

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Cock S8228

VA

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions
County of Caswell } Octtr Term 1832

On this the 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court of Caswell N Carolina now sitting Charles Cock a resident of Caswell County aforesaid aged 70 years last April, 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 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. In the first place, He was drafted in Capt Elijah Kirtleys company of the malitia of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] County Virginia in the latter part of the mounth of April in the year 1781. The regiment to which this company belonged was commanded by Col Robert Allcock, and the Brigade of which this regiment was a component part was commanded by Brigadier Ge'l. [Edward] Stevens

The regiment under the command of Col Allcock commenced its march immediately in the direction of the City of Richmond. We met in the neighbourhood of Richmond not far from a place known by the name of Chickahomany Swamp [sic: Chickahominy Swamp] with the English force under the command of Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] we were at first compelled to retreat for a short distance but the English themselves were in their turn compelled to retreat before us as far as Chickahomany Swamp, which they crossed. we crossed likewise and continued our pursuit of Tarlton, as far as a point called Mobin Hills, twenty five or thirty miles below [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of] the City of Richmond. At this point and in its vicinity we remained untill the expiration of the three mounths for which we were drafted and were discharged in the latter part of July in the year 1781. He has no written evedence in his possession at this time of the discharge now refered to having had the misfortune about twenty years ago to have his house and all of his valuable paper consumed by fire nor is there any living man that he knows of who served with him in this tour by whom he could establish his services he has therefore to rely upon his own oath and the good opinion of his neighbours. – Having continued at home again Drafted in capt Wm Watts [William Watt's] company of malitia – The name of the Col of the regiment at this time he cannot recollect with clearness but rather thinks he was the same who commanded them in the last tour To wit. Col Allcock We marched in the first place Directly to Williamsburge [sic: Williamsburg], where this applicant was transfered from Capt Watts company to a company commanded by Capt Charles Covington, We continued our march from Williamsburge on Directly to York Town – we had continued however for some considerable time about the City of Williamsburge before we set out to York Town. When we reached York Town this applicant thinks in the latter part of September the celebrated seige of that place had commenced When we got to that place (York) Gen'l Washington and Gen'l. Green [see endnote] were there and as this applicant thinks likewise Gen'l. Mullenburge [sic: Peter Muhlenberg], other tropes continued to arrive after we got to York but the memory of the applicant is not accurate as to who they were. He this applicant continued with the other American troops at York during the seige and was in the entrenchments when Lord Cornwallis surrendered his army [19 Oct 1781] After the surrender, He was sent as one of the gard of the Captured army to the barracks of Winchester, and there he remained untill near the 25th of December, awaiting for a relief gard, which did not arrive untill then. At this time He received his first discharge from the service and returned home having performed two tours of duty of three mounths each, The written evidence of this discharge was lost in the burning of his house above mentioned. And he has therefore to rely upon the testimony of his fellow soldier, Jacob Earhart [sic: Jacob Ahart, pension application S6471], who served this tour with him and his own oath.

This applicant has no register of his nativity or age now in his possession but states that he was born in the County of Orange state of Virginia in the year 1762. According to his recollection of his fathers statement, he was under five years of age when he left Orange and went with his parents to reside in Culpepper County Virginia. When he arrived at the age of twenty one years he returned to his native County of Orange and lived there for several years. he does not recollect with precision how long. He left Orange however and went to Bedford County in Va where he lived fourteen years that is to say until the year 1802 when he left the state of Virginia and came to Caswell County North Carolina where he has ever since resided

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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] Charles Cock