

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Reuben Cook S10483

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State of Alabama Fayette County

On this 1st day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open court before Walter Harkins Judge of the County Court of Fayette County now sitting Reuben Cook a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Alabama aged about seventy-three years 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the militia sometime about the last of November 1776 in Onslow County North Carolina under the following named officers, Captain John King who was commanded by Colonel Philip Alston and Generals Bryant [William Bryant] and Ash [sic, John Ashe] and marched from Onslow County to Elizabeth and from thence to near Charleston South Carolina and from thence to Augusta and from thence to Briar Creek¹ where the Army was defeated by the British and Tories and Colonel Alston taken prisoner, and rendezvoused again at the White House near General Rutherford's station and from there to Black swamp in South Carolina and thence to Onslow County in North Carolina where I received a discharge sometime about the last of April 1777: I again entered the service in the militia sometime in January 1780 in Onslow County North Carolina under Captain William Cray who was commanded by [Lt.] Colonel Reuben Grant and General Livingston [sic, John Alexander Lillington?] and marched from thence to Kingston [sic, Kinston] North Carolina and there received a discharge about the last of April 1780. I again entered the service in the Militia sometime about the last of June or first of July 1780 under Captain Murrill who was commanded by Colonel John Spicer and marched from Onslow County to the Cross roads in Duplin County North Carolina and from thence to the richland chappell [sic, Richland Chapel] in Onslow County North Carolina where I received a discharge sometime about the first of October 1780 all three of which discharges are lost or mislaid so that they cannot be found and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any cat state, Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Walter Harkins, Judge

S/ Reuben Cook, X his mark

Test: S Daniel Peyton, Clerk

[John G Morris and Samuel Caple gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ The battle of Briar Creek occurred on March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

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State of Alabama Fayette County:

On this 2nd day of September 1833 personally appeared in vacation before the Honorable Walter Harkins Judge of the County court of Fayette County Alabama Reuben Cook a resident of said County and State aged about seventy-three years 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the militia sometime about the last of November 1776 in Onslow County North Carolina under the command of Captain John King, who was commanded by Colonel Philip Alston and Generals Bryant and Ash and marched from Onslow County to Elizabeth thence to near Charleston South Carolina thence to Augusta and thence to Briar Creek where the Army was defeated by the British and Tories and Colonel Alston taken prisoner and the Army retreated and gathered again at the White House near General Rutherford's station and from thence we marched to Black Swamp in South Carolina thence to Onslow County where I received a discharge sometime about the last of April 1777, making a service of full five months. Again I entered the service in the Militia sometime in January 1780 in Onslow County North Carolina under the command of Captain William Cray who was commanded by Colonel Reuben Grant and General Livingston and marched from thence to Kingston North Carolina and there received a discharge about the last of April 1780, making a service of full three months. I again entered the service in the Militia about the last of June or the first of July 1780 under the command of Captain Murrill who was commanded by Colonel John Spicer and marched from Onslow County to the cross roads in Duplin County North Carolina thence to richland Chappell in Onslow County North Carolina where I received a discharge about the first of October 1780 making a service of three months and for such service I claim a pension. All three of which discharges are lost or mislaid so that they cannot be found and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service and that there is no clergyman living in my vicinity to certify to my credibility. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Jas. B. Morton, Clk

S/ Reuben Cook, X his mark

Question

1st Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in 1760 in Pitts [sic, Pitt County] County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have a record of my age in a sermon Book taken from my father's record

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

A. When I was called into service I was a citizen of Onslow County North Carolina since the revolutionary war I have lived in South Carolina and Kentucky and am now living in Fayette County Alabama

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

A. Each term of service I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of

your service.

A. Besides the officers who commanded me there was Colonel Melvidy [sic, probably a reference to Colonel Malmedy, a Frenchman), Captain Coleman, Captain Decotes – and others which from the lapse of time I have forgotten the names.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. Yes my first discharge was given me by Captain John King the second by Colonel Reuben Grant, and the third by Colonel John Spicer all three of which discharges when I moved to South Carolina I left in my father's chest in Duplin County North Carolina, and at this time I do not know what has become of them but I have no doubt they are finally destroyed

[John G Morris and Samuel Caple gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]