

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Cox S2440

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State of North Carolina Lenoir County: SS: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On the 3rd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before John Williams, chairman pro tem, Craven Mitts and William C Loftin Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Lenoir, now sitting, Benjamin Cox of said County, who will be seventy-eight years of age on the 16th of July next, who being 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 volunteered in the militia service in Jones County North Carolina in the year 1776 in the month of February for two months and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Thomas Stephenson from Jones County he marched to Wilmington North Carolina where he was placed in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Leonard from thence he marched back to Jones County, where he was discharged after a service of two months. He then volunteered on the 6th May in said year in a militia company commanded by Captain Thomas Tyre in Jones County North Carolina. He then marched to Wilmington NC and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Leonard. He then marched to Jno Kings [John King's?] thirty miles from Wilmington where he was discharged after a service of three months. He then in the year 1778 he enlisted in Jones County in the twelve months service and was attached to a company commanded by Captain John Isler [?]. From thence he marched to Kinston, Lenoir County (then Dobbs), Thence to Dobbs Court house. Thence to Rowan County – thence to Great Pedee [Pee Dee River]. Thence back to Smithfield in North Carolina. Thence to Coxes Mills in Dobbs County. Thence to Longfield Cox's ferry, thence below New Bern. Thence to Smithfield where he remained one month from thence back to Kinston in the month of October where he was discharged after having served nine months in Captain Isler's Company. He then volunteered in Dobbs County in a company commanded by Captain Jacob Johnston for three months and was marched to Duplin County North Carolina where he was engaged in several skirmishes with the Tories, from thence to Rockfish Creek in Duplin under Colonel James Kenan, at which place Colonel Kenan lost seventeen of his troops killed, wounded and prisoners in a skirmish with Major Craig [James Craig] commander of the British and Tory forces.¹ Thence to Goshen in Duplin County where he was discharged after having served in the last term three months and in all of his revolutionary services seventeen

¹ The veteran appears to be describing the action which occurred on August 2, 1781 at Rockfish Creek.
https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_rockfish_creek.html

months. He further states that he has had the aforesaid discharges, but they are all lost being destroyed in a fire by which he lost his house. [Several indecipherable words] no proof made by him witnesses or documentary evidence of my services except of three months which is proved by the testimony of Marclin Wooters² which is hereto annexed – he knowing of no person now living.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benjamin Cox, X his mark

[Hezekiah Cox and Richard Daugherty gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Henry Heath, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers to the Interrogatories³ required by the department under the pension Act

I was born in Dobbs County North Carolina on Cabin Branch in the year 1755. I have a record of my age at my brother Hezekiah's. When called into service I lived with my father on Cabin Branch where I lived till within the last five years when I removed to my present residence in the County of Lenoir. I volunteered in the militia and was enlisted in the Regular Service. The regular Officers with whom I was acquainted were General William Caswell, Colonel John Heritage, Major John Allen, Captain Herman Herring [sic, Armwell Herron?], Captain Wilson and Captain Bryan Whitfield in addition to those already set forth. I refer you to Milchor Rhim, Amos Rhim, George Moye, John Heath, Henry Heath & James Davis who can testify as to my veracity and their belief of my revolutionary services

State of North Carolina Lenoir County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Term 1833
On the first day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Jonathan Rouse, W. C. Loftin, P. Harden and C. Mitts, Justices of said Court being a court of record, and then sitting, Benjamin Cox of said County (whose declaration is herein set forth) and made the following statement and proof as an amendment to the within declaration and proof being previously duly sworn according to law for that purpose That he the officers under whom he served in addition to those set forth in the within declaration are set forth in his answers [to the interrogatories], he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said service but Marclin Wooters who can certify as to three months – and whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

S/ Benjamin Cox, X his mark

I Marclin Wooters do hereby certify that said Benjamin Cox served three months of the within

² [Marclin \(Mackland\) Wooters S7958](#)

³ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

service as set forth by him being myself in the same company commanded by Shade Allen, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Sitgreaves.

S/ Marclin Wooters, X his mark

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