

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Cox S3170

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: August Session 1832

On this 21 day of August personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas etc. now sitting, Edward Cox a resident of the State & County aforesaid aged seventy-three 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 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted in the year 1775 or volunteered which he is not certain in Captain Bletchers Regiment Captain Robison & Lieutenant Sevier company from Sullivan County then in Washington County North Carolina. Went to Nolichucky, built a Fort & guarded the frontiers, the Fort was attacked by the Indians & fought about three hours, after Receiving reinforcements pursued the Indians 150 or 60 miles, then returned to Watauga & built another Fort etc. served one year.

In 1776 volunteered under Colonel Martain [sic, Martin?] for three months marched into the Cherokee nations to relieve Sevier who was like to be overpowered by the Indians. Burnt their towns etc., killed many of the enemy & held the rank of Lieutenant.

In 1777 held the command of Lieutenant under the State of North Carolina & was called into service with very short intervals served as near as can recollect about eighteen months was engaged in building a Fort at Shoats ford guarding the frontiers, acting as an Indian spy with small parties [indecipherable word] ordered to a station on Big Creek Bulls gapp [sic, Bulls Gap] &c.

In 1780 as a Lieutenant volunteered in Captain Wallace's company Colonels Shelby & Bletcher for a four months tour in South Carolina fought the enemy on or near the Innerree [sic, Enoree River] & beat them¹ and was principally engaged during said tour marching [?] after the Tories in South Carolina & part in North Carolina.

In 1781 volunteered as a Lieutenant under the last mentioned officers from Sullivan County then Washington to serve and assist General Marion in South Carolina, found of Marion on Santee River, was immediately sent on below Moncks Corner and made 18 or 20 prisoners then sent on with the lite [light] horse to the enemy's Fort on or near the Bay, found the Fort partly burnt & vacated, returned to camps, got the news of the surrender of the British Army at

¹ I believe this is a reference to the Battle of Musgrove Mill on August 18, 1780.

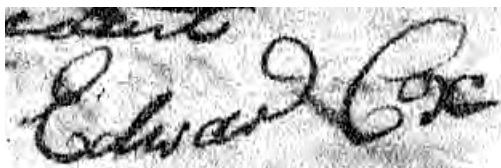
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yourk [Yorktown] and was discharged by Colonel Bletcher which is lost or worn out as well as said Lieutenant's commission and does not now [sic, know] of any person to establish said facts by accept [sic, except] Wm Carr² who was Sergeant in said company the last four months service, Total service upwards of three years of that time upwards of two years a Lieutenant.

He 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 this State or else where and that this is the first effort that he has made to have his name enrolled on the pension list.

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

S/ Edward Cox

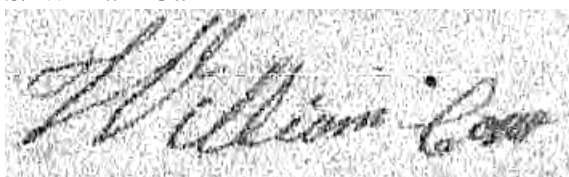
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Cox". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

[William Carr & Thomas Hamilton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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On this 21st of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court William Carr a citizen of Sullivan County and made oath that he was a Sergeant under Lieutenant Edward Cox the applicant in the four months tour 1781 under General Marion in South Carolina and knows that his statement of said service in the foregoing declaration is correctly & truly set forth. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court date above.

S/ William Carr

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Carr". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

State of Tennessee Sullivan County
Supplement to Edward Cox's pension Claim

On this 25th day of March 1833 personally appeared Edward Cox before me William Rockhold a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid and on his oath deposed and saith in answer to objection 11th there is no minister of the gospel immediate in his neighborhood whose attendance he can procure in his original pension claim the court of Sullivan he thinks has closely shown that fact, and to objection 12 the ministers of the gospel that preaches immediate in this neighborhood are circuit riders so-called and strangers [indecipherable word] it would be matter of [indecipherable word, looks like "Dilveasy"] to asked the affidavit of men who are only on the circuit one year & then removed and a stranger follow him &c &c.

Deponent further saith that he thought & believed that he fully answered the 7 Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and that the court certified that fact as per original papers but does humbly beg leave to amend as follows

Deponent saith that he was born in the year 1758 in Baltimore County State of Maryland when he was a small boy his parents emigrated to Sullivan County Tennessee (then North Carolina) where Deponent has ever since & does now reside, and to 2 interrogatory Deponent

² [William Carr S1896](#)

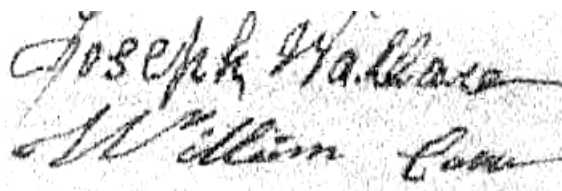
saith that he has seen the record of his age in his father's Bible many years back but has known in his possession and does believe if there is any error in the original pension Claim that he is rather [indecipherable word or words] than those stated and does not know what has come of the record kept by his father.

Answer to 6th Interrogatory he says that he recollects of being discharged or sometimes directed to come home but what has come of them he cannot say but does believe they were long since destroyed and that there is none of them in his possession and that he has disclosed all he knows on that subject in his original pension claim, further Deponent saith that he well recollects he was elected Lieutenant of the Militia before he was grown and was commissioned by but then Governor of North Carolina his name not recollected which is lost or worn out as he supposes and ever after his promotion to the lieutenantcy when in the service he always held said rate as per original pension Claim and that he does not know of any living witness that he can procure his commission by.

Answer to seventh interrogatory Deponent says he does believe there is none that is acquainted with him in his neighborhood that doubts his veracity and if there is any he is at a loss to name them but will say that he has been acquainted with the following persons 50 odd years say Joseph Wallace Esquire William Carr Esquire and Abraham Cross and almost every grown person in the County. Deponent further says in consequence of a severe attack of the fever some three or four years back together with the infirmity of age his memory is much gone but is perfectly satisfied as to the truth of the foregoing facts.

S/ Edward Cox

[Joseph Wallace Esquire & William Carr Esquire gave the standard supporting affidavit. In addition, "... The said Joseph Wallace further saith that to his own knowledge he knows that the said Edward Cox marched under his brother Captain Thomas Wallace and held the rank of Lieutenant in a tour to General Marion's Camps in South Carolina as to his commission he does not recollect to have seen it but does believe he was commissioned by the then Governor of North Carolina, and the said William Carr says that he served a four months tour in command of Sergeant under Thomas Wallace and Edward Cox and that the said Cox held the command of Lieutenant and was recognized as such and that he believes he was commissioned by the then Governor of North Carolina...."]

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Joseph Wallace" and the bottom signature reads "William Carr". Both signatures are enclosed in a thin rectangular border.

[fn p. 12: in a power of attorney dated December 9th, 1851, filed in Sullivan County Tennessee, John Cox identified himself as one of the heirs of Edward Cox who died November 30th, 1850; that the other heirs of said Edward Cox are: Meredith (who move this fall to Arkansas), Elizabeth Vincent, formerly Elizabeth Cox of said Sullivan County; Jacob & Abraham Cox (both of Arkansas); Jane McAllister, formerly Jane Cox of Kentucky; Samuel Cox, of said County; and Catherine Dugan formerly Catherine Cox of Indiana.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$160 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.]