

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Cox S31630

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Georgia Habersham County: On this the fourth day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before Absalom Holcombe, John H Jones & James Williams & Benjamin Chastain Justices of the Inferior Court sitting as a Court of Ordinary of said County now in Session Richard Cox Senior a resident of said State & County aged about seventy-two years 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated: to wit

He entered the Service during the best of his recollection in the month of May, the day he does not remember, in the year 1777 as a volunteer in the Infantry under Captain Cowing [sic, Cowen or Cowan?] in Rowan County State of North Carolina his Lieutenant was named Nox [sic, Knox?].

They marched first to Charlotte in said State of North Carolina & lay there several weeks under Colonel McDowell and then marched into South Carolina & through that State to Augusta Georgia thence down the Savannah River on the Georgia side three days march & crossed over again into South Carolina & proceeded to a place called Stono on the Sea coast of the State last aforesaid – That he was in a battle<sup>1</sup> at that place under Generals Butler & Lincoln & was soon after discharged having served three months the time for which he had volunteered. The discharge he has lost & has no documentary evidence relative to his service in this Tour. That sometime thereafter, how long he does not remember, he was drafted & served a tour of one month against the Tories under Captain Lopp in the upper part of North Carolina & while out on that tour was again drafted for a three months tour & served at that time under Captain Smith Lieutenant Smith & Ensign Miller.

He marched then down to Wilmington in North Carolina & lay there & about their during the said three months & was commanded by General Rutherford & does not remember the name of his Colonel. He was on this Tour when he heard of the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis & until the British evacuated that part of the Country. He was then discharged but if he received any written discharge he has lost it & has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his

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<sup>1</sup> The battle of Stono was fought on June 20, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/stonoferry.htm>

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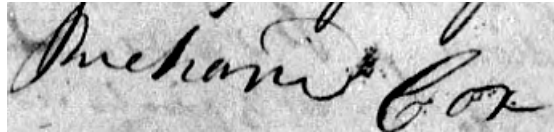
That in all he served seven months first as a volunteer & then as a Drafted man & that he knows of no person except Benjamin Page that he can procure who can testify as to his services, whose affidavit is attached to this Declaration. That he was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina according to his best information in the year 1760 & that he has no record of his age. That he was living in the said County of Rowan at the time he entered the service & for three or four years afterwards that from thence he moved to Randolph County, remained there about 20 years then Iredell County North ~~Carolina~~ & remained there about six years and then moved back to Rowan County & remained there eleven years. He then moved to Habersham County Georgia where he has remained ever since & still resides.

That he is acquainted with the Reverend Evan Pearson a clergyman of the Baptist denomination & with Jehu Starritt who know him – who reside in the neighborhood in which he lives & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or annuity other than this & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas J. Rusk, CCO

S/ Richard Cox

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Cox", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

[Evan Pearson, a clergyman and Jehu Starritt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Burke County: August the 14 day 1829 this day came Benjamin Page before me Groves Bowman one of the justices of the court of pleas and quarter Sessions in and for said County and being duly sworn deposeth and saith: that Richard Cox did when a youth serve a three months tower [tour] in the militia in the time of our Struggle in the old revolutionary war: and near the close of the same he served a second three months tower as well as his memory serves him at the time of what was called the Wilmington Expedition = But from the length of time and being far advanced in old age his memory don't serve him well enough to tell the names of the officers that the said Cox served under nor the regiments that he was attached to: But says that Richard Cox did live at that time about 13 miles from Salisbury in Roan County North Carolina with his father and that the said Cox now lives in Habersham County Georgia = the above stated facts sworn to and subscribed this day above written.

Sworn to & before me

S/ Grs. Bowman, JP

S/ Benjamin Page, P his mark

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