

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Barnabas Cooper S9201

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State of Virginia                } S.S.

County of Fayette        }

On this 20<sup>th</sup> of August personally appeared in open Court before the worshipful the County Court of Fayette, now sitting, Barnabas Cooper a resident of the County of Fayette, and State of Virginia, aged seventy two 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Under a regulation that each district should furnish a man either by draft or as a volunteer, he at that time a resident of the County of Amherst and State of Virginia, became a volunteer. Under an order from Captain Ezriah Martin [sic: Azariah Martin] (the the officer to whose company he had previously been attached) he proceeded on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1779 to Amherst Court house and took the oath under a certain Col Joe Cabbell [sic: Joseph Cabell] by whom he was ordered to remain in readiness to march so soon as the troops were collected. Accordingly he remained a few days when he was ordered to Fredericksburg in company with some other men, who by that time had collected, and was placed under the command of Capt Rogers [John Rogers, pension application X648] & Lieut Merriweather [sic: James Meriwether R16407] of the Lt Horse. Under the last mentioned officers he was ordered to proceed to Fort Pitt. At Fort Pitt they spent the winter and in the Spring of the year 1780, they were ordered down the Ohio River. In descending the river they overtook Col. [George Rogers] Clark who was the Commandant of the whole body of troops. They continued the descent with the troops until they arrived some four miles below the mouth of the Ohio River. The troops then landed on the Kentucky side of the Mississippi thence Capt Rogers proceeded with his company up the river to the Cohoe Town [probably Cahokia] in the Illinois Settlement. On Capt Rogers arrival at the Cohoe Town he dispatched an express for Col Clark, who immediately with his troops of which this affiant was one (for he was not regularly attached to Capt Rogers Company and had not ascended the river with him) proceeded to the Cohoe Town. At this place they had a slight skirmish with the Indians who fled Col Clark then descended the Mississippi to the confluence with the Ohio and thence ascended the Ohio to Kentucky leaving this affiant at the Cohoe Town under the command of certain Capt Abram Keller [Abraham Keller R15580]. They remained at the Cohoe town until about the setting in of winter when they descended to the mouth of the Ohio went into winter quarters. In the Spring of the year 1781 they ascended the Ohio river to the Falls [at present Louisville KY], where they remained until the Fall of the year when this affiant was discharged. His discharge which was signed by Col Clark is unfortunately mislaid lost or destroyed. That he was engaged in this service two whole years. He was born on black river New Jersey in the year 1760. The record of his age the family Bible gon[edge of page] 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.                [signed] Barnabas Cooper

“Barney” Cooper was a Soldier of the State line.

Mr Broadhead received a certificate for his Depreciated pay amounting to £44.9.4 on the 3<sup>d</sup> Augt 1784. It does not appear he drew any Land.

It appears on the Muster Roll of Capt Abraham Keller’s Company, in the Illinois Regit. commanded by Colo Montgomery, that Barney Cooper was a private and was discharged on the 11<sup>th</sup> Augt 1781’

Auditors Office [State of Virginia] Aug. 6 1833.