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Pension application of William Cox S21704

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State of South Carolina, Marlborough District } Court of Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the first day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas now sitting before the Judge thereof William Cox a resident of the State & District aforesaid, aged Sixty nine 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 was born on the 4th day of February A.D. 1763 in Marlborough District & State aforesaid: that his age is recorded in a family Bible which is now at the house of Samuel Cox in the same State & District. He was living when called into Service in the same State & District where he now lives & where he has lived ever since the Revolutionary War. He was drafted at the age of sixteen & served three months under Captain Tristam Thomas [Tristan Thomas]. During that time he went from Marlborough to Orangeburg District South Carolina – from thence to Black Swamp on the Savannah River Georgia where one Colonel Simmons [sic, Maurice Simons], he thought was the Commanding officer; from thence he went to Purrysburg fifteen miles north of Savannah Georgia. News came that the British were crossing the River above and below Purrysburg; upon which the Americans, traveled night & day until they reached Charleston South Carolina where this deponent stayed until the British removed their forces, when he returned to Marlborough. Not long afterwards (he does not recollect the time) he was drafted again & under the command of Captain Morris Murphy [sic, Maurice Murphy], marched on to the High hills of Santee [River], Singleton's Mills. He stayed there about a week & then went on down the River to Beaufort's or Bluford's plantation which was at that time General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Camp at which place he stayed his time out & returned to Marlborough. He was drafted again shortly afterwards & under the same Captain marched down to Georgetown to join Marion. At this place he stayed two or three weeks when he was discharged & again returned to Marlborough. He volunteered afterwards & went to Marion's Camp which was at that time in Marion District South Carolina & was with Marion at the time when the Tories who had been under the Command of Major Gainey [Micajah Gainey] surrendered themselves to Marion. He then came back to Marlborough & was stationed at Brown's Mill in that District under Lieutenant John Lee with 18 men. At this place, a party of Tories who had just moved off from Colonel Kolb's [Abel Kolb's]¹ house which they had burned as well as murdered Colonel Kolb himself, came suddenly upon Lieutenant Lee's men & took

1 For an excellent biographical sketch of Col. Abel Kolb, see John L. Frierson's article beginning on page 27 of the May 2006 [Vol. 3, No. 5] issue of Southern Campaign of the American Revolution posted at <http://www.southerncampaign.org>.

them all prisoners except this deponent who escaped by springing into the Swamp although their guns were fired at him. These are all the circumstances which he can at present recollect. He finds it impossible to refer to dates with that precision which he would desire. When he was young he paid but little attention to them, which may in some measure account for his indistinct recollection at this day of events so long passed. He served in the war nearly all the time from the year 1779 until peace was made. He received a discharge but does not recollect from whom which he has lost by the time or incident. He has no documentary evidence of his Service, but that Samuel Cox his neighbor & brother was with him part of the time & can testify to his services. He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll he Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

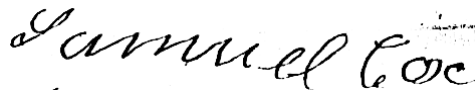
S/ William Cox



S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas & Sessions
in open Court at Marlborough Courthouse
[Robert B Campbell & James C Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Samuel Cox² also swears that he served a part of the time during the war with William Cox viz. from the time he went to Orangeburg until he returned home from Charleston. That he knows the said William Cox to have been a Soldier of the Revolution & that he believes the facts stated in his Declaration should be accredited.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year above written.



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South Carolina, Marlborough District: at a Special Court of Sessions held by his Honor

On the first Monday in October AD 1833 appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State aforesaid, William Cox, who made the following affidavit as an amendment to his declaration for a Pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below under the officers & at the times & places there stated:

1. In the year 1779 – served three months as a private in the militia service as marked (“A”) in original Declaration. 2. In the same year served one month as marched (B) on Declaration.

3. In the year 1780 one month in the militia service as marked (“C”).

4. In the year 1780, six months in the militia service (drafted): marched under Captain Daniel Sparks in Genl Marion's Camp in & about Santee South Carolina.

5. In the same year one month under Captain John Brockington, drafted – in the militia service – with Marion as last above mentioned.

6. In the same year one month under Captain Moses Pearson with Genl Marion as above.

7. In the year 1781, four months – 1st under Captain Thomas Ellerbee – 1 month; 2nd, Captain John Stackhouse, one month; 3rd Morris Murphy (Captain) [sic, Maurice Murphy] one

² [Samuel Cox S21705](#)

month & under Captain Daniel Sparks one month; & all the time with Genl. Marion in or about Santee River in that desultory mode of warfare already described.

8. In the year 1782, four months, one under Captain Tristan Thomas – one, under Captain John Stackhouse – one under Captain Moses Pearson & one, under Captain Thomas Ellerbee – at each was with Marion as above mentioned.

9. In the year 1783 one month under Captain John Stackhouse with Genl. Marion.

He served as a private in the militia at all these different periods & was invariably with Marion wherever his camps might be at the time of his draft. He was usually on Santee River -- & the Country thereabout, changing, however, with the exigencies of the times—considering it too great a task for this deponent at this time to point out particularly the different places.

10. He also served six months at home; during the intervals between his drafts, repelling the Tories in & about Marlborough District –he served this under Captain Hinson – making an aggregate of Twenty three months as a Revolutionary Soldier. And the said William Cox on oath further says that for the periods already mentioned he served with an embodied Corps, called into service as he believes by competent authority; that he was out in the field or in garrison for the time during which the service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuits.

S/ William Cox

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court.

S/ James C. Thomas

[Campbell Stokes, a clergyman and James seat Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months service as a private in the South Carolina Troops.]
