

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cox S6778

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before me Joseph J Daniel one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of law & Equity for said State and holding Court in the Courthouse in the Town of Wadesboro for the said County of Anson – John Coxe a resident of said County aged seventy-nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. I was drafted in the County of Nash State of North Carolina in December 1779<sup>1</sup> for the Term of five months and was under the command of Captain Edward Clinch in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Clinch attached to General Ashes Brigade and was marched to the South, and was in the battle of Briar's Creek [sic, Brier Creek, March 3, 1779] when General Ash [sic, John Ashe] was defeated – and continued in the Service & under the same command for the term of five months – and was discharged in the month of May 1780<sup>2</sup> in the State of South Carolina. I was again drafted in the month of January 1781 for the term of three months and was under the command of Captain Benjamin Eves [Benjamin Eaves] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Eaton [Lt. Col.] John Eaton]and attached to General Eaton's Brigade was in the battle of Guilford in March 1781[March 15, 1781] and was discharged in April 1781 in North Carolina and was again drafted in May 1781, having served three months and served in the three terms 11 months in all – I received my discharge for the three different terms of service but have lost or mislaid all but one which I now hold – and am not able to obtain them nor can I to my knowledge produce any documentary proof of my Service except one certificate of discharge for three months – or any person or persons who can testify to my service &c.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John H. Cox, X his mark

Question by Court 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer – I was born in Culpeper County State of Virginia in the year 1753 –

<sup>1</sup> From the service described by the veteran, his date of entry into the service was probably in December 1778, not December of 1779. This is based on the fact that the battle of Briar Creek occurred in early March, 1779.

<sup>2</sup> For the foregoing reason, this date is probably May 1779.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – I have no record thereof –

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Nash County when called into service where I continued to reside until about 35 years ago & then moved to Anson where I have lived ever since –

Question 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted in every instance

Question 5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. [Left blank]

Question 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a five months discharge from Major John Pointer – which was written on Birch bark paper could not be procured – which I have lost – a three months discharge given by [indecipherable word] Hardy Griffin – I now hold

Question 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

[Answer. Left blank]

[Note: unfortunately the discharge signed by Hardy Griffin referred to by the veteran is not contained in this file.]

[Archibald Harris, a clergyman and William Dismukes gave the standard supporting affidavit

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]