

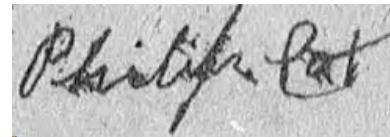
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Cox S18360 NJ  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } SS  
Lewis county }

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of Lewis county court now setting Phillip Cox aged 69 years residing on the line between Harrison and Lewis counties and nearest 10 miles to the courthouse of the latter county 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 of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated That in March 1780 he volunteered in a company of New Jersey Militia in captain Jeremiah Dunn's company to serve nine months as a private. from Somerset county in said state. That he was attached to a regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Frelingheysen [sic: Frederick Frelinghuysen] was marched to Bound brook. thence to Pluckemin – thence to Baskenridge [sic: Basking Ridge]. Thence to Elizabeth town thence to Morristown where in Dec'r. 1780 he was discharged by captn Dunn. The in the month of March 1781 He again volunteered in a company of N. Jersey Militia for nine months under captain Sheppey Col. Stout's regt. of Militia. started from Somerset county again was taken to Elizabeth town. Thence to Paulus Hook. Thence to Baskenridge where in Nov'r. 1781 he was discharged by captn Sheppy having served the first tour of 9 months at least and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour 8 months at least. He then again in March 1782 again volunteered in captn. Smiths company of N. Jersey Militia to serve a tour of nine months. was again in Col. Frelinghuysen's regiment of New Jersey Militia He again started from Somerset county was marched to Elizabeth town. Thence to Amboy thence to Cranberry [Cranbury]. thence to Crossicks or Crosswicks and to several other places not recollected by name. And lastly again to Baskenridge where he was again discharged in December 1782 having served nine months this tour. He returned home to Somerset County. Then again in March 1783 He volunteered in a company of N. Jersey Militia under captain Clarke in Col. Hunts [Stephen Hunt's] regt of Militia to serve six months. He again started from Somerset county went to Quibble Town from there to Morristown and Elizabeth town. was this tour marched to different places in the country which he has forgotten the name of and in June 1783 He was taken sick and discharged by his captain not far from Quibble town in Jersey state having served only three months of this engagement which was for six, This was his last service. He has no documentary evidence. He knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except his very aged father Isaac Cox [pension application S9215] now in 90<sup>th</sup> year He knew George Collins [S8247] in Somerset County but he went into the army and he saw him no more till the war was over He lives now 40 miles distant and is very frail there are no clergyman residing near him 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.

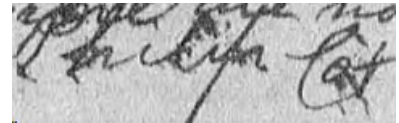
Sworn to and subscribed this 7 day of Augt. 1832.



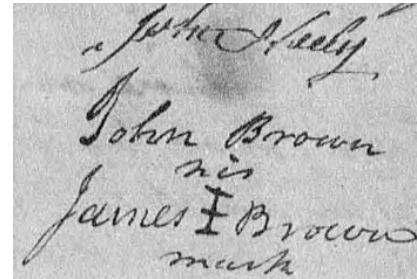
To the interrogatories propounded by the war department he answers as follows Viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> I was born in Somerset county in the State of New Jersey in the year 1763.
- 2 I have no record of my age I have my own calculation from the accounts of my father when his mind was sound.
- 3 I was living in Somerset county in New Jersey where my ancestors had long lived I removed from there at the close of the war went to Virginia with my father. thence to Ohio & back again to Virginia where I now live on the line between Harrison & Lewis Counties.

