

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Cook S31622

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" I, Benjamin Cook, of Monroe County in the State of Alabama, do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution, for two years and continued in its service until its termination at which period I was a private in Captain William McIntosh's company in the Georgia Battalion commanded by Major John Habersham. And I further declare that I was not, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828, on the pension List of the United States. Witness my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day September in the year 1828.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ H. M. Abney, JP

S/ Benjamin Cook, X his mark

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Revolutionary Claims  
Treasury Department,  
11 October 1828

Benjamin Cook of \_\_\_ in the County of Monroe in the State of Alabama has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain William McIntosh's Company, in the \_\_\_ regiment of the Georgia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary  
S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,  
Third Auditor's Office,  
14<sup>th</sup> October 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_~~

It further appears that Benjamin Cook is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not

been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of \_\_\_ dollars per month.~~

The Revolutionary records in this Office, do not show, that any Certificates for the reward of eighty Dollars were issued to the soldiers of the Georgia line.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

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State of Alabama, Monroe County

On this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 – Personally appeared before P.T. Harris Judge of the Circuit Court of Monroe County, now sitting, Benjamin Cook a resident of the County of Monroe and State of Alabama, aged seventy-three years who being duly sworn in open Court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he enlisted as a private in the Army of the United States in the year 1782 with Stephen Johnson a recruiting officer. And served in the Georgia Battalion in the service of the United States under the following named officers: John Waggoner Lieutenant William McIntosh Captain John Habersham Major – and Lewis Perry [?] Adjutant – that he left the service being discharged by Major Habersham on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1783. That he lived in Bullock County Georgia when he enlisted. That he was stationed in Savannah all while he remained in service and that he was engaged in recapturing [?]<sup>1</sup> three vessels which had been taken in the harbor of Savannah by the enemy.

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

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

S/ Sam. McColl [?], Clerk

S/ Benjamin Cook, X his mark

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State of Alabama Monroe County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the peace in and for Monroe County, Benjamin Cook who being duly sworn deposed & saith that he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1782 and served as a private from the said 19<sup>th</sup> of August 1782 to the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1783 when he was discharged.

S/ Benjamin Cook, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1834

S/ Ash Hammond, JP

[p 5: On February 24, 1845, Cook applied for a transfer of his pension payments indicating that he had moved from Alabama to Union County, Arkansas. He states that his children having removed and settled in Union County Arkansas, he is desirous to reside near them during the remainder of his life. His application was supported by Lewis Cook whose relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

*Lewis Cook* ]

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*recapturing*

[p 8: Discharge given to Benjamin Cook dated December 10, 1783 and signed by Major John Habersham]

By Major JOHN HABERSHAM, commanding  
the Georgia Battalion, in the Service of  
the United States of America.

**I**N Pursuance of a Proclamation issued by his Excellency GEORGE  
WASHINGTON, Esquire, Commander in Chief of the Armies  
of the United States of America, bearing Date the 4th Day of Novem-  
ber last, the Bearer hereof, *Benjamin Cook*  
in the said Battalion, is discharged from the same, he having been enlisted  
to serve for two Years, if the War should continue so long, which En-  
gagement he has fulfilled as a good and faithful Soldier.

Given at Savannah, in Georgia, the 10th  
December, 1783.

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*All concerned.*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$41 66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for one year and 15 days in the Georgia militia.]