

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Samuel Cox S39343

VA

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Fauquier [sic] County District of Virginia. in the State of Virginia Sct.

On this 14th day of April 1818 before me the subscriber presiding and sole Judge of the Superior Court of law for the said County of Fauquier in the said State of Virginia, personally appeared Samuel Cox of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia aforesaid aged sixty two years and resident in the said County who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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,” that he the said Samuel Cox enlisted as a private soldier in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia in a company of Riflemen commanded by Capt John Ashby dec’d. of the County and State last aforesaid, who then was attached to the third Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment commanded by Col [George] Weedon, that he served in this Company two years and then enlisted in a Company commanded by Capt. Valentine Peyton [BLWt2241-300] of the same Regiment, who was killed at Charleston [10 May 1780], during the war, that he continued to serve in the Company of Capt. John Ashby and afterwards in the Company of Capt. Valentine Peyton until he was taken prisoner at the siege of Charleston [12 May 1780], that he deserted from the British and returned to the American Camp where he received a discharge from Richmond in Virginia in 1781 that he was in the Battles of York Island [Battle of Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776] Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], Germantown [4 Oct 1777], White Plains [28 Oct 1776], Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] where he was severely wounded, Gates Defeat [defeat of Gen. Horatio Gates, Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780], and at the siege of Charleston that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power except the annexed affidavits of Joseph Blackwell [S37781] and Alexander Patton [S38981]

This 14th day of April 1818 Joseph Blackwell appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the Superior Court of the County and State of Virginia and made oath that he is well acquainted with Samuel Cox the present applicant for a pension, that the said Samuel Cox enlisted as a private soldier in the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia and company of Riflemen commanded by Capt John Ashby of the County and State aforesaid and of the third Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, that he served two years in this Regiment which was commanded by Colo. [Hugh] Mercer and Lieut Col. Weedon both of whom are dead, that for a part of the two years the Deponent was a Cadet in the Company to which the petitioner belonged, this Deponent also knows that the said Samuel Cox at the end of his time enlisted during the war in a company commanded by Capt. Valentine Peyton of the same Regiment, and served in this Company until he and this Deponent were taken Prisoners in Charleston and that the said Samuel Cox was in the Battle of York Island, that he is an old man and in such needy circumstances as to require the aid of his Country for support.

on this 14th day of April 1818 Alexander Patton appeared before me the subscriber a Judge of the Superior Court of law for the County of Fauquier in the State and District of Virginia and made oath that he is well acquainted with Samuel Cox the above applicant for a pension, that the Deponent and the said Samuel Cox both of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia in the year 1776 enlisted as soldiers in a company commanded by Capt John Ashby and served under him two years that this company belonged to the third Virginia Regiment on continental establishment, that the Deponent knows that the said Samuel Cox was in the Battles of Brandy Wine, Germantown and one or two other Battles and that he was reported to be a true and faithful soldier.

Virginia At a Court held for Frederick County the 4th day of September 1820 This day personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County Samuel Cox aged sixty five years resident in the said County of Frederick, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War first under Capt John Ashby of the 3rd Virginia Regiment and under several other officers and that he was taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina and that he hath received a certificate for a pension No 9948.

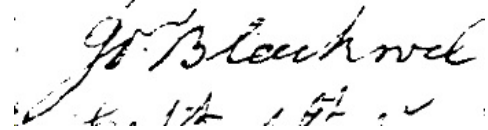
And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act 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, viz One horse and one mare, two Cows, six head of hogs, six chairs, one table, six plates, six knives & forks, six cups and saucers, coffee pot and tea pot, two pots and one dutch oven, besides necessary clothing & bedding. I am a farmer but from age and infirmity and being ruptured am able to do but little work. I have a wife who is upwards of fifty years of age and very weakly and two daughters and one son. the girls are both of age and chiefly work for themselves my son is about fourteen years old and healthy

Samuel hisXmark Cox

[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#). Compare Samuel Cox VAS3168.]

This is to certify that Samuel Cox Inlisted in the third Virginia Regiment on continial establishment for war Which term he faithfully serv'd Given under my hand this 23th april 1822.

Jo. Blackwell [Joseph Blackwell] Late
Capt 6th Virg'a Reg't

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jo. Blackwell". Below the signature, there are some faint, illegible markings that appear to be "A. 17/2 1822".

