

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cox S8225

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Georgia Habersham County}

On this the 27th of November in the year of our Lord 1845 personally appeared before me Levi Jackson an acting Justice of the peace William Cox Senior a resident of the County of Habersham and State aforesaid of eighty-five years of age in March next ensuing to the best of his recollection, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Statement and declaration in order to enable him to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the Seventh of June 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein after stated. To the best of his recollection and belief at the present time Colonel Brickell and Major Brickell ¹of the 5th Regiment and Captain Caswell's [William Caswell's] Company. I do not now recollect any other officers' name of the line. My present impression is that I entered the Service of the United States in the year 1776 about the middle of the month of April say the 15 or 16th and that I was discharged in October or November 1778 if I am not very much mistaken. I was not in any particular engagement or Battle and Served as a private only. I entered the Service in the Village of Halifax and County of the like or same name and State of North Carolina where I at that time resided. I served as a Substitute. We crossed the River Roanoke at the village of Halifax and passed down the River to the Mesherring [? Meherrin River?²]. The name of the Ferry not recollected. I do not now recollect the names of any other Company or Companies or Regiments save that of my own as before stated. We was on our way to Little York in the State of Virginia when I was discharged.

I have no documentary evidence by which I could establish my Claim, nor do I know of any other made of establishing by Claim other than my own Testimony.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or (if any) only on that of the State aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Levi Jackson, JP

S/ William Cox



¹ There is no record of officers with this surname having served in the NC Continental Army at any time during the Revolutionary War. Mathias Brickell and William Brickell are known to have served as officers in militia units in Hertford and Franklin counties, respectively.

² The suggestion that the word might be a reference to the Meherrin River, however, makes no sense because one would not pass 'down the Roanoke River' to reach the Meherrin without passing through the Albemarle Sound and then up the Chowan River to where the Meherrin empties into the Chowan.

[Helm Hunt and William B Shelton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories

1st Where and in what year were you born?

To the first interrogatory the applicant respondent answers – That he was born in the State of Virginia in the year 1762.

2nd To the Second interrogatory he answers – That he has had but that they are now lost.

3rd To the Third interrogatory – he answers – That he was living in the State of North Carolina in the County of Halifax – and that he continued to reside in the said State aforesaid and County until he arrived at the age of 25 years old in the year ninety or thereabouts, he removed to the State of South Carolina where he resided until the year of 1822 – at that time he left Carolina and moved to the State of Georgia – Habersham County where he has resided ever since – with the exception of one year in the County of Hall Georgia in 1844 –

4th To the fourth interrogatory – he answers – That he served as a Substitute. He does not now recollect his name – his Captain was Caswell – his Captain was his surety for his pay as Substitute

5th To the fifth interrogatory – he answers – That he does not now recollect any names other than those already mentioned to wit Major and Colonel Brickell – Two brothers he believes. He believes that it was in the month of October or the first of November 1778 when he received his discharge.

6th To Six interrogatory – he answers – That he did, but that discharge has been long since lost.

7th To use Seventh interrogatory – he answers – That Thomas Bowen, Helm Hunt, James W Adams – William Bust – Ezekiel McCraney – Wiley Freeman – Micajah Turner and Robert Hood Senior

S/ Levi Jackson, JP

State of North Carolina, Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, that William Cox a private Soldier in Captain Caswell's [William Caswell's] Company of the 5th Regiment, entered the service on the 16th day of April 1776 for the term of 2 1/2 years and that he was discharged on the 10th day of November 1778

Given under my hand this 10th day of March 1845

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

Georgia Habersham County: Before me Levi Jackson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the said State and County personally came William Cox Senior who after being duly sworn according to law declares that he had determined never to apply or trouble the Pension Office with his claim although he has frequently been urged to put in his Claim years ago. That determination would still have been pertinaciously [pertinaciously] adhered [adhered] to but for my feebleness, poverty and entire inability to support myself.

He also further declares that he does not know that there was any other person by the name of William Cox of the “5th Regiment of the North Carolina line in the Continental Army,” nor does he believe that any person but himself belonged to the Army of that name in the State of North Carolina in is [sic, his] day and time – if there was, it never came within his knowledge.

He further declares that he does not know of any person now living with whom he served. The time has been so very long and he himself having left the State years after he was discharged.

He declares furthermore that if he has made, offered or tendered anything in his

declaration not strictly true that tis an error of the Head and not of the Heart – for it could hardly be supposed that the memory could be so retentive as to "retain all things" for more than seventy years and not misapprehend many important events within that space of time.

There is nothing more that I am now in the possession of, which would be of value or throw light upon the subject to the Department.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 8th day of January 1846.

S/ Levi Jackson, JP

S/ William Cox

[p 50: On September 2, 1851 in Lumpkin County Georgia, William Cox, son of the veteran, executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to pursue his claim for a pension.]

[p 58: On October the 23, 1851, in Lumpkin County Georgia, William Cox filed a claim stating he is the son of William Cox, a revolutionary war veteran who died March 21, 1848 leaving no widow but leaving the following children to wit: deponent William Cox, Jeremiah Cox, Eli Cox, Mordecai Cox, Cary Cox, Dianah Langston formally Diannah Cox, Frances Beard formally Frances Cox.]

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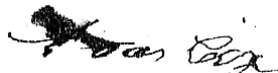
State of Georgia Harris County: SS

On this 24th day of June A.D. 1852 before me a Justice of the Inferior Court of said County personally appeared Asa Cox aged 76 years past, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, who after being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statements. That at the time of his earliest recollection he was living in Halifax County North Carolina. That this was in time of the Revolutionary War. That his father Cary Cox and his brother William Cox were engaged in said war. That he has no recollection of the time when his father and said brother went into the service, but he remembers distinctly that his father got wounded and came home, and that then his mother talk a great deal about his said brother William who still remained in service after the return of his father as stated above, and he remembers his mother said that his said brother was fighting for liberty against the Tories and British. That he does not know what officers his said brother served under nor what time he went into service, but that he continued in service until peace was made. That he remembers clearly when his said brother came home, that he talked much about the hardships that he and his fellow soldiers had endured.

And deponent further states that about the year 1788 himself and his father's family moved from North Carolina to Edgefield District South Carolina that about two or three years after this his said brother William Cox also moved from North Carolina to said District South Carolina, where he lived a few years and moved to Pendleton District in said State, where he remained until about the year 1822 when he moved to Habersham County Georgia where he remained until his death which occurred on the 21st day of March 1844, as he has been credibly informed and verily believes.

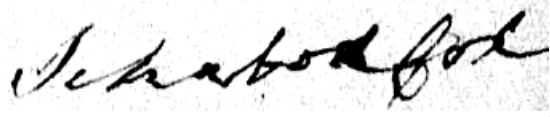
And he swears that he is a disinterested witness.

S/ Asa Cox



[p 59-60: On June 25, 1853, Ichabod Cox, 83, of Stewart County Georgia, gave testimony

substantially identical to that given by Asa Cox regarding the services of his father Cary Cox and his oldest brother William Cox.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Asa Cox", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Veteran's heirs received the pension due their father at the rate of \$80 per annum for the period commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending March 21, 1848, for the two years service of their father as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]