

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Cook S2460

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State of Tennessee Carroll County: County court December Term 1832

On this 11th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in the Court of Pleas of and Quarter Sessions now holding in the State & County aforesaid Henry Cook Senior a resident of said County and State, aged seventy-nine years on the 12th day of March last past, he 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.

This Declarant was born on the 12th day of March A.D. 1853 on Thompson's Creek in Virginia from which place his father removed with his family to Little York town in Pennsylvania where he remained until declarant was a stout boy when his father again removed to North Carolina and settled in the County of Orange near "Butler's Fort" where declarant remained until after the close of the Revolutionary War.

This declarant states that he entered the service of the United States, under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. He joined a company of volunteers of which James Martin was Colonel and Robert Martin Adjutant and James O'Neill Captain; to serve a tour of three months against the Scotch Tories; Declarant states they were marched down to Cross Creek near where Fayetteville now stands; In this tour declarant states they came across a body of Tories consisting of 20 or 30 men 15 miles from Cross Creek, all of whom they took prisoners; and carried down to Deep River about one mile from Fayetteville where they were confined and shortly after paroled by Martin. Declarant states that after their term of service expired, they were marched back home and discharged by their respective officers.

Declarant further states that afterwards being drafted he hired a substitute by the name of Sebastian Mullis¹ to go to South Carolina, who served at the battle of Camden, for which he gave him a horse, saddle, bridle &c armed and equipped him who served under General Butler for a tour of three months.

This declarant further states that after Gates defeat he was drafted to serve another term of three months in a Company of Rangers, to go against the Tories. William O'Neal, was his Colonel and Robert Scoby was their Captain.

This Declarant states they were employed in ranging down towards Deep River, in the State of North Carolina, against the "Tory" Fanning [David Fanning], during this time they came across the aforesaid Tory Fanning and his company at their dinner, when they fell upon them

killed nine and a great many wounded and took a considerable number of prisoners, who were afterwards paroled by Colonel O'Neal. Declarant states after this term of service was out they were marched home and discharged. Declarant states that he received written discharges from Captain James O'Neal and from Captain Robert Scoby and a written discharge from General Butler, all which have since been lost.

After the close of the Revolutionary War, declarant remained in the State of North Carolina, and Orange County till somewhere about the year 1796 when he removed to the State of Kentucky in Woodford County where he remained about one year, when he removed to Columbia in the State aforesaid, County not now recollected, where he remained eight or 10 years, when he removed to the State of Tennessee, and County of Bedford, where he remained one year, and then removed to Franklin County and State aforesaid and remained there 15 years and removed to this County where he now lives.

This Declarant states that he had a record of his birth, which has been since lost. He has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Edward Gwin, Clerk

S/ Henry Cook, Sr., X his mark

[John Gwin & Summer Adams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to Henry cook Senior the foregoing applicant, for a pension

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born on Thompson's Creek in Virginia on the 12th day of March A.D. 1753.

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

Ans. He has none.

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

Ans. I was living in the State of North Carolina, in the County of Orange, when called into service, the places I subsequently resided at will be found embodied in the foregoing Declaration.

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

Ans. The first tour I was a volunteer and in the second I was drafted.

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

Ans. The names of the principal officers whom I served under are mentioned in this declaration as well as the general circumstances of my 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?

Ans. I received written discharges from Captain James O'Neal, and from Captain Robert Scoby and one from General Butler, all which have since been lost.

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.

Ans. I will mention the names of William McCutchan, Summer Adams who can testify to my character and belief of my services in the Revolutionary War.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

ⁱ This man's name is written over and very unclear. My best guesses are that his name was "Sebastian Mullis" or "Mills" or possibly "Miller". Here is how the name appears in the original.



Any help deciphering this name will be appreciated.