

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Cox S21705

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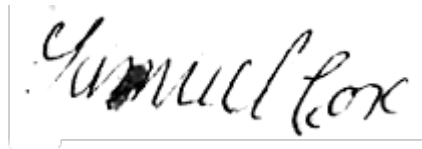
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South Carolina, Marlborough District } Common Pleas Fall Term 1832

On this the 1st day of October AD1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Samuel Cox a resident of the District of Marlborough & the State aforesaid, aged Seventy three 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 in Marlborough District & State aforesaid in the month of November AD 1757. His age was recorded in a Family Bible which he has now in his house: He was living in the same District he now lives when called into the Service & has lived there ever since the Revolutionary [War] to the present time. He was drafted in the year 1776 by Captain John Brockington of the Militia; marched on to the Sewee Bay between Georgetown & Charleston South Carolina and from thence to Haddrell's Point, between which and Fort Moultrie he spent about three months and was returned home. Six months afterwards he was drafted again in Marlborough District & served under Captain Tristan Thomas. He went from Marlborough to Orangeburg, from thence to Black Swamp on the Savannah River where Colonel Simmons [sic, Maurice Simons] appeared to be the officer in Command – from thence to Purrysburg fifteen miles north of Savannah Georgia. At this place, news reached the Americans that the British were crossing the River above & below them; upon which they traveled night & day to Charleston South Carolina where he stayed until the British removed their forces & he then returned home to Marlborough. He was in Charleston when the British took that place [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] & was himself taken prisoner & remained on parole one year. He was then drafted again & turned out with General Marion [Francis Marion] on the Santee River. He afterwards marched on to the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & was on the flank of the Army in that engagement. After that, he was drafted again & joined Marion with whom he staid until peace was declared. Estimating the whole time of his service at about two years. He does not recollect the names of any Regular officers or any particular Continental or Militia Regiments with which he served – has stated as well as his memory would allow all the general circumstances of his Service. He received a discharge from the service which he thinks was given him by Genl. Marion, which he has lost. He is known to Col. Benjamin Rogers, George Hodges, Light Townsend, Samuel Townsend, Robert McTier & a great many others in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution. He has no documentary evidence of his Services, but states that William Cox, his neighbor & brother served part of the time with him in the Revolutionary War & can testify to this Service of the Deponent. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year up above written.

S/ Samuel Cox

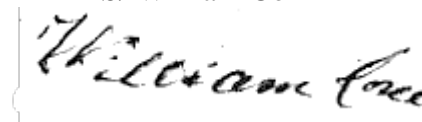


S/ B. J. Earle, Presiding Judge of the
Court of Common Pleas & Sessions in
Open Court at Marlborough Courthouse
in the State & District aforesaid

Wm Cox¹ swears that he was with Samuel Cox in the Revolutionary War, from the time he marched under Captain Tristan Thomas from Marlborough to Purrysburg until he returned from Charleston to Marlborough after the British had removed their forces from that place. He adds to the Declaration of Samuel Cox, the confirmation of his own belief of his Services as he has therein stated

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Cox



[Robert B Campbell & James C Thomas gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina, Marlborough District In the Court of Common Pleas: Fall Term 1833

On the first Monday in October AD 1833 appeared before me Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State aforesaid, Samuel 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 to the precise length of his Services; that according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below under the officers and at times & places there stated, in every instance he was drafted & served in the Militia Service as a private. In the year 1776, three months under Captain John Brockington at or about Haddrell's Point. Between this & the year 1779 he cannot specify his Services. But in that year he Served three months under Captain Tristan Thomas as marked in his Declaration. He knows it was in 1779 as he has been since informed that the division under General Moultrie retreated to Charleston in that year. In the year 1780 one month under Captain Morris Murphy [sic, Maurice Murphy]. In the year 1780 three months – 1st under Captain Thomas Ellerbe [sic, Thomas Ellerbee] : 2nd Captain John Stackhouse: 3rd Captain Daniel Sparks. In the 1782 four months: 1st under Captain Tristan Thomas: 2nd under Captain John Brockington: 3rd under Captain Moses Pearson: & 4th under Captain Thomas Ellerbee. In 1783 one month under Captain John Stackhouse – making in all an actual Service of fifteen months at the least, for which he claims a pension. In every case from No. 3 Supra he was with Genl. Marion wherever his Camp might be, most commonly about Santee River. He was with him at the Eutaw Springs when the Battle was fought at that place. And the said Samuel Cox further states that for the periods above mentioned, he served with an embodied Corps called into Service as he believes by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison & for the time during which the Service was performed, he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

S/ Samuel Cox

¹ [William Cox S21704](#)

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State of South Carolina Cheraw district } Personally appeared before me Moses Pearson Justice
of the Peace in ye District aforesaid Samuel Cox & made oath that the within account as it stands
Stated is Just and true and that he never received any Part thereof

Sworn to before me

11th day of August 1783

S/ Moses Pearson, JP

S/ Samuel Cox

[p 5: Supposedly the printed form of the Indent issued to Samuel Cox but the image thereof is
totally illegible even in the retake of it on subsequent pages]

[p 8: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Samuel Cox and acknowledged by
Lemuel Benton.]

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No. [Illegible]

[No.] 713 [Book] Y 31 December 85 [1785]

Samuel Cox for 70 days duty as a private in Captain Pearson's Company Colonel Benton's
Regiment of General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade in 1781 at 10/ [10 Shillings old South
Carolina] Currency per day Amounting to £35

Sterling £5

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Gentlemen Please to deliver Barth^o Whittington my Indent and You'll oblige

S/ Samuel Cox

Certified by me Samuel Brown, JP

April 25, 1788

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[No.] 571 [Book] Z 29 September 88 [1788]

Mr. Samuel Cox his Account of 84 days duty done as a Militia Man in 178[? last digit illegible]
amounting to Stg. £6

Pass S/ R S

per pay Bill of Lt. Thos. Cochran [Thomas Cochran]

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The State of South Carolina

To Samuel Cox

Dr.

To 84 days duty as footman from 2nd March

to 19th May 80 including 5 days for

marching Home, as per pay Bill of

Lt. Tho^s Cochran, & Certified per Col.

Geo. Hicks [George Hicks]

£42.0.0

Stg.

£6.0.0