

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Cork S40850

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DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss.

On this twenty-fourth day of April A.D. 1818, before me, Richard Peters, Judge of the District Court of the United States, in and for the Pennsylvania District, personally appeared William Cork of the city of Philadelphia who being duly sworn deposes and declares, that during the War of the Revolution he served against the common enemy as a private soldier in the army on the Continental Establishment—that on the first day of July A.D. 1781 at New Market, Kent C’y in the state of Maryland he enlisted with captain George Jackson, of the Second Maryland Regiment. That he served under Gen. Washington at the Seige of Yorktown and taking of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781]. That he served faithfully during this tour, and was discharged by order of Gen. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], when lying at Annapolis – that he got a regular discharge but has unfortunately lost it.

That by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support, that he never has received, or been allowed any Pension by the laws of the United States—that he is a resident citizen of the United States, and that his present residence is in the city of Philadelphia.

William hisXmark Cork

Auditor’s Office, Annapolis, Oct’r. 11th 1819

I hereby certify, that it appears from the pay-rolls remaining in the Auditor’s Office, that William Cork pvt. received from John Hamilton, agent of the Maryland line, the sum of \$34.50 for arrears of pay from the 1st Aug’t. 80 to the 1st Jan’y 82 Also, the sum of \$80 for pay from the 1st Jan’y 82 to the 1st Jan’y 83 and also the sum of \$43.30 from the 1st Jan’y 83 to the 15th Nov’r. 83 when his time expired.

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Eastern District of Pennsylvania Sct

On this twenty eighth day of April 1821 personally appeared in open District Court of the United States in and for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, being a Court of Record William Cork aged sixty five years resident in the City of Philadelphia in said District who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows; from about the first day of July in the year 1781 until after the capture of Lord Cornwall[is] in October 1782 [sic]; he served in the Company of Captain Jackson in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Moore in the Line of the State of Maryland on the Continental Establishment; that his Original declaration was to the best of his knowledge and recollection dated in the Month of May 1818 the precise day he cannot ascertain; the number of his Pension Certificate is 15.458. – 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 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 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. I do further declare that for a number of years I pursued the Occupation of a porter, but that from infirmity being severely afflicted with Rheumatism I am not now able to pursue it or any other employment. I have a wife named Mary aged about 30 years, she is afflicted with a Cancer in her right breast which renders her incapable of contributing, much to our support; she occasionally does a little work but can never earn more than seventy five Cents per week, and during the past Winter she was unable to earn even that.

The Mark of X William Cork

Schedule of each Article of Real and personal estate of said William Cork, and refered to above

viz't.	Two old Trunks worth each 50 cts	1.00
	One Iron Pot do	.50
	One Iron dutch oven (broken) do	.50
	One Tea Kettle (broken) do	.25
	Three Old windsor Chairs do each 50 cts	1.50
	Two Pine Tables do each 50 cts	<u>1.00</u>
		\$4.75

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