

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Barachias Cope S21139

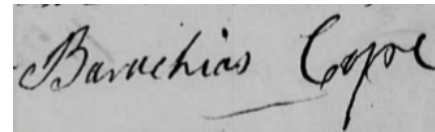
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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Tennessee –

Be it remembered that on this 29 day of December 1825 Barakias Cope, aged about Sixty four years, a citizen of Blount County personally appeared in open Court, towit the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions of said County being a court of record and having the power of fine and imprisonment, and made oath in due form of Law, that shortly after the battle of Camden [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] and as he beleives in the year 1781 he being then about 16 or 17 years of age he was drafted in Harford County State of Maryland, and placed under the Command of Captain Lavash of the 4th Maryland Regiment of the Continental establishment, and served Six months being the period of his draft, was at the Seige of York and Capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], guarded prisoners to Fredericksburg and was soon afterwards honorably discharged at Annapolis in Maryland and that his discharge is lost. That in January 1814 during the late War [of 1812] he substituted himself in the drafted Militia of Blount County, was Mustered into Service, in Captain Joseph Duncan's Company Colo. Sam'l. Bunch's [Samuel Bunch's] regiment, and marched to Fort Williams, where he Voluntered to go to the Horse Shoe, and was placed under the Command of Captain Howell That on the day before the battle of the Horse Shoe, being as he beleives the 26 March 1814 he was detached on a small spy or flanking party under the Command of a Lieutenant or ensign, as he beleives; a stranger to affiant, and whose name is now totally forgotten, that while in actual Service, and in the discharge of duties assigned them, and marching on the side of a mountain, this affiant fell with his right knee on a rock, which, pained and injured him verry much, next morning however in is Crippled condition he chose his station in the advanced Corps, and was amongst the first in the fight, and in arriving at the breast works his knee continued to get worse and with difficulty he reached Fort Williams on his return, where he lay some time, and was then furloughed by Maj'r. Clark, Commanding at that place, on the report of the Surgeon; from thence he was conveyed on horseback attended by three men, to Fort Strother, where he remained about a week, and again Sett out on his return home, but becoming unable to travel he was left at Turkey Town in the Indian nation, there he remained sometime, and hired an Indian to help him to Fort Armstrong where he remained some time, untill the arrival of some waggons on their return home to Blount County, and got into a waggon, being wholly unable to ride on horseback, and by means of waggons was conveyed home – he has never been able to have the contusion of his knee cured, it has continued to increase in painfulness, and to become worse by exercise, untill he is now totally unable to labor or procure a subsistance That he is by Occupation a farmer is poor and in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, or he really would not ask it, That he has no property whatever, except a Rifle gun worth about fifteen dollars and no means or resources of any kind to obtain the common necessaries of life he therefore prays to be placed on the roll of Invalid pensioners, that he may not perish for want of food & clothing. This affiant further states that the aforesaid Capt. Howell has removed from East Tennessee to parts unknown to this affiant and beyond his reach as he beleives.

Sworn to and subscribed the date first above written

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barachias Cope". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

State of Tennessee,

We the undersigned Citizen Physicians and Surgeons, of Blount County have examined Barakias Cope a citizen of said County, and find a tumor a small distance above his right knee, on the inside of the thigh; proceeding as he states from his having fallen on a rock, while engaged in actual service of the United

States in the late War against the Creek Indians and in the Creek Nation – of the cause of said tumor we know nothing, but find that it presses upon nerves and blood vessels necessary for a free and healthfull exercise of the parts and from the situation of the tumor and its effects upon continuous parts we beleive he is totally disabled to obtain a support by labor, having a prudential regard to the preservation of his life, and care of his disabled member, which must as we beleive increase in pain and become useless by exercise.

Given under our Signatures this 28th day of December A.D. 1825.

[signed] A. McGhee W. A. Walker

State of Tennessee

Be it known That on this 14th day of January 1826 personally appeared Captain Joseph Duncan a Citizen of Blount County before me Alexander Mccallum an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County and being Sworn in due form of law deposeth and saith that he commanded a Company of Militia from Blount County during the late War and against the Creek Indians that about the tenth day of January 1814 He Mustered into service Barakias Cope as a pravate and marched to Fort Williams where said Cope volunteered to go to the Horse Shoe and was attatched as affiant believes to Captain Howels Company that on the Return of Cope from that Service he was unable to perform further duties That said Cope is a man of truth and during his Continuance under the immediate Command of this affiant he discharged his duties in a faithfull and soldierlike manner That he is aged and in Reduced Circumstances as this affiant beleives –

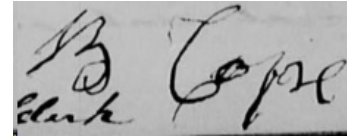
[signed] Joseph Duncan

[Additional statements pertaining to Cope's service in the War of 1812 were made by Joseph B. Woods, who had been an Ensign; by William Eakin, a Private; by William Anderson, a Private; and by Joseph Cook, who helped bring Cope home in a wagon.

