

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Benjamin Cocks S39351

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District of Virginia Towit

On this 16th day of September 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court for the State aforesaid personally appears Benjamin Cocks aged 65 years, resident in the County of Surry in said State, 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 Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war": That he the said Benjamin Cocks enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the said County of Surry with a certain Sergeant Halsling[?] (Col. Jas. Cocks [James Cocks] being then the Col. Com[mandant] of the County) on the [illegible] day of July 1780 and was marched to Brunswick Courthouse in the said state which was the place of Rendezvous & there attached to the company commanded by Capt. Jno. Overton [John Overton] – that from thence he was marched with the company to Chesterfield Court house, & there joined the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. William Davies That in Feb'y. following he was detailed into Capt. Bookers [Lewis Booker's] company of Artillery in the Regiment of Artillery commanded by Col. [Charles] Harrison & remained in that Regiment until the 13th of Nov'r. 1781 when he was discharged from service at Cumberland Court house in the State of Va. a'd. That he was at Petersburg when it was taken by the Enemy [Battle of Blandford Hill, 25 Apr 1781] and at the Seige of York [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]. That his discharge was written on the back of his certificate, which he sold & delivered to Mr. William Urquhart of Southampton and that he is now in very reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support and that he has now no other evidence of his services except what accompanies this declar-

On this twenty fifth day of September one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Surry aforesaid in the State of Virginia, Benjamin Cocks aged sixty three years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Benjamin Cocks enlisted for the term of eighteen months on the first day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, in the State of Virginia in the Company Commanded by Captain John Overton in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Davis [sic] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until February following and was transfered to Captain Bookers Corps of Artillery in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Charles Harrison and that he continued in that Corps until the 31st December one thousand seven hundred and eighty one when he was discharged from the said Service at Cumberland Court house in the State of Virginia. That he was in the battles of Petersburg and at the Seige of York and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service except the evidence of Thomas P Pyland taken before the Judge of the Superior Court of law for the County of Surry aforesaid, forwarded to the War department of the United States, and the Certificates of Joseph Barham sen'r. Nathaniel Berriman Sen'r. and Thomas Lane Sen'r [pension application R6138]. And in pursuance of the act of the first May one thousand eight hundred and twenty 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.

Benjamin Cocks

Schedule of the property Real and Personal (except necessary clothing Beds and bedding) of Benjamin Cocks of the County of Surry and late a private in Army of the Revolution.

Six and a half Acres of Land, two pine Tables, one pine Safe, one loom, one spinning wheel, six old chairs, three pine chests, two Iron pots one Iron Tea Kettle , one skillet, four dishes, one dozen plates, some cups and Saucers and Bowls some knives and forks, six Pewter spoons, two axes three hoes, one spade, three Cows five young cattle, one sow, six shoats, one pr. Iron wedges, one pr. sad Irons and Taylor Tools.

Benjamin Cocks

This Court is of the opinion that the said Benjamin Cocks' Schedule does not exceed in value one hundred and twenty five dollars. and it is ordered that the Clerk so Certify the same according.

List of Benjamin Cocks family residing with him –

Benjamin Cocks Taylor. aged sixty three years lost the sight of one of his eyes

Rebecca Cocks his wife aged fifty four years infirm

Susan Cocks his daughter aged twenty one years healthy

William Cocks his son aged eighteen years infirm

Benjamin Cocks his son aged sixteen years healthy

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NOTE: A typed summary states that Benjamin Cocks was listed as Benjamin Cox on military rolls and that he died on 9 Apr 1828.