

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cook S31612

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State of Indiana Wayne County: SS

And now on the 14th day of February A.D. 1834 personally appeared in the Wayne Probate Court at the February Term thereof 1834, before the Honorable Nathan Smith sole Judge thereof now sitting in and for the said County of Wayne William Cook a resident of said County of Wayne & State of Indiana of the age of seventy-three years on the 15th day of January last past, who after being in open court duly sworn according to law doth on his oath in open court make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, to wit, That in the winter of A. D. 1779 he was then a resident of the County Surry and State of North Carolina. That sometime in the month of December in the year 1779 he at Surry Courthouse which place was then called Richmond volunteered his services in the Militia of North Carolina under Salathiel Martin Captain who took the command of the company into which he was called, which company was then and there attached to the third Regiment of North Carolina Militia, which was commanded by Colonel Hampton [Andrew Hampton]. From that place we marched to the city of Charlestown South Carolina where we were stationed on duty until the expiration of our Term of service three months from its commencement. In this Tower [Tour] of duty he served three months and was discharged sometime in the month of March A.D. 1780. That during this Tour of service he served the whole time as a private soldier and performed duty the whole Term as such. That during this whole Tour of duty he served in the said third Regiment of North Carolina Militia, under the command of Colonel Hampton. And in the company of Salathiel Martin Captain thereof: That afterwards – and after he had returned home to Surry County aforesaid to wit sometime in the month of September he thinks about the first of the month A.D. 1781 – There was a call for more foot and mounted Troops, when and where he again volunteered his services in a company of Light horse Militia which was commanded by Captain Miner Smith [Minor Smith] to which company he attached himself and in which he was enrolled for the term of three months – which company joined a Regiment of North Carolina mounted militia the name or number of which he cannot recollect, but which Regiment was commanded by a man called Colonel Smith [Robert Smith] who was said to reside in Maclanbugh [sic, Mecklenburg County] North Carolina but whose Christian name he does not know. In this company and Regiment he marched from Surry courthouse down to the lower part of North Carolina and from there ranged as they were ordered during the whole three months in the lower part of said state in various directions and in this Term went to a large Brick house West of Wilmington that was said to be filled with British

where we had a skirmish¹ [November 15, 1781] with the British and they killed one of our men, from this place we marched back up the country the British having left Wilmington about that time. In this campaign there was two others of our company killed by the Tories – After this Skirmish at the Brick house we went up the River about ten miles where we continued in the neighborhood constantly on duty until we were discharged which was about the first of December A.D. 1781 after our Term of three months had fully expired. In this last mentioned Tour of duty he served as a private also the full term of three months. He was born in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1761 – But has no record of his age, at least there is none within his knowledge. He lived in Surry County North Carolina both times when called into service – and he lived in North Carolina ever since the Revolution until he came to Wayne County and State of Indiana where he now resides – and have resided about seventeen years. In both Tours of duty aforesaid he was a volunteer as above stated. He recollects the names of Major Dickson, Major Nelson & Major Sharp who were in the service at the time he served besides the officers above named, the fourth Regiment was with us during the first service as above stated to of the last above mentioned officers he thinks belonged to the fourth Regiment of North Carolina Militia. He received discharges for both tours of duty and they were he thinks signed by the captains of the companies in which he served as aforesaid, but they are both now lost. He lost his pocket Book and with it his said discharges soon after the Revolution was over. There is no clergyman that lives in his neighborhood that can be procured to testify But Joseph Ladd² of Wayne County served one tour of duty with him. But who is now so much afflicted that he cannot attend Court and there is no other person by whom he can prove his service that he knows of Agrippa Henderson has been acquainted with him a number of years – and can testify as to his belief of his service – Cornelius Cook is also acquainted with him and many others who are now not present. There is also in court Miles Marshall who lives in my neighborhood who is acquainted with him and can testify in his behalf if required.

And the said William Cook hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State in the United States to his knowledge.

S/ Samuel Hannah, Clerk

S/ William Cook, X his mark

[Cornelius Cook and Agrippa Henderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The Court propounded the questions³ prescribed by the War Department to which the applicant made the following answers to wit

¹ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

² [Joseph Ladd W3565](#)

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.

Answer to Question 1st I was [born] in Rowan County North Carolina in the year 1761

Answer to Question 2. I have no record of my age

Answer to Question 3rd Surry County North Carolina, since the Revolution I lived in the State of North Carolina until within the last 17 years I have lived in Wayne County Indiana

4th I always volunteered

5th Major Dickson, Major Nelson, & Major Sharp & Colonel Hampton of the North Carolina Militia I do not recollect seeing any of the Regular Continental officers I was attached to the third Regiment North Carolina Militia and marched in that Regiment in company with the fourth Regiment North Carolina Militia the first tour of duty named in my declaration and I have already stated in my declaration the general Circumstances.

6th I received discharges, for the first tour from Captain Martin and for the second from Captain Smith which discharges I soon after lost as stated in my declaration.

7th I give the names of Agrippa Henderson, Cornelius Cook and Miles Marshall. I could name many others who are not in Court.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$22.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia, three months in the Infantry and three months in the Cavalry.]