State of Tennessee } On this 23rd day of September 1834 Personally appeared in open court at a court
Blount County } of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for said County, Barachias Cope a
citizen of said County aged about 72 years, who being sworn according to law doth on his oath make the
following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress passed on the
7th of June 1832. That he was born in Baltimore County, State of Maryland on the 5th day of January 1760
that he lived there during the whole of the Revolutionary war and after its termination three or four years,
when he moved to Orange County N. Carolina, where he lived untill 1798 when he moved to Blount
County Tennessee where he has lived ever since and now lives – he states that sometime during the
Revolutionary war the period he does not now recollect, but he thinks early in the war he volunteered to
go and prevent the landing of a Governor Dunmore [of Virginia, July 1776] who it was said was coming
up by water to make an attack upon Baltimore – he states that he was enrolled into a company
commanded by a captain Harris his other officers he does not now recollect – under this officer he
marched to Baltimore 28 miles distant and remained stationed there until all the appearances of an attack
from Dunmore had subsided, when he was dismissed and returned home – he thinks he was in service in
this scout ten days – applicant states that some time after he thinks in 1777 it was reported that the
British were going to attempt a landing at the mouth of the Susquehanna river, and he volunteered to go
and prevent them – he states that he was enrolled and marched under his same captain Harris to the
mouth of the Susquehanna but before applicant arrived there the British had landed there and supplied
themselves with provisions and had reembarked again and applicant thinks their shipping lay in sight
when he arrived – applicant remained there until the British went off to the head of Elk [now Elkton MD]
when he was dismissed and returned home – he believes he was in service ten days in this campaign –
applicant states that sometime in June 1781 there was a draft in his County for men to perform a tour of
six months – in this draft a man by the name of Jacob Bull was called out who had a sickly wife and on
that account could not conveniently go – he hired applicant who was a single man, to go in his place –
applicant states that he went as the substitute of said Bull and went under the charge of a Mr. Norris, who
conducted him and his comrades to Annapolis where they were enrolled into the Maryland Regiment of

Regulars and put under the command of the Regular officers – applicant states that he was put into a company commanded by captain Levash a Frenchman – he states as his impression that he and his comrades were made use of to fill up the Regular Regiment which had been greatly thinned in the battles to the south, but did not enlist, and still considered themselves as militia – applicant states that after being stationed for a short time at Annapolis he marched with the Regular troops commanded by his said Captain Levash, to Yorktown where he remained doing duty until the surrender of Cornwallis – after this event applicant states that his captain continued with the Regular army and he applicant was appointed a Lieutenant and was ordered with his men who were of the militia establishment to go across to Gloucester point [sic: Gloucester Point] and guard the sick prisoners, and wounded who were unable to travel – here he remained he thinks a month, before they were able to march – he then took the prisoners under his charge and marched to Fredericksburg Va – from there he went to Annapolis where he was discharged but he cannot recollect by whom – he states that he was in service in this campaign six months four months as a private and two months as a Lieutenant applicant states that he served in the whole as above stated four months and twenty days as a private and two months as a Lieutenant for which he claims a pension – he states that he has a record of his age in his family bible – he states that there is no clergyman in his neighbourhood – he states that the persons to whom he is acquainted in his neighbourhood who can testify to his veracity and his reputation for having performed services in the revolutionary war are James McMahan, William Harris and William Garner and others – he states that he got a discharge for his last campaign but has long since lost – he states that when he was appointed Lieutenant he got no written commission – he has no documentary evidence whatever of his service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and the one he now receives as an Invalid pensioner of the late war and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, except on the Invalid roll of the agency of East Tennessee

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 23 day of September 1834

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Barakias Cope". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Land Office, Annapolis, Oct'r 22nd 1834

Sir [J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions] The declaration of Barakias Cope, has been examined, and it is herewith returned, – He states that he entered as a Substitute for Jacob Bull in 1781, who was drafted for six months, that after being four months in Service, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, and was discharged at Annapolis, after having served Six months, – the rolls afford no evidence of service in this case. If the applicant held the rank of Lieutenant, his accounts, I should presume, would certainly have appeared upon the Army Ledgers of the Revolution, but his name is not to be found;

On a Militia Pay Roll in this Office, of discharged Soldiers raised to serve nine months, or until the 10th of December 1781, I find the name of one Barachiah Coop, (a private) who was discharged the 3rd of December 1781, and received £9.16.8 – this is something like the name of Cope, and it is possible that some mistake may have been made in Spelling the name, but of this I am unable to say.

I am very respectfully/ Yr. Ob't. S't./ G. G. Brewer

NOTE: On 26 June 1835 Cope was issued a certificate for a pension of \$20 per year for six months service as a Private.