Fauquier County to wit

This day Jo Blackwell late Capt 6th Virg'a Regt on continial establishment personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace & made oath to the above Certificate Given under under my this 29 day of april 1822.
Thos. O. Jennings

I Samuel Cox of the County of Fauquier, & Commonwealth of Virginia do declare that in the year 1775, in the County aforesaid, I enlisted as a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War, with Great Britain, for the term of two years, under Cap. John Ashby, who raised a company, attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Hugh Mercer. that during the aforesaid two years, I was in the battles of New York, Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Prince town [Princeton 3 Jan 1777], Brandywine and Germantown that after the expiration of the aforesaid two years, when I was regularly discharged I inlisted under Capt. Valentine Peyton of the 3rd Virg'a Regiment upon Continental Establishment during the War – the command of said Regiment being committed to Col. John Neville [John Nevill BLWt1595-500]. I was at the Battle of Monmouth, where I was shot through the body. I was afterwards marched to the South, and was in Charlstown during the siege of that place, and was taken a prisoner there, I made my Escape and reported myself at Head Quarters near Richmond, when I was honourably discharged by an Order of the Commander in Chief, which discharge I have lost or mislaid

I am now in my 70th year of age, very infirm, with a considerable family of children & Grand children. I am now receiving a pension from the United States. I have never received my Bounty Land Warrant from the State of Virginia or the United States nor have I ever in any way sold, transferred or assigned the same.

I further annex the certificate of the late Col. Joseph Blackwell, a captain in the 6th Virg'a.

Regiment during the Rev. War who was taken a prisoner at Charlstown to prove my service and Identify my person for the purpose of enabling me to get my aforesaid bounty Land, and I am the same Sam'l Cox to whom the afores'd Certificate was given and for whom it was intended. Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of December 1824. Sam'l hisXmark Cox

Warrenton December 11th 1824

I Samuel Cox a Soldier in the Revolutionary War between the United States of America and Great Britain, do hereby Authorize and Empower, Col. John R Wallace, now member of the Virginia Legislature, to obtain from the Governor & Council of the Commonwealth of Virginia a Warrant for me and in my name, for the Land to which I am entitled as a Soldier in the aforesaid war –The Quantity of Land to which I am entitled as bounty Land or otherwise, I refer to the Certificate of the late Col. Jos Blackwell, a Capt. in the 6th Vig'a Reg't during the afores'd War – which Certificate I forward with this power of attorney.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of December 1824. Samuel hisXmark Cox

Teste. Thos O. Jennings/ Thomas P. Knox

Dear Col.

You will perceive by reading the inclosed papers, that I have taken the liberty of advising Mr. Cox to empower you to obtain his Land warrant for him, he is an old soldier, and one that I am informed served faithfully during the Rev. War – he is poor and last summer lost the use of his left arm. Your attention to this business will confer a favour on him, any little Sum you may have to advance shall be returned at sight.

I am very sincerely yr. friend.
Mr. Cox lives near Peter Adams who
has aided him in this business. J. A. W. Smith

Jno. A. W. Smith
Decemb'r 11th 1824.

Since writing the above I have understood you have obtained leave to bring in a bill respecting clks [clerk's] fees, will you favour me with the nature and features of the contemplated bill, I hope the compensation will be in proportion to the labour and services rendered.

Yrs/ Jno. A. W. Smith/ 19th Dec. 1824

Since writing the above letter I have been informed the Law is about expire after which the old Rev. Soldiers claims will be barred. I have by the advice of Mr. Ingram inclosed the papers of Alex'r Patton, a power of Atto will be forward to you in due season – do my D'r Sir give this business your immediate attention – please inquire of Rob. G. Scott Esq'r into the situation of a claim I have in the name of J. B. Armistead [the rest undeciphered] yr. &c Jno. A. W. Smith
P.S. The enclosed papers have been neglected by me for two or three year.

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) and assumed to pertain to the above Samuel Cox.]

The Memorial of the undersigned Heirs at Law & Legal Representatives of Samuel Cox deceased, respectfully represent to his Excellency the Governor of Virginia, that the Father of your memorialist, the aforesaid Samuel Cox, enlisted in the Virginia State line, in the Revolutionary War, upon Continental establishment for the Term of five years, that after the expiration of said Term of five years he again enlisted for and during the said War, and continued in the service and in said enlistment till the end of said War, and that the said Samuel Cox receiv'd in consideration of his services as aforesaid a Warrant for only one hundred acres, of land, that being the full quantity to which he was entitled as your memorialists are informed.

Therefore we the undersigned Heirs as aforesaid request that our agent Wilford G. Little may be afforded the several facilities for the purpose of investigating our claims in the premises aforesaid

