

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cox R2400

Elizabeth Cox

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State of North Carolina Moore County: SS

On this 30th day of July 1845 Personally appeared in open Court Merell Cox¹ a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed the 4th day of July 1836. That he is the son of Elizabeth Cox who was the widow of William Cox: and that during the war of the Revolution the said William Cox served as a Captain of a company of militia and North Carolina in Colonel Alston's [Philip Alston's] Regiment for the term of three years as he has often heard him say – and that his said Father Captain William Cox was married to his said mother Elizabeth Cox, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Wadsworth, in the County of Cumberland in the year 1780, and he further saith that his said Father Captain William Cox died in the year 1832, and was at his death about eighty years old, leaving his said Mother Elizabeth Cox a widow and that she remained a widow from that time up to the day of her death which took place on the 29th day of July 1844, and was at the time about eighty-five years old, and that the following named children survived her the said Elizabeth Cox, namely, myself Merell Cox, Nancy Cox who married Samuel Due [sic, Samuel Dew?], Manerva Cox, Margaret Cox who married Thomas Fry, Irvin Cox and Rody Cox who married Thomas B. Fry and he further saith that he is sixty-three years old – and that his said Mother Elizabeth Cox had one child older than himself who died when very young and him and he further saith that he supposes the reason his mother never made application for a pension was she did not know she was entitled as he never heard her speak of making application and that when he himself learned that there was provision made whereby the children of those who served in the Revolutionary war might obtain what was due there Mother or their Father's services has made application for himself, Brother & Sisters for what was due his Mother for his Father's services rendered in the Revolutionary war as within stated – and he does hereby relinquish all claim to a pension except the present.

Sworn to and subscribed before me in open court the day and year first above written.

Sworn to in open court July 30th 1845.

S/ A. C. Curry, Clk

S/ M. Cox



¹ This name is spelled variously throughout this file including “Merrill Cox,” “Merell Cox,” “Merrell Cox.”

[p 5: On September 18, 1845, in Moore County North Carolina, Mrs. Mary Fry, 81, gave testimony in support of the above application stating that she is the sister of William Cox who served as a Captain in the revolutionary war over a company of militia; that she saw him in command of a militia company several times during the revolutionary war as he passed by their Father's house and has heard him speak of his service in the war many times; that he married Elizabeth Wadsworth in Cumberland County in the latter part of 1780; that they had a child while her brother was still in service but this child died when. About six weeks old; they had a second child, Merrell Cox by name, in the year 1782 and about which time her brother quit the service; she names of the same children as are named in the above application.]

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State of North Carolina Davidson County: SS: On this 18th day of August 1846, Personally appeared before me Jesse Gallimore one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Joseph Northern² a resident of the County aforesaid and a pensioner of the United States & after being first sworn in due form of law on his oath make the following statements

That in the days of the Revolutionary war, he was well acquainted with Captain William Cox who was Commanding a company in the Year 1781, in North Carolina Moore County, at the time Fanon [David Fanning] with his Tory Army was plundering through the Eastern part of North Carolina, a report being at that time in circulation, that Fanon had killed Captain Cox, deponent, with a class in Rowan County North Carolina, Volunteered, and in Randolph County North Carolina joined other soldiers under Lieutenant Manning Brookshire, who made the company to understand, Cox & Fanon, a short time prior thereto, had a battle, And that Fanon's men overpowered Cox & company & killed 10 or 15 of them in battle, deponent being marched off & under Lieutenant Brookshire joined Captain Cox at Deep River Moore County North Carolina and after being with Captain Cox three days, the front Guard returned to the Company, stating Fanon was stationed with less than two miles of Cox's Company, deponent distinctly recollects the reply of Captain Cox, that if Fanon had five hundred men, he would fight him in the morning, although Cox's number was seventy accordingly the morning after the battle commenced about the sun rising & deponent well recollects the hill on which the battle was fought, it being at or near the ground whereon J. B. Kelly's house of residence now stands, near the stream of Richland Creek in Moore County North Carolina. And the enemy being taken on surprise they left the field in many directions, leaving on the ground 4 men killed & 7 wounded and considerable of property, to wit, five horses, on them bridles & saddles, some firearms, one large hat with a silver star on the crown supposed to be Fanon's hat – many cooking utensils –

And one thing deponent will never forget, the enemy's left on the battleground as above named One cart & a horse tied together, and in the cart, a barrel & that more than half full of good old Brandy, and after having served at least three months under the aforesaid Captain William Cox was discharged from the Army. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written before me

S/ J. Gallimore, JP

S/ Joseph Northern, X his mark

[p 30: Certificate dated September 22, 1845 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to one William Cox for military service during the revolutionary war.]

[p 34: Affidavit dated September 18, 1845 in Moore County North Carolina by Elizabeth

² Sic, [Joseph Nothern \(alias Davis\) S7274](#)

Caddell, 78, in support of the application for a pension. She states that her husband William Caddell was a soldier of the revolution and served under William Cox as Captain although she does not recollect the length of time of such service. fn. p. 43, affidavit dated May 3, 1845, in Moore County, given by William Caddell, 45, stating his recollection of his father statements of having served under Captain William Cox during the revolution.]