

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Christopher Cooper R2303 Permelia Cooper VA
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State of Tennessee }
Wilson County }

On this 9th day of July in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared, before me Jehu McMinn one of the acting justices of the peace for said County and a member of the county court of the same it being a court of record, Christopher Cooper Esq'r. a resident of said County and State aged eighty [three] years the 12th day of last May, who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein states. (viz)

He was born in Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County in the state of Virginia on the 12th day of May 1750 and lived there upwards of twenty two years and then he removed form there into Washington County in Virginia on Clinch river where he entered the Service under Col William Russel [sic: William Russell] in [Col. Andrew] Lewis's Campaign against the northwest Indians and was in the battle at the mouth of the great Kanhaway river on the 10th day of October 1774 [Battle of Point Pleasant at the mouth of Kanawha River] and then returned home on Clinch river He thinks he was gone about four months for which he received a discharged but not in writing. Then in the year 1775 He was called out as a sergeant with twelve men to assist in building of a fort and in the same year assisted in building of three other forts. The next year he Volunteered as Ensign in Capt Isaac Blechers Company and Col. William Christians Campaign against Cherokee Indians upper towns [early Oct 1776] whre he continued for three [or] four months and then returned home by receiving a verbal discharge, the next year he was appointed Lieutenant in Capt. Thomas maston's Company under Col. Arthur Campbell [against?] the Chiccamogga [sic: Chickamauga] Indians but was taken sick and never reached the place. in the year 1778 he was called out as Ensign in John Snoddys Company under the command of Major Daniel Smith [against?] the Indians at Boonsborough [Boonesborough] in Kentucky which he thinks gone about two months as near as he can ascertain

Then in the year 1779 he was Called out on many scouts after the Indians in which year his father & Brother was killed at Cowens fort & two young women was taken prisoners and he was one of the party that pursued and retook them again, he was sixteen days on said scout. in the year 1780 about the first day of September he was ordered out by Col. Arthur Campbell of Washington County Virginia under the command of Col. William Campbell as Ensign or Lieutenant over twenty men but cannot recollect which but had a commission signed by Partrick Henry Governor of Virginia [sic: Patrick Henry, 5 Jul 1776 - 1 Jun 1779] which commission is lost or mislaid so it cannot be found then he proceded on to the battle of Kings mountain passing through part of South Carolina and marching on near to the place but did not reach it untill the battle was over [17 Oct 1780], then he was marched to the yadkin river and then was hurried with all speed home to defend the frontiers against the Indians. he thinks he was out at this time about three months. and then he was out upon scouts frequently untill the year 1791 at one time he knows he was out thirty one or two days after the Indians in the year 1794 he removed to the state of Tennessee Sumner County and then he removed to Wilson County in said State where he now lives So this applicant has received discharges but verbally and also says he never received a written discharge during the war for the term of thirteen months and sixteen days

Owing to old age and the frailty of his memory he is not able to State all the dates and times that he served nor more particulars about the same than he has stated. he has no documentary evidence of his services nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove his services

He would state that he is known to a large number of respectable neighbors and believes they would testify to his character for veracity, among whom he would name the following (viz) Thomas Leech Jehu McMinn, Robert Marshall – Abner Alexander, George Bogle – James Odom Samuel Bryson Sen'r John Bryson – Absalon Davinport Mathew Summers, &c &c &c

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 [signed] Christopher Cooper

NOTE: On 20 July 1850 Permelia Cooper, 84, of Cannon County TN, applied for a pension stating that as Permelia Hogg she married Christopher Cooper on 6 June 1784. She stated that Christopher Cooper died in Cannon County on 21 Sep 1833 leaving the following nine children: Sarah aged 65; Frances, 63; Mary, 62; Francis, 53; Abraham, 60; Stephen, 56; Elisabeth, 51; Benjeman B., 48; and Nancy, 43. Her statement was certified by Frances Cooper, 90, and Abraham Cooper, 85. In the file is the family record transcribed below, certified on 14 Jan 1851 in Cannon County by Epaphroditus Frances and Benjamin B. Cooper as being in a Bible then owned by Benjamin B. Cooper with the record of the marriage of Christopher and Permelia Cooper in the handwriting of Christopher Cooper..

Christopher Cooper was Born in the year of our Lord May 12 day 1750

John C Cooper son of B B Cooper & Rebeca Cooper his wife was born in the year of or Lord Sept 17th 1825

Alden J Cooper was born Sept 13th 1826

Sarah J Cooper was born June 9th 1828

William B Cooper was born Oct 30th 1829

Jememah M Cooper was born December 18th 1831

Abner D Cooper was born August 12th 1834

Lockey H Cooper was born Sept 23th 1840

Preston P Cooper was born March 11th 1842

Mary Ezabeth Cooper was born July 11th 1845

Christopher Cooper and Permelia Hogg was Married May 6 day 1784

Sarah Cooper The Daughter of Christopher & Permelia cooper was born in the year of our lord March 13th 1785. at this present 32

Frances Cooper was Born in the year of our lord July 29th 1787 Present 30

Mary Cooper was born in the year of our lord May 20th 1788 29

Abraham Cooper Was born in the year of our lord February 23rd 1790 – Present 27

John Cooper was born in the year of our lord April 30th 1792 Present 25

Stephen Cooper was born in the year of our lord November 14th 1794. Present 23

Francis Cooper was born in the year of our lord March 27 1797 – Present 20

Elizabeth Cooper was born in the year of our lord November 14th 1799 – Present 1[?]

Benjamin B. Cooper was born in the year of our lord February 23rd 1802 P 15

Laundy Cooper born January 20th 1804 – P 13

Nancy Cooper born May 31st 1807. Present 10

Stephen Cooper his hand and Pen