

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Cook S31627

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State of Georgia Elbert County: SS

On this twentieth day of January in the year 1834, Personally appeared in open Court, before Beverly Allen, Dillard Herndon, Isaac Almond & Robert B Christian Justices of the Inferior Court in and for Elbert County State of Georgia, now sitting, George Cook, a resident of Elbert County and State of Georgia aged sixty-nine years two months and a few days, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he entered into the Service of the United States as a Volunteer Private for two months in Wilkes County State of North Carolina in the month of September or October in the year 1780 (before he arrived to the age of 16 years under Captain Lenoar [sic, Lanier or Lenoir], marched to the Moravian Town in the State of North Carolina with Tory & British prisoners taken at the Battle at Kings Mountain by volunteer troops commanded by Colonels Shelby, Cleveland, Campbell and Sevier, after having served two months as a private was discharged from the service of the United States in the year 1780, the day and month he does not at this late date recollect.

That he also entered into the United States service as a Substitute for one of Randall Mabry a Private, for 2 1/2 months in the County of Wilkes State of North Carolina in the latter part of the year 1780 the day or month not recollected marched to Salisbury State of North Carolina and there was stationed in guarding the public Magazine and prisoners under Captain Nall of the North Carolina Militia where he remained until the arrival of the prisoners taken at the Battle of the Cowpens in the State of South Carolina (generally known as Tarleton's defeat) marched from Salisbury with the prisoners then and there and those that had arrived to the State of Virginia, where he was discharged in the forepart of the year 1781 the day and month he does not recollect, after having served 2 1/2 months as a Private in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, Generals Greene and Morgan remained in the Rear of our Battalion as we marched to Virginia with the prisoners, as he supposes to prevent Cornwallis from retaking of them.

That he also was drafted as a private in the State of North Carolina Wilkes County in the latter part of the year 1781 the day or month he does not recollect, under Captain Cleveland in a mounted Infantry Company, joined Generals Butler and Rutherford on their march to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina and that his Company with a Colonel Smith were

detached with about four hundred mounted men and marched through the lower part of South Carolina, and then to Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, on the West side of the Cape Fear River, and that the detachment had head to engagements with the Enemy, that he left the main Army and traveled from near Wilmington North Carolina in Company with his Captain and six privates four Wilkes County, after having marched about two hundred miles were attacked by about thirty Tories commanded by a Tory Colonel by the name of Fanning [David Fanning], as he understood, when he became separated from his Horse and Company, and after having served 2 1/2 months, as a private in the Revolutionary War was discharged in the year 1781, making in all at the several different periods seven months service which he performed as a private in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and that there were no Continental Regiments or officers directly with the troops where he served, except Generals Greene and Morgan who followed him he is Rear when marching from North Carolina to the State of Virginia with the prisoners as before stated. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure except Benjamin Brown who can testify to his service as a soldier of the Revolution. Says that he was born in Granville County State of North Carolina on the 18th day of November in the year 1864; that he has a Record of his age in his father's Bible who has long since been dead which Bible is not now in his possession.

That he resided in North Carolina Wilkes County when first called into service and in Wilkes County State of North Carolina the second time when called into service, and in Wilkes County State of North Carolina the third time when called into service, that he has resided a part of the time since the Revolutionary War in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina and for upwards of 40 years last past in the State of Georgia where he now resides in Elbert County.

The first time when called into service says that he volunteered the second time he substituted for one Randall Mabry the third time when called into service that he was drafted, says that he served not immediately with any regular officer or Continental Regiment, and only with his own Militia Regiments or Battalion, says that he only received one written discharge given him by Lieutenant Baker in the absence of Captain Nall who had left the Army before he was discharged in Virginia which has long since been lost or destroyed, for the other two tours of service he received no written discharges,

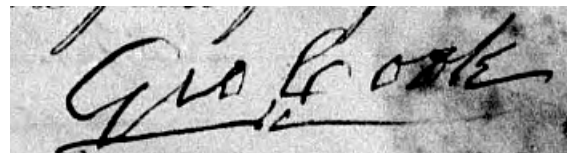
He states that the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution our, Thomas Jones, Benajah Houston, James Bell, Benjamin Brown & the Honorable Wylie Thompson.

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.

Test: S/ J. R. A. Christian, Clerk

S/ Geo. Cook

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "Geo. Cook".

[Thompson S Glenn, a clergyman, and Green W Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia Elbert County: Personally appeared in open Court before their Honors Beverly Allen, Dilliard Herndon, Isaac Allman and Robert B Christian Justices of Inferior court now

sitting in and for Elbert County State of Georgia, Benjamin Brown¹ a resident of said County aged 69 years and upwards, who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with George Cook who has this day made his oath to a declaration for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, that he was well acquainted with the Applicant during the Revolutionary War, and knew of his serving some considerable time in the War of the Revolution as a Private Soldier but cannot say precisely the length of time which he served.

S/ B. Brown

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 since per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Benjamin Brown S16327](#)