

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of George Cox S9203

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State of Virginia } SS

County of Brooke } On this 25 day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Court of Brooke county, in the State of Virginia, now sitting, George Cox, a resident in the same county and state, aged Eighty four years past, 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 summer of the year 1776 declarant volunteered his service for the term of six months, as Ensign in the company of militia commanded by Captain Isaac Cox, at a station on the Ohio frontier [Fort Edgington opposite Steubenville OH], at the mouth of Harman's creek called Holidays cove, and now in the county of Brooke aforesaid, that he faithfully served the said six months, as Ensign, at the expiration of which time was discharged by the same captain Cox. That from the said services until the termination of the Revolutionary war, declarant was frequently called upon in Scouts after Indians, but from age and infirmity, and the consequent loss of memory, together with the death of almost all his fellow soldiers and superiors, he is unable explicitly to state the several times he was to do military duty in defense of the infant frontier.

He never had any documentary evidence to certify his services, and submits the annexed depositions of Abraham Rodgers and William Barton and James Walthers as the only ones at present in his power to procure.

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] George Cox

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see pension application S6111 of David W. Sleeth.]

George Cox

I the undersigned George Cox, of Brook Cty. in pursuance of the Requisition of the Secretary of War, give the following Declaration of my [two illegible words] in the war of the Revolution to wit.

I was 86 years old last October, [illegible word] a Native of Hampshire County Virginia. Settled on the Ohio River in 1772 or 1773. Have lived there ever since. I was in [two illegible words] in 1774. in February following (1775) I was married and settled where I now live. [about six illegible words] by settlement right made in 1775. - in the summer of 1776. I was either drafted or volunteered, I cant now state which, but I think I volunteered, the company under Capt. Isaac Cox (my Brother) David Slate[?] Lieutenant, and my self ensign. Rendezvoused in the present County of Brook Cty. marched to Hollidays cove some 8 or ten miles distant situate in same county, which we made our headquarters We scouted and rained from there to the Beach Bottom [sic: Beech Bottom] some twelve or fourteen miles distant. we went to the cove early in the spring and continued there until late in the fall was in actual service the whole time and not less than six months. there was but the one company consisting of some 25 or 30 men in this service. We provided our own arms ammuniton and provisions and never drew any pay. I dont think any of the officers including myself ever had commissions. We were I think Elected by the men, as officers and performed our duties as such. I dont know by what authority the service was done, but suppose under the direction of Col. Kannon[?] of Pa.. - My settlement right was some 10 miles from our head quarters. my brother (the captain) and many others of the company had settlement right in same vicinity. I dont recollect that any Indian depredations

were committed in our region of country in that year. I am inclined to think that they did not break out until the year following - We had no difficulty with them while in the forgoing services the [illegible word] comprises all the service I did, and all that I claimed compensation for in my Declaration. the same was written by Capn M Loony[?], July 8, 1835. George Cox

Witness W M Luney[?]

A Copy W. G Singleton

George Cox, Pens.

Brook County-

note - this man is clearly not, in my opinion, entitled to a pension - in the first place from his own showing[?]. His service detailed was not at the time (and I presume has not been since) recognized by any legal authority. he [the rest illegible. See note below.]

W. G Singleton

NOTE: A typed reply to a query states that Cox "was dropped from the pension roll in 1835, as upon an examination of the pensioner by the United States District Attorney, it was shown that his services consisted in protecting his own property on the frontiers, from the Indians, and was not recognized as military by any legal authority."