

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Cook S16343

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State of Georgia, Elbert County: Superior Court September Term 1832

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September personally appeared in open Court before William H. Crawford Judge of the Superior Courts of this northern Circuit of said State now sitting fully County of Elbert, John Cook aged 70 years and about 10 months, (who was born the ninth day of December 1761 according to the Register kept by his father which is now in his possession)-- 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated, to wit. The nineteenth day of July 1776, I entered the service of the United States as a volunteer, under Captain John Leak, Lieutenant John Davis, Thomas Owens was our Major, General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] commanded. I started from Guilford, North Carolina. We went through Salisbury and up to the head of Catawba near a fort called Cathey's Fort, from that fort we crossed the mountain and went down the Swamano [sic, Swannanoa] River, thence to the Indian towns upon the Tennessee and its waters, and destroyed sixteen of their towns. I remained three months in that tour, and returned home.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tour- I volunteered for three months. Richard Vernon was my captain, Robert Vernon my lieutenant and joined Colonel [unreadable] in the state of North Carolina near the line of North and South Carolina, but does not recollect County or name of the place, it was called headquarters, not far distant from where Cornwallis and his army was stationed. I continued with General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] during this time. There was a little scrimmage in Charlotte, North Carolina. The army sometimes advanced and often retreated, being unable to come into contact with Cornwallis. General Davidson discharged us when the time of service had expired, on the other side of the Yadkin River, and I went home.

3<sup>rd</sup> Tour-In a short time after I returned home from the last tour, I volunteered under Captain Thomas Cook, a Mr. O'Neal was Major, John Paisley our colonel. We marched down upon Deep River and dispersed a large body of Tories, said to be under the command of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning]. I volunteered for three months, but did not stay all the time in service. The whole company was sent home until called for, but held ourselves in readiness (as ordered), when called upon.

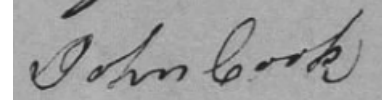
4<sup>th</sup> Tour-I volunteered again about one month after the said third tour was out under Captain Thomas Cook. Started from Guilford, NC, marched down Dan River to a place called the Red House where the British had taken quarters. Our Colonel was James Martin under the command of General Greene. The British had dispersed from the Red House. General Greene followed them, and I continued with the army under his command during this service (three months).

5<sup>th</sup> -I volunteered again (being unwilling to be drafted) for another tour of three months under Captain Richard Vernon. We rendezvoused at Guilford Courthouse, NC, equipped and prepared for service- but was ordered to return to our homes and hold ourselves in readiness when called upon. We were not called upon in this tour any further. My residence was, during the whole War of the Revolution, in Guilford County, in the state of North Carolina. I was born in the state of Virginia. I now reside in the State of Georgia Elbert County. The year after the treaty of Shoulderbone<sup>1</sup> I removed to the State of Georgia and have resided in said County & State, ever since – (I have no documentary evidence of my service) – He (the said John Cook) 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

Test: S/ Benajah Houston, Clk

S/ John Cook



[Thomas Hearn and James Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia, Elbert County

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before William A. Back, Dilliard Herndon, Isaac Almand & Robert B. Christian Justices of the Inferior Court now sitting for Elbert County, John Cook a resident of the County of Elbert and State of Georgia aged 71 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated: that he volunteered into the service of the United States for three months as a private on the nineteenth day of July in the year 1776, in Guilford County, NC, his place of residence at that time, under Captain John Leak and Lieutenant John Davis, in a detachment commanded by Thomas Owens, all commanded by General Rutherford. Joined his regiment at Guilford in the state of North Carolina, marched from thence through Salisbury in the state of North Carolina to the head of the Catawba River near a fort called Cathey's, from the fort crossed the mountains and went down the Swannanoa River, thence to the Indian towns upon the Tennessee River and its waters, and destroyed sixteen Indian towns and after serving three months as a private was discharged from the service of the United States in the month of October 1776.

That he also volunteered into the service of the United States for three months as a private on the \_\_\_\_\* day of August in the year 1780 in Guilford County, state of North Carolina, his place of residence at that time, under Captain Richard Vernon and Lieutenant Robert Vernon, joined General Davidson near the line of North and South Carolina, but does not recollect the County or the name of the place. It was called headquarters, not far distant from where Lord Cornwallis and the British Army was stationed under the command of Lord Cornwallis. The troops sometimes advancing and often retreating, not being able to come in contact with the British Army, which were hovering around us. After serving three months as a private in the Unites States service, was discharged by General Davidson in the year 1780 and returned home, but does not recollect the day or month when he was discharged.

That he volunteered into the service of the United States for three months as a private on \_\_\_\_\*the day of \_\_\_\_\* in the year 1781, in Guilford County, state of North Carolina, then the place of his residence, under Captain Thomas Cook in a regiment commanded by Major Oneal [sic, O'Neal] and Colonel John Pacely [sic, Paisley], marched down upon Deep River in said state and dispersed a

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1 A treaty signed with the Creek Indians on November 3, 1786 on Shoulderbone Creek in Georgia.

large body of Tories said to be under the command of Colonel Fanning. After remaining for some time in the service, the whole company was marched back to Guilford County, where he remained until after the expiration of three months, where he was discharged after having served three months as a private in the service of the United States in the year 1781, the day or month he does not recollect when he was discharged.

That he volunteered into the service of the United States for three months as a private in the \_\_\_\_\* day of \_\_\_\* in the year 1781, in Guilford County, North Carolina, then the place of his residence, under Captain Thomas Cook in a regiment commanded by Colonel James Martin, marched from Guilford to Dan River to a place called the Red House, where the British were quartered. At that place joined the American army commanded by General Greene, and that he continued with the army commanded by Greene in all its various marching and counter marching through the states of North Carolina and Virginia, until the expiration of his three months service as a private in the United States, then was discharged in the year 1781, the day or month when he was discharged not precisely recollected. Making in all at the different time periods, twelve months which he served as a private in the United States service during the Revolutionary War.

That during the first, second and third Tours of duty which he served in the United States Service, he only Served with the Militia, the fourth tour of duty that he done, he served with the Army under the Command of General Greene but does not at this late date recollect the different names of the Continental Regiments or Companies, nor the names of the Regular Officers except General Greene, Colonel Washington & General Morgan. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Says that he was born in Hanover County State of Virginia on the ninth day of December in the year 1761, and that he has a record of his Age which is now in his possession that when called into Service each time, that he lived in Guilford County State of North Carolina, and that he removed to Wilkes County (now Elbert County) State of Georgia, the year after the treaty with the Indians at Shoulderbone about, 45 years Since, and has resided in Elbert County ever since and now resides there, and that he volunteered in the Service of the United States. He states that he first, second and third tours of duty which he performed in the Service of the United States, that he served with no other Regiments but with the Militia regiments to which he was attached at the fourth time that he entered the Service of the United states he served with the Army commanded by General Greene composed of Continentals and Militia, but does not distinctly at this late date recollect the different Regiments and Companies composing that Army and that the Regular Officers who were with the Troops where he Served were General Greene, Colonel Washington & General Morgan, and that the general circumstances of his services have been before mentioned in this declaration. That he received no written discharges from the service they were all Verbal discharges or disbanded from the service.

He states that the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution are Thomas Hearn, James Davis, George Cook, General Jephtha V. Harris and the Honorable Wiley Thompson late a Member of Congress.

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 any State. S/ John Cook

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Attest: S/ Benjamin W. Fortson, Clk I. C.

[Robert L Edwards, a clergyman, and Green W Smith 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.]