

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Cooley (Coley) S3188

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State of Tennessee Humphreys County

On this 18th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John W Cook Judge etc. of the Circuit Court in and for the State aforesaid James Cooley a resident of said County and State aged seventy-five years on the 16th of April now last past according to the Record of ages kept by his Father in his Father's family and as he the said James Cooley always has and now believes, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he enlisted in the service of the United States in the year 1778 under Captain T. Powel (as a private), In whose Company Paddy Martin was Lieutenant, and Benjamin Carpenter Ensign: the Regiment to whom we were attached was commanded by Colonel Nicholas Long. That he enlisted as aforesaid in Halifax County in the State of North Carolina he states that he marched about in the State of North Carolina for some time guarding the magazine at Halifax and the British prisoners; they were marched in some part of Virginia and had a fight with the British at Roanoke River near Halifax and they remained at Halifax and in that part of the Country until we were discharged after the service of three years had expired for which he had enlisted, – he received a discharge signed (as he believes) by Captain Kid. Said discharge was burnt by accident by his mother, through mistake, she thinking at the time it was another paper, – he again in the year 1781 volunteered his service as a horseman on Town Creek in the State of North Carolina under Colonel Linton but did not perform any service in consequence of no call being then made for us. He states that in his first service his Captain Powell was taken prisoner at Halifax but how and when he was released he does not know – he states that he was born in the State of Virginia, Removed from thence into the State of North Carolina, from there he moved into this County where he has been residing for the past 26 years – he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his service, nor has he any documentary evidence of the same. 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 any State.

Sworn to and prescribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ D. P. Hudson, Deputy Clerk

S/ James Cooley, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Court to deponent James Cooley

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born 1758 parenthesis I think) in Charles City County in the State of Virginia

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age kept by my family but well recollect how it was kept by my Father in his family Bible

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When I enlisted & went into service I lived in Halifax County North Carolina & moved from thence into Montgomery County Tennessee, & lived there about 12 years & then moved into Humphreys County Tennessee where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was Enlisted for three years

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Colonel Nicholas Long, major Hog, Captain Powell, Lieutenant Paddy Martin

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from the service given by Captain Joseph Kid, which was burned about 48 or 49 years ago by my mother

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. Robert Dunlap, Martin Carter, Lewis Hitchcock, John Thompson and many others

Sworn to in open court September 18th, 1833

S/ James Cooley, X

[John Thompson and Robert Dunlap gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]