

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Cox S15383

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State of Kentucky Simpson County: SCT

On this 1st day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Circuit Court of Simpson County and State aforesaid now sitting, Solomon Cox a resident of said County and State aforesaid, aged Eighty 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 was born in North Carolina Currituck County & has no record of his age,¹ that he entered the service of the United States as a militia or minute man under the following named officers, and served as hereinafter stated, that he served three months tour of duty under Captain Andrew Dukes [sic, Andrew Duke] in the County of Currituck, State of North Carolina, where he then lived until the close of the war, one Major was by the name of William Furby [sic, William Furley]. He states that Cols. Gideon Lamb and Peter Dozier [sic, Peter Dauge] were the officers that they were commanded by. He was in frequent skirmishes with the British and Tories in and about the great swamp in Currituck and Campbell Counties. He was then called out by Captain George Powers and continued to skirmish after the British and Tories some time under the command of one officer & then under another. There was one Caleb Power & Thomas Cox whose names as captains he recollects, but he served under others whose names he does not recollect. From the time that he was first called out, the date he does not now recollect, until the close of the Revolutionary war it was eighteen months according to his best recollection at this time, and states that he served those eighteen months as before stated, he recollects that he was frequently under the command of General Isaac Gregory, and under his

¹ Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

immediate command, and we had to retreat from the British down to the great swamp, there we were reinforced and we drove the British down to Norfolk Virginia and forced them to take shipping. He states that during the eighteen months aforesaid he was ordered out by Col. Gideon Lamb to the support of Col. John Wilson of the regular Army at the great bridge in Virginia where Fordice or Prodice [sic, Charles Fordyce],² he does not recollect which name nor his rank in the Army, was defeated & killed. He recollects having an engagement with the Tories in the great swamp already alluded to and killed one white Tory and took two black Tories prisoners & hung them, the Negro Tories were by the names of Sandy & Bob. He cannot say how many routes & skirmishes he had after British & Tories, but they were frequent during his eighteen months service aforesaid. The dates & particular names of places & officers owing to the length of time that has elapsed he cannot with certainty point out, and owing to great age his memory has greatly failed him. That he has no papers or documentary evidence of his service aforesaid – and knows of no person in this Country whose testimony he can procure to prove his service. He moved from North Carolina 14 years since to this State. 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. He received one discharge from Col. Daylin [?] & Certificate for his pay signed by Genl. Isaac Gregory which has been burnt and destroyed. Griffin Dozier [sic, Griffin Dauge] was an Adjutant at the time he received his discharge aforesaid, and that he employed two substitutes one by the name of Joseph May and any other Elijah Addison for one year each and his best recollection is the two years the substitutes were in the service of the United States by his employ aforesaid he was out in service also the 18 months aforesaid. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Solomon Cox, X his mark

[James Herndon and William Hickman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Simpson County and State aforesaid now sitting Solomon Cox a resident of said County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That owing to and by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state positively the periods of the war when he served but according to the best of his recollection it was between the year 1776 and 1781. That he served the 18 months as stated in his former declaration and that he all that time was a private in the service. That the two substitutes that he hired for the two years aforesaid served their two years aforesaid between the years of 1776 and 1781. That owing to the causes aforesaid he cannot recollect more particularly the names of the officers under whom he served, the only Garrison or Fort or anything like that he was in was during his 18 months service was in Currituck County North Carolina at the great or black Swamp, that was our place of retreat and it nothing more than common Breast Work. That he was not employed in any civil pursuit for the time during which the service was performed. That during a great portion of the time of his service, the particular places where the services were

² Battle of Great Bridge, December 9, 1775 (near Chesapeake, Va., Lord Dunmore: 600-man force of British, Tories and Negroes; Col. William Woodford, 2nd VA Regt.) <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/751209-great-bridge.html>

performed were at the North West Bridge on North River in Virginia and up that River between the Bridge and the Great Swamp in Currituck North Carolina. That there is no person alive in this State that he knows of by whom he can prove his services as all with whom he served are either dead or lived in North Carolina or other places unknown to him. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity as set forth in his declaration to which this is an amendment. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Solomon Cox, X his mark

[Orson H. Morrow, a clergyman, and Garland Carter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]