

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Southy Copes S42650

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State of Ohio Scioto County Ss – Before me John Collins one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Scioto personally appeared Southy Copes and being sworn according to law saith that he is fifty seven years of age. Born in the County of Ackamak [sic: Accomack] in the State of Virginia Enlisted into the Revolutionary war the third year after its commencement for two years under Capt. John Crawford and received immediately after his enlistment the appointment of Sergeant in Colo. Matthews [George Mathews] Regiment in the Virginia line of troops – was in the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. Was there taken prisoner with Col'n. Matthews and greater part of his Regiment – was a prisoner of war for about Ten months was exchanged at New york shortly after the Battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. after he was exchanged he again enlisted for 18 months under Col'n Colvin and had the charge of the munitions of war at a place called Chincoteague for the whole time from which Tours of Duty he was honorably discharged – the discharges are now both lost by accident. This deponent further states that he is now in reduced circumstances poor and in firm and stands in need of assistance from his country. [signed 24 July 1818] Southy Copes

State of Ohio Scioto County Ss.

On this Fourth Day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty personally appeared in open Court being the Court of Common please in and for the County of Scioto Southy Copes aged Sixty years Resident in said County of Scioto who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, In a company Commanded by Capt'n John Cropper in the Ninth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel Mathews for and during the period of two years, and that he this Deponent on the Twenty Fourth Day of July in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighteen Petitioned pursuant to the law of the United States of the 18th of March 1818. And Received a pension Certificate Dated the First day of May 1819 and numbered 10,185. 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.

Schedule	Two Twelve Gallon Kettles	\$6.00	Southy Copes
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I do further solmnlly swear that the above Schedule is a just and true Inventory of all and every particle of property that was possessed of on the 18th of March 1818. But that since I received my Pension Certificate, And have drawn my money pursuant to the said Certificate I have Purchased with my pension money One Cow which has since had a calf a number of young Hogs and some articles of Household furniture of the value of about Fifty Dollars. That I have no occupation other than a labourer That my wife is living aged Sixty years and very infirm That I am so weakly and infirm and have so helpless a family as to require the assistance of my Country for Support. And I say not. Southy Copes

NOTE: On 2 Jan 1858 Southy Copes, Jr. of Adams County OH stated that Southy Copes, Sr. died on 9 Jan 1834 leaving a widow (his third wife) who subsequently moved to Iowa where she died about 1847, as well as the following four children: Easter Andrews; Annie Lancaster; Southy Copes; and Parker Copes, who had been absent "beyond the seas" for over seven years. He also stated that his father lived near

Portsmouth in Scioto County for the last 15 years of his life, and before then in Lewis County KY.