

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Cooke S3179

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State of Tennessee }

Williamson County }

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 before the Hon Thomas Stuart Judge of the circuit Court for the fourth judicial circuit for the State of Tennessee now sitting John Cooke a resident of the County of Williamson and State of Tennessee aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man in the Spring of 1780 under the following officers Captain Sylvanus Walker - Liut John Pamplin Ensign William Thweatt. Command by Col Holt Richardson Lieutenant Col. Lewis Burwell and Major John Boyce [sic: William Boyce] and attached to the Brigade commanded by General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] and marched from Lunenburg Courthouse Virginia to Hillsborough North Carolina at which place General [Horatio] Gates joined us and we took up march and continued south & crossed Pedee [sic: Pee Dee] River at Massis Ferry [sic: Massie's Ferry or Mask's Ferry] at which place he was taken sick and was left behind and did not join the army again until after Gates defeat [at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and then stationed at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina and there stationed until last of November at which time he received a discharge and returned home having served six months he received a discharge but has lost it he was in no battles during this campaign he recollects that he served with General Gates and Captain William Lytle of the Regulars. does not remember the number of any Regular or Continental Regiments or Companies

He entered the service of the United States a second time as substitute for Charles Patterson in May 1781 under the following officers Capt William Ragsdale Lieutenant Gideon Spencer and Ensign Baxter Pool in the Regiment Commanded by Col. — Lindsey [sic: probably Reuben Lindsay] Major John Overstreet and attached to the Brigade commanded by General Robert Lawson and marched over the following Country from Lunenburg Courthouse Virginia to Prince Edward Courthouse to Carters ferry on James River and to Rappahannock River above Fredericksburg and there joined the Army under the command of General LaFayette and to Rappidan [sic: Rapidan] River and met General Waine [sic: Anthony Wayne, 10 Jun 1781] and his troops - to Orange Courthouse and discharged in Hanover County Va. in August 1781 making a term of upwards of three months he received no discharge for this campaign. he was in no battles during this campaign but in several skirmishes &c. he recollects that he was in service with and under Generals Lafayette - Waine - & Lawson the other officers he does not recollect nor the number of Regiments of Regulars & Continental troops

He again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and served under the following officers to wit Captain Thomas Jones rest of company officers not remembered in the Regiment commanded by Col. Lewis Burwell attached to General Muhlenburg's [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade and marched over the following Country. From Lunenburg CourtHouse to Petersburg and to Yorktown and towards last of siege crossed over to Gloucester side under Gen [illegible] and there remained till after the Surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] — he entered into this campaign in the summer of 1781 the month he does not recollect & returned home in the last of November or first of December same year 1781. making a term of four months together with the other two a period of thirteen months. At the Siege of Yorktown he knew General Washington Genera LaFayette General [Benjamin] Lincoln &c. he received no discharge for this campaign

He was born in Virginia Lunenburg County on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1765 according to his register taken from that of his father. When he entered the service of the United States he resided in the County of Lunenburg Virginia. Since the Revolution he resided in same county till about 1789 - in Halifax Va till 1822 and since that time he has resided in Williamson County Tennessee

He has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove his services

but he can prove by Henry Cooke his brother [see pension application of Henry Cook S3181] who was with him in the first and last campaigns mentioned in his declaration that he served as he has stated and that he the said Henry also knows of his having served the second as substitute for Charles Paterson. he can also prove by him that he served as orderly Sergeant the third campaign.

He hereby relinquishes all 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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid [signed] John Cooke