taking  
Cornwallis at the siege of Yorktown on the [blank] day of [blank] in the state of Virginia. She further  
declares that she has no documentary evidence of the services of the said Cooper, but having made  
application to the Auditor of the state of Va. for that purpose, which will be produced if to be found in  
that office. She has often heard her husband say that he was always a volunteer or substitute, that he  
never enlisted or was drafted, but being a young man was, always ready to serve whenever there was a  
call for men, either as a volunteer or substitute, have heard him speak of Col Russell, Captains Lewis,  
Gilmer, Crocket, Wallace, Cartmell and Paxten [see endnote], and perhaps others which she does not

remember, all of which she offers, as traditionary evidence as handed down to her by said Cooper in his life time, does not now remember the Officers of different services performed by him, and further she knows not of the service She further declares that she was married to the said Cooper on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty six in the County of Bottetout & State of Virginia and have had diligent search made of records of said County for record evidence of her marriage and failed to obtain the same, and must depend upon general reputation to establish that fact for want of Record evidence, and that she has remained the widow of the said Christopher Cooper ever since that period, which will more fully appear from the proof annexed She further declares that the said Cooper departed this life on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1830 at the age of seventy six years. Jane herXmark Cooper  
[Certified by John Malony, Chairman of the County Court of Green County.]

NOTES:

Capt. John Lewis, Capt. Gilmore, Maj. Hugh Crockett, Capt. Cartmell, and Capt. John Paxton were all officers in the Botetourt County Militia.

On 5 Oct 1852 Catharine Malony stated that she was the eldest daughter of Christopher and Jane Cooper, and that she had been told by her parents that she was born on 2 March 1788, that she married Robert Maloney on 9 May 1805, that her oldest child was born on 1 April 1807, and that her husband made the family record transcribed below. She also stated that a book containing the original family record "was left in the possession of the only son of said Christopher who took it with him to the state of Missouri when he left this state about one year since."

Christopher Cooper His Book

Christopher Cooper and Jane Brown was married October the 20<sup>th</sup> 1786

Catharine Cooper was Born March the 2 1789

Phebe Cooper was Born Aprile the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1791

Elisabeth Cooper was Born July the 8<sup>th</sup> 1793

Christopher Cooper was Born September the 25<sup>th</sup> 1795 [or 1798]