

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cook S39332

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State of South Carolina Beaufort County

Personally appeared before me John Cook who being duly sworn deposeeth; That he was a Soldier of the Revolutionary War, and served against the common enemy for the term of 3 years. That he was enlisted by Captain Charwick [sic, probably a mistaken reference to Captain Richard Shubrick] of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Isaac Mottee [Isaac Motte] of General Moultrie's Brigade. That he was present and engaged in the attack on Fort Moultrie. That at the expiration of three years he was regularly discharged and now has his discharge in his possession. Also that he is in very reduced circumstances of life and stands in need of the aid proposed to be given to the Soldiers of the Revolutionary War. He deposes that he was enlisted in the year 1775 and his discharges dated the 13th of July 1778 – and signed by Isaac Motte Colonel 2nd Regiment.

Sworn to before [me] this 18th September 1818

S/ C. J. Colcock

S/ John Cook, X his mark

State of South Carolina Beaufort District: In the Court of Common Pleas

On this 9th Day of April in the year of our Lord 1824, personally appeared in open Court in the Court aforesaid being a Court of Record expressly made so as I the laws of the State preceding according to the course of common law and having unlimited jurisdiction in all civil [matters] and keeping a record of its proceedings and held at Coosawhatchie in and for the District of Beaufort aforesaid John Cook aged seventy years and upwards, a resident of Prince Williams Parish in the District of Beaufort aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare as follows – I John Cook do solemnly swear that I served in the Revolutionary War, for three years, that I enlisted about the 15th day of July 1775 in the company commanded by Captain Shubrick in the Regiment of Colonel Motte, in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental establishment, and that I continued to serve in the said Corps until the 13th day of July 1778, when I was discharged, having served out the time of my enlistment. That I was in the Battle at Fort Moultrie, and received a regular discharge. And I do solemnly swear that I am a native born citizen of South Carolina, and 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 provision of an act of Congress entitled an act to Provide for Certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th of March 1818, that in fact I have neither sold, given away or disposed of any property at all since the 18th 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 at all,

nor the use of any property other than the property contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed; and I further swear that I am aged and infirm, being of the age of seventy years & upwards and broken with years. That I live and have lived for more than 20 years last past in Prince Williams Parish in the District of Beaufort aforesaid, that my only occupation is that of a labor, and husbandman, and that I am not now capable of labor, and never had or exercise any other trade or calling, that my children are all grown and settled in life, that they are needy, and neither contribute nor are able to contribute, to my support. That no one lives with me but my wife who is without property and about two years older than myself. That I made a declaration to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress herein before mentioned, after the passing thereof, which said Declaration having been mislaid and lost I am unable to give the date thereof, but that I was inscribed on the Pension list Role of South Carolina agency at the rate of \$8 per month commencing on the 16th day of September 1818 as by the Certificate of the Honorable J C Calhoun Secretary of war No. 14866 dated the 10th September 1819 and now in my possession will appear. That since the 4th March 1820 I have not received any part of said pension. That the following are the reasons why I did not exhibit a Schedule of my property prior to the passing of the act of 1823 (having been told of such an act at the time of making this declaration) that I did not know why my pension was stopped nor how I could have it restored until very lately, that I am illiterate, perfectly unacquainted with the forms of business, and above all with the Acts of Congress and the regulations of the War Department, that I reside at the distance of 35 miles from Coosawhatchie where the Courts for Buford District are held and have no opportunity of going to Coosawhatchie at the sitting of the Court to make the declaration will get instruction how to make it. That one of my neighbors carried me to Charleston lately & I made a Declaration in the Court of common pleas there not knowing that the fact of my living out of Charleston District would vitiate the proceedings but being informed thereof & being advised further as to the form of making this declaration I have now endeavored in all things to comply with the requisitions of form. And I further swear that in fact I am entitled to the benefit and provisions of the Act of Congress before referred to – and that the following is my Schedule herein before referred to

Three cows and yearlings valued	\$30	
Three dry cows	16	
Four Sows & three Pigs	09	
Furniture in my House	50	\$105

Sworn to & declared in open court by the said John Cook in person on the 9th day of April 1824
S/ John Cook, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 16, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]