

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Pharaoh Cobb S1657

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State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

On this 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions of Hawkins County in the Sate of Tennessee aforesaid now sitting Pharaoh Cobb a resident of the County of Hawkins and State of Tennessee aforesaid aged eighty one 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1776 this applicant resided in one of the settlements on Watauga River now in the State of Tennessee, but then in the State of North Carolina. In the summer of that year a large party of Cherokee Indians made an eruption into that and the adjacent parts of the Country for the purpose of making an attack on the white settlements. The settlers fled for safety to the different forts within their reach some to Wommack's [sic, Womack's] fort, near Holston River some to Shelby's fort others to Watauga fort &c. This applicant belonged to a Company of Volunteers under the command of Capt. or Major Wommack [Jacob Womack], for the defense of Womack's fort and served about four months as a sergeant in said company. In the year 1777 he served about three months as a Volunteer under Captain Thomas Price in a Company acting as mounted Rangers or Spies in the frontier settlements in Watauga and Nolichucky Rivers between Bean's fort on Watauga and Sevier's fort on Nolichucky. In the fall of '77 or '78 he served as a Mounted Volunteer about two months in an expedition into South Carolina against the British and Tories under the command of Col. Isaac Shelby, late Governor of Kentucky. After he returned home he served as a Volunteer in two expeditions against Tories up Roan's Creek towards the head of Watauga River—the names of the Officers not recollected, but the time of service in the two trips was about one month. In the summer of 1780, he again served as a mounted volunteer under Col. Isaac Shelby, in another expedition into South Carolina against the British and Tories. We marched from the Watauga Settlements, and formed a junction with Col. McDowell [Charles McDowell] near the Cherokee ford on Broad River. The men under Col. Shelby, Williams [James Williams] and Clark [sic, Elijah Clarke] were detached by Col. McDowell to act against a large body of Tories and British encamped at Musgrove's Mill on the south side of Enoree River. We accordingly marched against them and had a battle with them on the 19th day of August 1780, which resulted in the defeat of the British and Tories, a number

of them were killed and wounded, and a considerable number taken prisoners. This applicant was in that battle, and in that expedition he served about one month. In all the before mentioned expeditions this applicant found his own horse, gun, ammunition &c. While under Shelby we generally got our provisions from the Tories, and while under others we were generally found in provisions, but in nothing else.

In answer to the interrogatories required to be propounded to him by the Court, the applicant further states,

1. That he was born in Northampton County in the state of North Carolina in the month of September in the year 1752.

2. That he has no record of his age.

3. That he resided on Watauga River in what is now Washington County in the State of Tennessee during the whole of the Revolutionary War, that afterwards he removed to what is now Carter County in said state—and that he now lives in Hawkins County in said state, where he has resided for upwards of thirty years.

4. That he always served as a Volunteer—was never drafted nor did he ever serve as a substitute.

5. That he never served as well as he recollects with any Regular Officers, and the names of all the Militia Officers and Regiments that he now recollects are mentioned in the foregoing declaration or statement of his services.

6. That he never received a discharge.

7. This applicant refers to Richard Mitchell and Absalom Kyle who can testify to my Character and their belief of my Services and this applicant further refers to Genl. Andrew Jackson and Joseph Anderson Citizens of the City of Washington. This applicant further states that from old age and length of time the before stated services was performed that he cannot state the precise time he served in each tour of duty but to the best of his recollection and belief he served under Major Womack four months, under Capt. Price three months, that his first Tour under Col. Shelby he served two months, that the two tours of Duty he performed near the head of Watauga River on Roans Creek was one Month, and the second trip under Col. Isaac Shelby he served one Month, in all fourteen Months.

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 whatever.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Pharaoh Cobb, X his mark

Test: W. B. Mitchell, D. Clerk

[George White, a clergyman, Richard Mitchell and Absalom Kyle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for four months service as a Sergeant and ten months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]