

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of James Cooper S39362

VA

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Virginia,

Augusta County, to wit,

James Cooper, (a free man of colour) of the County aforesaid, personally appeared before me, John Brown, Judge of the Chancery District Court holden at Staunton in the County & State aforesaid, & being sworn, saith, That in the year [blank] he enlisted, as a private soldier, for Three years, in Cap. Wallaces's [Gustavus Brown Wallace] Company, 3^d Virginia regiment, on Continental establishment; That at the expiration of that time, he re-enlisted for Eighteen months, in the same regiment. That he served his country faithfully during those periods, & at the expiration of the last enlistment, received a regular discharge, which was unfortunately lost by washing his clothes. This affiant afterwards made exertions to get an authenticated copy of his discharge, but from the dispersed situation of his officers, & the death of some of them, together with his lower grade in society, was unable to effect this purpose. – He has, however, since procured the annexed certificates, – one of them executed by Edward Mathews, who had belonged to the same company that this affiant did, (but whether living, or dead, or if living, where he resides, this affiant knows not) – the other by some gentleman, then residing in the County of Goochland, Virginia. This affiant has never been allowed a pension by the laws of the United States; – He is a poor man, in reduced circumstances, & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & caused the seal of office of the said court to be affixed the 25th day of Apr 1818

J W. Brown

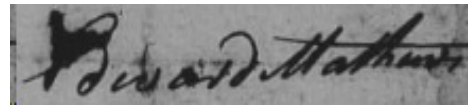
The State of Virginia Octob'r 1787

The Bearer James Cooper, a Molatto Free Man, Being Desirous to Travel in the No. State Carolina and Georgia, its Recommended that he doe pass unmolisted so long as he Behaves himself well, he being an old Soldier in bluforts defeat [sic: Abraham Buford, pension application S46372, defeated at Battle of Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780] he served fathful

NB. the above [several undeciphered words; signature illegible]

Goochland May 19th 1798 I do hereby Certify that James Cooper was a waiter under Col'n Bluford at the Defeat of the waxhaw Settlement and Continued to His time was out as Witness my Hand

Edward Mathews



State of Virginia

Augusta County to wit

On this 26th day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County James Cooper aged about Seventy years a free man of colour resident in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows – that he enlisted with Capt John Mosby [VAS362] at Goochland Ct House joined company at Powhatan Ct. House and marched with the Company to Savannah in Georgia, where he was discharged after serving three years, for which time he had enlisted, He afterwards enlisted at Powhatan Ct House with one Howard [sic: Capt.-Lt. Thomas Hord], an officer whose rank whether Capt or Subaltern is not recollected, and afterwards joined Col. Bluford at Petersburg. He enlisted the last time for Eighteen months and was at Blufords defeat, and was discharged at Hillsborough [NC]. He is now so infirm from age that he is able to do but very little work. He has already made a declaration under the act of Congress

passed on the 18th March 1818. the date of which declaration he does not recollect. his pension certificate is dated the 8th day of January 1819. He further swears that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not since that time by gift sale, or in any other manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions 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 day of March 1818. and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts, or debts due to him, nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed He further deposes that the only members of his family are himself and Lockey Orchard, a free woman of Colour, who lives with him she is upwards of fifty years of age and owns a Cow and four chairs and a bed a Chest but no other property. Her health is bad and she is not able to do much work, she does some spinning, & knitting for her and this deponent, & attends to her household duties, but is not able to contribute much to their support. He rents four or five acres of ground, which he works as well as he can & has no other occupation. His circumstances are so destitute as to require the assistance of his Country for a support.

Schedule of the estate of the said James Cooper necessary Cloathing and bedding excepted

1 Horse & Saddle purchased with the pension money at the price of Eighteen Dollars

1 Bridle	5 pewter Spoons	1 pitcher
1 small Table	1 forks & one knife	1 fire tongs
1 Chair	1 dough trough	1 plough & harness
1 Cupboard	1 broken coffee pot	1 pitch fork
½ Doz plates	1 Iron pots	2 old Chests
1 small Dish	2 old tin Cups	
3 Cups & Saucers	1 old Gridiron	
	1 Ch[?]	
	1 wooden rake[?]	

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NOTE: In the [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#) is an application for bounty land dated 19 Jan 1835 by Pleasant Cooper, only son and heir of James Cooper.