

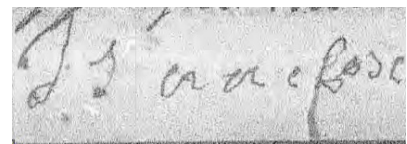
Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Isaac Cox S9215 NJ
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } ss.
Lewis County }

On this 7th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the county court of Lewis County now setting Isaac Cox a resident on the line between the counties of Harrison and Lewis and nearest the courthouse of the latter in the state of Virginia, aged 89 years on the 25 day of June 1832 according to the account of his parents 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 7 of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated

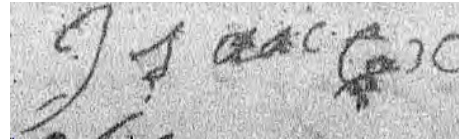
He volunteered his service as a private in the militia of New Jersey in the year 1776 or 1777 He cannot particularly say which year he thinks however that it was 1776 in Somerset county [sic: Somerset County] in said state under a captain Tingle or Tingley Major ... Stout. Col. ... Frelinghuysen or Frelinghouse [Frederick Frelinghuysen]. Their christian names he cannot now recollect. He was stationed at Elizabeth Town in said state for six months and then discharged having volunteered for only six months. He then again forthwith volunteered under a Captain Smalley (David he thinks was his christian name [David Smalley]) The same field officers was in a battle at Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]. was in another battle at Paulus or Pawls Hook [Paulus Hook, 19 Aug 1779] He continued in the army for six years was commanded by different officers by a captain ... Logan. also a captain Shipley or Sheppey at different times. he had two, different field officers Cols Frelinghuysend or Frelinghouse – Hunt[?] – Stout and Morgan, served at Trenton Princeton. Middlebrook. Elizabeth Town. Quibble Town. Morristown and Paulus or Pawls Hook at which place he received his last discharge. He has often seen General Washington. He hoisted many liberty poles in his military career was always a volunteer. He left the state of Jersey soon after the close of the revolutionary war removed to that part of Virginia called then Harrison now Lewis county about 16 miles from the courthouse of the former and about 8 miles from the courthouse of the latter. He lived there about thirty years then removed to the state of Ohio continued there untill last fall when he returned to Virginia to spend his days with his son Philip [Philip Cox, pension application S18360] who is now 69 years of age and who served about two years and one month in the the revolutionary army with this affiant and is the only living man by whom he can prove his services. he has lost both his discharges long since, and has no documentary evidence of his said services. his memory is much impaired by his great age. 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 this 7th day of August 1832.



To the interrogatories propounded by the war department he answers as follows Viz.

- 1st That he was born in Somerset county in the State of New Jersey on the 25 day of June 1743.
2. I have no record of my age. I have the verbal accounts of my parents and my own recollection of my age at particular periods. I have a son named Phillip aged 68 years
- 3rd I was living in Somerset in N. Jersey where I was born according to my parents. I removed from Jersey to Virginia as already stated from thence to Ohio and now [illegible word] in Virginia on the line between the counties of Lewis and Harrison about 14 miles from the courthouse of the latter and about 10 miles from the former

- 4 I was a volunteer throughout my long services Three years a sergeant and three a private.
5. I have stated the names of all the officers that my frail memory enables and to speak of with certainty. I knew many but cannot now recollect their names.
6. I rec'd. two discharged one I think was signed by captains Tingle or Tingley countersigned by Col. Frelinghouse or Frelingheysen The last one by captain Sheppy or Shapley I soon lost them both, after the war I took no kind of care of them for I never expected them to be of any kind of services to me
- 7 There lives in my neighborhood in Lewis county no Clergyman, but there does live of my acquaintance of old respectable men James Brown [S6718] aged 77 and his brother John [John Brown S6720] aged 67 on the line between the two counties John Neely [W5408] aged 74 and in Harrison county near the line William Carder [S17872] aged 74 and William Baily [William Bailey W5777] by all these old men most of whom settled here as soon as the war closed they having nearly all been soldiers of it as I have understood. by whom I can establish my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution



We James Brown and John Neely the first residing in Lewis and the last on the line which separates the counties of Harrison and Lewis hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Isaac Cox who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration That we believe him to be 89 years of age That he is respected and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and we concur in that opinion

James his mark Brown



I Phillip Cox son of Isaac Cox who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration do hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with his services in the revolutionary war for about two years of the time He was alternately at Paulus Hook, Elizabeth Town, Morristown, Bowenbrook [sic: Bound Brook] and Quibble Town but chiefly at the two first named places. I further state that he was one of those who was enthusiastic in the cause of his country from the very first commencement of hostilities and was always engaged in something pertaining to the war but principally in active actual engagement as a common soldier. he sometimes came home on furlough never stayed long. he always done all in his power to arouse his neighbours to make common cause often hoisted liberty poles. I do further state that I have seen his discharges, but not for many years past. He is now very frail his memory much decayed. subscribed and sworn to this 7th day of Aug't. 1832.



And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigations of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department, that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states and the court further certifies that it appears to them that James Brown John Neely and Phillip Cox who have signed the preceding certificates that the first resides in Lewis county, and the two last along the line which separates Lewis & Harrison counties That they are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit

Lewis county

George Collins [S8247] who states that he is about 76 years of age That he was in the battle of Brandywine in September 1777. That he saw Isaac Cox of this county in the army. He again saw him at the hospital at Elizabeth town in Jersey. He knew said Cox when he resided in Somerset county in said state and knows that he was along time out in the army. He beleaves him to be about the age (89) which he states above

subscribed and sworn to this 18th day of Aug't. 1832.



Sworn to before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for said county this day above

Weeden Huffman

Sir I hope this Octagenary applicant has made out his claim. He is too frail to give minute accounts of the occurrences of the last half century. Please dispose of his case & advise me of the result. if allowed send me his certificate

Respectfully/ Your obt. ser't.

18 Aug't. 1832 [Jonathan Wamsley]



P.S Thos J. Talbott is clerk see case of Jno Rains [John Rains S5969]/ J. W.

[The following report by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton is found in the file of Philip Cox. Singleton investigated hundreds of pension applications in present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111. Singleton discovered that many of the pension applications in which Jonathan Wamsley was involved were fraudulent, including those of James Brown, Philip Cox, and George Collins, who certified Isaac Cox's claim.]

Report in Isaac Cox & Philip Cox Cases.

Pensioners – / Fraud

Lewis county:

Isaac Cox. a Pensioner

This man is the Father of Philip Cox whose case is reported on this sheet. Isaac Cox sais he is 94 yrs. old. the Father & Son live together. I had seperate conversations with them. The old Gentleman after stating that he had been a soldier in the war of the Revolution commenced detailing the History of his services. he soon choked & declined to proceed. – there is no distinct impression so far as I was able to learn either in favor or against this mans (Isaac Cox) right to a Pension. – the impression is that he is as old as he represents himself ie 94 yrs. – he is a strait tall active old man, and his mind seems to be as vigerous as most old mens. and I should judge as good as it ever was – his eye sight is perfectly good and his memory seemed to be very strong. upon the whole I could not resist the belief that he was an imposture. (perhaps a tory during the war) and have so reported him

Respectfully Reported

W. G Singleton/ Special Agent/ July 1834

NOTE: On 15 Dec 1832 Isaac Cox was issued a certificate for a pension of \$120 per year for four years of service, but he was dropped from the pension roll on 16 March 1835.