Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cooper R2300
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[Punctuation partly corrected.]
State of Georgia } s.s. Be it known —
County of Wilkes } That on this 16th day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of th Inferior Court within and for the County of Wilkes in the State of Georgia James Cooper who being sworn in due form of Law on his oath deposeth and saith That he is fifty six years of age that Joseph W. Cooper of Macon County Alabama, Elizabeth McMekin of Wilkes County Georgia, Gideon Cooper of Chambers County Alabama, this deponent of Wilkes County Georgia and Thomas Cooper of Columbia County Georgia are the only living children of John Cooper, late of Wilkes County George deceased, that the said John Cooper went into the American Revolution against Great Britain from Henry County, Virginia and as a private Soldier served in the artillery of the Virginia Continental Line for the period of three years immediately preceding the close of the Revolution. That whilst the said John Cooper was in service he was under the command of Colonel [Edward] Carrington, as will appear by reference to the certificate of the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Virginia, hereunto annexed. That the certificate of discharge of the said John Cooper is lost or mislaid so that deponent does not know where the same is at this time. that the said John Cooper was married in the County of Henry in the State of Virginia in the year 1778 and before his the said Coopers going into the Revolution which will more satisfactorally appear by reference to the obituary of John W. Cooper herewith forwarded, who was the third child of John Cooper, Sol'r, as aforesaid. that the said John W. Cooper was Born in the State of Virginia previous to the removal of John Cooper, Sol'r. as aforesaid to the State of Georgia which was to the best of the knowledge of deponent in the fall of the year 1785. That John Cooper Soldier as aforesaid resided in Wilkes County in the State of Georgia from the time of his removal from Virginia until his the said John Coopers death, which took place in the month of November in the year 1835. that the said John Cooper Sol'r. as aforesaid died leaving a widow who also died in Wilkes County in the State of Georgia in the month of August in the year 1836, leaving the children as above named, and that deponent does now for himself and as agent for his living Sister and Brothers make this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the acts of Congress which are at this time of force in the United States and passed by the same for the benefit of the officers and Soldiers of the American Revolution against Great Britain, their widows or living children who have Pension and Bounty land claims under said acts of Congress as aforesaid, and that there has never been any claim set up for the services of John Cooper Sol'r. as aforesaid in this or any other State in the United States except the present. that deponent makes this declaration from his knowledge of the Family Records and traditional evidence of his Father, John Cooper Soldier as aforesaid

[signed] James Cooper

NOTE: The obituary referred to begins: "Departed this life at his residence in Houston county, on the 31st of May, Rev. Jno. W. Cooper. He was born January 17th 1783. He made a public profession of religion in Wilkes county, in 1810, and was set apart to the gospel ministry, in Monroe county, in 1828." It refers to "a large family of children" and "his aged companion."