

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Cox R2408  
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State of North Carolina County of Stokes

On this the first day of March A.D. 1852 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Jesse Cox a resident of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina aged seventy-five years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 4th day of July A.D. 1836: That he is the son and heir at law of Mary Cox who was the widow of Joshua Cox deceased, and the said Joshua Cox was an officer in the war of the Revolution. Some part of the time he was a recruiting officer and the balance of the time he was a Captain and served in said war as such and further that the said Joshua Cox served in said war as a private, refer to the proofs sent with this. He further declares that he believes that his father was married to his mother, Mary Cox, in the AD 1770. That his father Captain Joshua Cox died at his residence in Stokes County in the State aforesaid on the first day of October 1821 and that his mother, the widow of the said Joshua Cox, died at her residence on the 11th day of January 1837. That she was still the widow of the said Joshua Cox: and that she left three children, who survived her whose names are as follows: Joshua Cox, Jesse Cox and Mary Halbert called this fact will more fully appear by reference to other proofs herewith presented. He makes this declaration for his brother and sister, or their heirs, as well as for himself: Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ Jas Rierson [?], JP

S/ Jesse Cox

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Cox", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[fn p. 40: Jesse Cox filed a similar application adding reference to another sibling, Catharine Cox as having also survived his mother, but who, along with all his other siblings are now dead.]

[fn p. 19: To support his application, the applicant relied on the evidence contained in the pension application of John Fields [[John Fields S8471](#)] in which that veteran claimed service under Capt. Joshua Cox. The War Department acknowledged that service but says that it only proved the 42-day service specifically claimed by Fields under Cox.]

[fn p. 5: Copy of a marriage bond dated May 7, 1769, issued in Rowan County North Carolina to secure the marriage of Joseph Cox to Mary Neal. The bondsmen were Joshua Cox, Adam Mitchell, Thomas Neal, and Richard Cox]

[fn p. 31]

State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

On this the 14th day of September 1853 before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared William Moore aged seventy-nine years a resident of Stokes County and State aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement concerning the services of Joshua Cox in the Revolutionary War. He states first that he knew said Cox in the time of said war for he, Cox, served near his Father's, and that he believes Cox done a great deal of service during the war, both as a private and as Captain, for at his Father's there was a kind of barracks where the officers trained their men for the war, for he recollects perfectly well to have seen them drilling at his Father's for days together. Some were drilling on horse back and others on foot and he thinks that there were militia companies ordered out by Colonels John Armstrong or Winston, he don't think that these men made very long trips, before they would return there were a great many Tories in Surry County and they had to fight them a great deal and no doubt but they fought the British when they were in North Carolina. And in particular he states that he saw the said Joshua Cox, among these men at his Father's who were drilling, and a part of the time the said Cox was Captain, for he recollects very well to have seen him mustering his men at his Father's until they got ready to start off, but how long was gone, or how long he served he can't say but he can't say that he has good reasons to believe that the said Joshua Cox was a good soldier and done good deal of service in that war for he lived close by Captain Cox, aforesaid, and knew him in time of the war and after the war and he was always considered as having rendered to his country much good service in that war and no one ever doubted that fact as he knows of and he knew him until the said Cox died and moreover he states the said Joshua Cox married one Miss Neal, and they had several children all of whom are dead but one, whose name is Jesse Cox, And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Wm Moore

[fn p. 35]

State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

On this the 13 day of September 1855 before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County & state aforesaid personally appeared James Nichiston<sup>1</sup> a pensioner of the United States for services in the Revolutionary war aged eighty-eight years a resident of Stokes County in the State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement relative to the services of Joshua Cox's services in the Revolutionary War. He states that he knew Joshua Cox in time of war, before he himself went to the war, and knows that said Cox served in the war, as a private and a Captain from what he saw and heard said Joshua Cox say about serving and other people said to about Cox as a good soldier, he states that he lived in the same neighborhood with Mr. Joshua Cox aforesaid before he went to the war himself and knows as he knows other neighborhood reports said Cox was appointed Captain over a company of men in Surry County North Carolina to keep down the Tories for they were very bad in that

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<sup>1</sup> [James Nicholson \(Nickeston, Nicheston\) S8918](#)

part of the County of Surry, together with Captain Cloud, Colonels Jack and James Martin, Colonels Armstrong, Winston and Williams together with many others, and he states that about 2 1/2 years before the war closed that he himself joined the Continental Army though under age his father Isaac Nichelston belonged to the same Army and took him to the Army though very young and that after the war ended he came back home to Surry and the said Captain John Joshua Cox was still serving in the same County of Surry and that was at said Cox's house many times and heard him talk about the war. And further he states that on a certain occasion Captain Cox in company with Colonel Martin in an engagement with the Tories, and perhaps some British the said Cox had his horse killed under him and says this engagement took place near where he lived, and that he has no doubt that said Cox did much good service to his Country in that war, but he can't tell how much, certainty, And he states moreover, that the said Cox married into the Neal family and that they had several children of home all died but one son whose name is Jesse Cox, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ James Nichelston, X his mark

[fn p. 24: Certificate dated November 23, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing miscellaneous payments made to a Joshua Cox for military service during the revolution.]