

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Cockerham S8241

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State of North Carolina, Surry County

At a Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions opened and held this 18<sup>th</sup> of August 1832 for the County and State aforesaid being a Court of Record and so declared to be by the laws of North Carolina, personally appeared before the said Court Daniel Cockerham a resident citizen of the said County and State aged sixty nine years on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September next, 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832, that he the said Daniel Cockerham entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia Soldier of the term of three months in the company commanded by Captain Absalom Bostick of the County of Surry and State aforesaid and in the Regiment commanded by Major Joseph Winston and Colonel James Martin of said County and State; That they marched from Surry County to the Town of Salisbury in Rowan County in said State; that they remained at Salisbury a short time thence they marched across the Yadkin River at the mouth of Rocky River; from thence they marched down the River (called the Pedee [also spelled, Pee Dee River] after this junction of Rocky River) and then recrossed the River at Cheraw Hills in South Carolina they proceeded to join the Army under the command of General Gates [Horatio Gates]; that he remained with General Gates for some time till an express arrived from General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] calling for reinforcement; that seven men were then required from each company in order to reinforce General Sumter; that he was one of that number furnished by Captain Bostick's company; that after the requisition from General Gates was in readiness, he marched under the command of Major Joseph Winston to reinforce General Sumter; that they joined Sumter's Army about a mile between Camden in South Carolina; that they continued with General Sumter for some time; were with him at the time of General Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780]; that after the defeat General Sumter was retreating by forced marching in order to avoid the enemy but on Friday after Gates' defeat, the Troops under Sumter were overtaken and defeated [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780] either by Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] or some other British officer who commanded the enemy's forces at that time; That after the defeat and dispersion of the Troops under the command of General Sumter he the said Daniel Cockerham returned home, not receiving a written discharge, but having served

out his time fully as he believes; that the above service was performed in the year of General Gates' defeat.

And the said Daniel Cockerham further states that during the revolutionary war, in the year of the Battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780], he again entered the service as a volunteer militia soldier under the command of Captain James Shepperd [James Shepherd]; and in the Regiment commanded by Major Micajah Lewis and Colonel Benjamin Cleveland; that they marched from Surry County North Carolina up the Yadkin River into Wilkes County in said State; from thence they marched into Burke County where they joined the Virginia troops under the command of Colonel Campbell [William Campbell]; that shortly after joining Col. Campbell, he the said Daniel Cockerham was taken sick and in consequence of it he was permitted to return home upon the condition that he should join the Army as soon as he recovered; that during the time of his confinement at home the battle of Kings Mountain was fought; and the prisoners taken at that battle were marched for safe keeping to the Moravian Town then in Surry County, but now Stokes County by a division of said County of Surry; that on his recovering from sickness he was ordered by his Captain James Shepperd to go to the Moravian Town to guard the Prisoners, British and Tories taken at the Battle of Kings Mountain; that he did so and remained at the Moravian Town guarding the Prisoners as above stated till the expiration of his term of service which he thinks was only for three months; that he did not obtain a written discharge on leaving the service at the Moravian Town.

And the said Daniel Cockerham further states that he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia soldier for the period of three months in the County of Surry and State of North Carolina in the year of the capture of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] in the company commanded by Captain David Humphreys of said County and State and in the Regiment commanded by a colonel whose name he does not now remember; that they marched from Surry County as aforesaid town to Abbott's Creek in Rowan County where they remained for some time; then they proceeded from Abbott's Creek down through Guilford County in said State and on towards the sea board, passing by the Town of Fayetteville; and was in seven miles of the Town [of] Wilmington he was discharged from service, having served out his time – From this period of service the said Daniel Cockerham obtained a written discharge which he has lost – on the march down the Country day joined the Army under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] he thinks in the County of Guilford.

And the said Daniel Cockerham 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Daniel Cockerham, X his mark

S/ John Wright, Clk

[Pleasant B Cockerham, a clergyman, and H. P. Poindexter gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for nine months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]