

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Cooke S35857

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State of Indiana Ss

Dearborn County

Be it remembered that on the 23^d day of October AD. 1818 then before me John Test a Circuit Judge came Charles Cook a resident of Dearborn County aforesaid and being duly sworn as the Law directs on his solemn oath deposed & saith, that he enlisted in the army of the thirteen United States on the continental establishment in the month of March 1781 at the town of Charlottesville in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle], State of Virginia in Captain John Harris's Company of Infantry in a Regiment of Infantry then commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Gaskins under whom he served until about the months of July or August 1781 (being in the Virginia line) that he was then transferred to the Regiment commanded by Colonel [Thomas] Posey, under the immediate command of Captain Beverly Roy, in which this deponent served (having enlisted for & during the term of 18 months) until the first day of September 1782, at which time his term of service expired. that he was marched to Cumberland Court House in Virginia where he was honourably discharged by General Charles Scott, by whom his discharge was signed. This deponent further states that he was present & engaged in the capture of Lord Cornwallis & his army at Yorktown in Virginia [19 Oct 1781]. that after that event he was marched to Cumberland Court House in Virginia where he lay in winter quarters in the winter of the year 1781. that in the ensuing Spring he again joined the command of General [Anthony] Wayne at Ebenezer town on the Savannah River in the State of Georgia & that he continued with said command until discharged. that he was enlisted at the age of sixteen & is now some where about fifty eight years of age. he farther states that he is much enfeebled by hardships & that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for his support. his discharge he believes to be in the possession of his father in Albermarle County, Virginia with whom he left it & therefore cannot now be forwarded – but he further states & believes that it can be procured & is confident it contains the circumstances above related, and that he has now no other evidence in his power of his said services

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Dearborn Circuit

On this 22^d day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record in and for the said County of Dearborn and State of Indiana, Charles Cook aged 60 years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; That he served in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Posey in the Virginia line and in the Company commanded by Capt LeRoy [sic] and that the date of his original declaration was on the 23^d day of October 1818 and that he has received a pension from the United States as a revolutionary soldier and that the number of his pension certificate is 4,724. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. (to wit)

1 Cow & Calf
1 Shovel plough (old)
1 axe (old)
1 set pewter plates (old)
2 pewter Dishes (old)

1 Sow & 5 pigs
3 knives & forks
1 Bible (old)
1 Russels Sermons
6 Iron Spoons (old)
1 Hoe (old)
1 pot
1 Small Bake oven

1 Iron Kettle

and that the declarant further swears that he is by occupation a farmer but that he is unable to pursue the profession and that the number of his family residing with him is three (viz) myself and wife priscilla aged 60 years, who totally incapable of rendering any services whatever and Thomas aged 16 years capable of rendering services

[signed] Charles Cooke

NOTE: A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Chesterfield Courthouse includes the following: Charles Cooke, age 18, height 5' 9½", brown hair, brown eyes, fair complexion, born and residing in Albemarle County, where he enlisted as a substitute for 18 months.