

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James B. Cooper<sup>1</sup> S47185

Elizabeth Cooper

f41VA

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of "An Act for the relief of certain Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1828 –

I James B Cooper, of Haddonfield in the County of Gloucester in the State of New Jersey: do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line in the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination: at which period I was a Private in the first Troops commanded by James Armstrong Esquire of Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] partisan Legion of light Dragoons. And I also declare that I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1778 – And I further declare that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1828, on the Pension list of the United States.

Signed

S/ Jas B. Cooper



[p 6: On June 18, 1855 in Camden County New Jersey, Elizabeth Cooper, 75, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of James B Cooper deceased who was a sailing master in the war with Great Britain declared by the United States of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1812; that her said husband entered the service in the year 1812 and commanded the gunboat number forty three during the action with the British Sloops of war *Maidstone* and *Sylph* off New London in the State of Connecticut in the month of November 1814 and continued in actual service throughout the war; that he continued in the Navy until his death at which time he held the office of commander; further he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War and served in Lee's Legion; that she married her husband in new town Township November 26, 1818; that they were married by John Clement Esquire a justice of the peace; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Clement; that her husband died in Newtown Township February 5, 1854.

Elizabeth Cooper  
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<sup>1</sup> Old Act Navy Rej. Wid. 1124 & BLWt45547-160-55

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2-page file

State of Pennsylvania  
and city of Philadelphia

James Heard<sup>2</sup> at present in the city of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania being duly sworn according to Law, deposeth and Saith, that James Cooper, of the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, entered the service of the United States as a Dragoon, in the year 1779, in the Legion commanded by Lt. Col. Henry Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], and served as such, until the conclusion of the Revolutionary War.

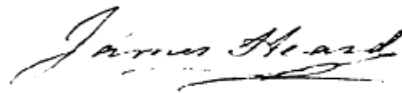
Sworn this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1819

before me

S/ Nich<sup>s</sup> Dieht

Notary Public

S/ James Heard

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Heard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ James Heard".

[reverse]

James Cooper  
allowed 3 years  
as a private  
certificate iss'd [issued] March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1819

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<sup>2</sup> [James Heard S540](#)