

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cox S21124

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State of Tennessee, Roane County

On this 30 day of December 1833 personally appeared before me John Roberts one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter sessions for Roane County, John Cox a resident citizen of the County of Roane & State of Tennessee aged 75 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832: that he volunteered in the year 1776 in Orange County Virginia under Captain John Scott, Lieutenant Hearn [perhaps John Herndon or Zachariah Herndon] & attached to Regiment; Colonel's name forgotten; General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] commanded the Brigade; marched from Orange to Little York where he remained three months & was discharged; they were in no engagement at this time; his discharge has been lost or destroyed long since; from thence we returned back to Orange where he remained sometime when in the year 1777 when he was drafted in Captain Head's [Benjamin Head's] company & attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Tool or Toal or Toul [Oliver Towles?] in the Brigade commanded by General Wheaten [perhaps Col. George Weedon]; marched from Orange to Fredericksburg Virginia where we remained sometime but was in no battle; was again discharged after serving three months; this discharge lost also; from Fredericksburg we returned to Orange where he remained sometime when he was again drafted in Captain Hearn's Company; marched to Potomac [River] in order to guard the prisoners who had been taken at Burgoyne's defeat [Battle of Saratoga at Bemus Heights, October 7, 1777]; marched from Potomac to Albemarle Barracks where they remained three months when applicant was again discharged; this was in 1777 as well as recollected; this discharge has also been lost; from Albemarle he returned back to Orange Virginia; from Orange applicant went to North Carolina to see his Brother, where he was taken Prisoner by a Tory party commanded by a certain Major Roberson & Colonel Lea & detained some days when applicant was discharged with order not to fight in the American Army during the war; not long afterwards this applicant again volunteered under Captain White¹ & attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland], remained in Wilkes County & Burke County until the 7th of October 1780 when they attacked & defeated a body of the British & Tories at Kings Mountain under the celebrated Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson]; when this applicant again retired after serving five months; he received no discharge; he then returned to Burke County North Carolina; this applicant was in no engagement save the one the last mentioned; was out on different tours 14 months; he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service; he was born in the state of Virginia Orange county but has no record of his age.

He has stated where he lived when called into service, he has lived in North Carolina ever since the revolutionary War until about 16 years since when he moved to Roane County Tennessee; he has stated the manner in which he was called into service & also the names of his officers. He received a

¹ Bobby Gilmer Moss in his book on the Patriots at King's Mountain lists two captains by the name of "White", one being Isaac White from Lincoln County North Carolina and the other Joseph White from Guilford County North Carolina.

discharge for every tour but the last one from the Captains under whom he served but they have been lost.

He states the names of the different following persons residing in his neighborhood who certify as to his veracity, to wit: Hugh Francis, William Crowde [?], John Watson, Martin Watson & George White; applicant also states that owing [to] bodily infirmity, he is unable to travel to the place of holding court; he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Cox, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed the Fort Meade the 30th day of December 1833

S/ John Roberts, Justice of the Peace for Roane County

[Hugh Francis and John Watson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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