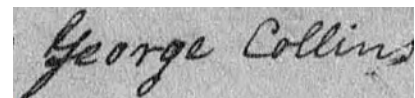
- 4 I was a volunteer all the time of my service which was from March 1781 till sometime in June 1783 four different tours.
- 5 I knew General Washington, has seen General [Charles] Lee both before I became a soldier & not after. I saw gen'l. [William] Maxwell. genl. [George] Weedon also before entered as a soldier he knew Cols. Clarke. Stout. Hunt. & Frelingheysen Jersey Militia officers and others now forgotten.
- 6 I did receive a discharge (for the reasons which I have mentioned above) from captain Dun I rec'd. one from Captn Sheppy or Shepley which is lost. I rec'd. none from Captains Smith and Clark but verbal ones.
- 7 My neighbours are John Neely [W5408] on the line between this and Harrison Wm. Law – Wm. Carder [William Carder S17872] & William Baily [William Bailey W5777] of Harrison James Brown [S6718] and his brother John [John Brown S6720] of Lewis These are old respectable men by them I can prove my character for [veracity] and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolutionary War there are no Clergyman near me living.



We John Neely James Brown and John Brown do hereby certify the we are (and have long been well acquainted with Phillip Cox who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration and that we believe him to be 69 years of age. that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been an officer [sic] of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion Sworn and subscribed to this day and year aforesaid

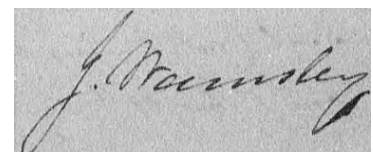


Lewis County to wit, George Collins maketh oath before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for said county that he has been acquainted with Phillip Cox from his youth that he is a man of strict veracity, and entitled to full credit in his statements. Affiant says he never actually saw him in the revolutionary army but he is very certain he was in it from his own accounts & the places where he lived at the time. subscribed & sworn to this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832. subscribed & sworn to before me this day above.  
Weeden Huffman



Weston 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1832

Sir [Lewis Cass, Secretary of War] I ought to have forwarded this application with those of Isaac Cox, John Neely & George Collins but it was an omission of mine altogether accidental when I left home for the Aug't. term of Harrison county court. I took with by accident the papers of the other applicants finding that to be the case I mailed them at Clarksburg for your depart. The cases of Isaac Cox George Collins & Philip Cox ought to be looked into in connection with each other. please to act on this case too & report to me in all cases at this pla[page torn] and greatly oblige  
Your ob't. Ser't.  
[Jonathan Wamsley]



[The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications in present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton discovered that many of the pension applications in which Jonathan Wamsley was involved were fraudulent, including those of James Brown, John Brown, and George Collins, who certified Philip Cox's claim.]

Report in Isaac Cox & Philip Cox Cases.

Pensioners – / Fraud

Lewis County

Philip Cox. Pensioner –

I called to see this man. told him my business. he said he had heard of my being in the country and had been apprised of my business. I requested him to detail to me the History of his Services, as a Soldier in the War of the Revolution. after asking me many questions, he at length commenced – but soon Hem'd. Hawk'd and finally choked – he tried it a second and a third time. at each effort with increased difficulty. finally he said that he would sooner have his name stricken from the Revolutionary Pension Roll that answer the questions that I had & was propounding to him. at this I left him. Said he was 70 yrs. old. I think think he was about 60 yrs. old. the opinion in his neighbourhood as to his right to a Pension in decidedly against him

Respectfully Reported

W. G. Singleton/ Special Agent/ July 1834

Lewis county:

Isaac Cox. a Pensioner

This man is the Father of Philip Cox whose case is reported on this sheet. Isaac Cox sais he is 94 yrs. old. the Father & Son live together. I had seperate conversations with them. The old Gentleman after stateing that he had been a soldier in the war of the Revolution commenced detailing the History of his services. he soon choked & declined to proceed. – there is no distinct impression so far as I was able to learn either in favor or against this mans (Isaac Cox) right to a Pension. – the impression is that he is as old as he represents himself ie 94 yrs. – he is a strait tall active old man, and his mind seems to be as vigerous as most old mens. and I should judge as good as it ever was – his eye sight is perfectly good and his memory seemed to be very strong. upon the whole I could not resist the belief that he was an imposture. (perhaps a tory during the war) and have so reported him

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NOTE: On 12 Oct 1833 Philip Cox was issued a certificate for a pension of \$80 per year for two years of service, payable to Jonathan Wamsley of Weston VA. A note on the certificate reads, "Fraud dropped from pension roll."