

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cox S41495

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To the Honorable the Secretary of War of the United States

The petition of John Coxe of the County of Craven and State of North Carolina respectfully sheweth –

That your petitioner is now and always has been a citizen of North Carolina and of the United States, that during the war of the Revolution he was a private in the Continental troops, North Carolina line that he belonged to the division under the Command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and was attached to the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong, and Major McRea [sic, Griffith John McRae], that he was a private in the Company under the command of Captain Benjamin Coleman and Lieutenant William Bush (who was also adjutant of the Regiment) and that he was afterwards placed under the Command of Captain Samuel Jones, and that he was in actual service for the space of 12 months. – Your petitioner further sheweth that he is in reduced circumstances, far advanced in life and needs the assistance of his Country – that he hath not in the world real & personal property of the value of \$500, nor hath he and annual income of \$100. Your petitioner therefore prays that the benefits of the several acts of Congress providing for persons in his situation may be extended to him and as in duty bound, he will ever pray &c

Sworn to in open Court April 24th, 1820

S/ John Cox, H his mark

S/ Jno W. Gwien, C. S. C.

Neal Watson¹ of the County of Lenoir & State of North Carolina maketh oath that he was a private in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong and that he served with John Coxe in that Regiment and that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition of John Coxe are true.

S/ Neal Watson, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court April 24th, 1820

S/ Jno W. Gwien, C. S. C.

District of North Carolina – Craven County Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions

On this 11th day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court, the said court being a Court of Record proceeding according to the Common law, having a Jurisdiction unlimited in amount, keeping a record of its proceedings and having power to fine and imprison,

¹ [Neal Watson S42056](#)

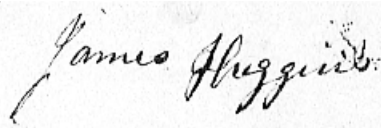
John Cox, of the County of Lenoir, aged fifty-six years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of 18th of March 1818 and 1st of May 1820. That he the said John Cox enlisted for the term of twelve months on the 19th day of October in the year 1781 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain Coleman, in the 10th Regiment commanded by Colonel John Armstrong in the line of the State of North Carolina, on the Continental establishment – that he was transferred to the Company Commanded by Captain Jones in the same Regiment, and that he served in said Corps until the expiration of the 12 months for which he enlisted – when he was discharged at Ashley Hill in South Carolina – deponent was in several skirmishes but not in any general battle – That besides his own oath, he has a certificate from the mustering [?] office of North Carolina, & the affidavits of Neal Watson & James Huggins,² proving his services, & has no other evidence now in his power of his services. –

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever 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 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 – The deponent is by occupation a farmer, but from age & infirmity, is unable to work but little. He has no wife – he resides with two daughters, Sally Cox & Betsey Cox, one aged twenty-three & the other eighteen years; to whose labor he is indebted chiefly for his support, – His property consist of sixteen head of hogs – one bed & furniture, deponent made an application for pension, on the 24th April 1820 – but being informed a new act has passed by Congress, retained his petition until the present time.

S/ John Cox, H his mark

James Huggins of Jones County, maketh Oath that he was a soldier in the North Carolina Continental line in the War of the Revolution – in the 10th Regiment and was in the battle at Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] – he knows that John Cox, the petitioner was a soldier as stated in his preceding petition.

S/ James Huggins



State of North Carolina – Secretary's Office 26 May 1820

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Cox a private in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1781 (supposed for 12 months) and that he left the service on the 28th April 1782. Another John Cox a private in Captain Jones's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered on the 19th October 1781, for 12 months, nothing is said of his discharge.

² [James Huggins S46449](#)

Given under my hand the date above
S/ Wm Hill

[Facts in file: Veteran died June 24, 1836.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing April 24, 1820, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]