

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Cox W10303 Martha Cox VA
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State of Georgia } Inferior Court Otober the 5th 1832
Gwinnett County }

Personally appeared in open court (now sitting) it being a court of record
Thomas Cox a resident of the State and County aforesaid, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn
according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to avail himself of the benefit
of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 –

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein after stated under the
following officers viz. that he entered as a Volunteer soldier in the latter part of the year 1780, under
Capt. Robert Looney (subalterns not recollected) that he was employed in said service until about the
middle of the year 1781, in various manners, such as guarding Indian prisoners &c. and was in a skirmish
with the indians near the French broad in Virginia where a number of indians were killed and taken
prisoners, who were exchanged, or kept until a treaty of peace and released – that he resided at the time
of his Volunteering in that part of Virginia now called Washington Co, as he believes; that in the course of
his services he was marched to Rye Cove station where he remained as he believes two or three weeks,
thence to Powell’s Valey, thence to Cumberland Mountain, thence to Holstein’s River [sic: Holston River],
no great distance from which, his company consisting as he thinks of about sixty Horsemen, encountered
a party of indians put them to flight and gained several stand of arms which were thrown aside by the
fugitives – that his term of service amounted to something about eight months, believes he was regularly
discharged at Long island on Holstein river in Virginia [at present Kingsport TN], but does not recollect
what has become of said discharge – that he (the said Thomas Cox) then returned to his former place of
residence at which he was living at the time he Volunteered, where he remained he believes about two
years, thence he removed into Lincoln Co. N.C. thence to Greenville Dist. S.C. thence to Franklin County,
Georgia, thence to Gwinnett his present residence, having lived in the latter Co. about fourteen years.
That he was born in Halifax County in the state of Virginia in the year 1762 as he believes, and he the
(said Thomas Cox) hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the
present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Thomas hisXmark Cox

Georgia } Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for
Gwinnett County } said State & County Thomas Cox who being duly sworn deposeth and saith
 } that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear
positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not
less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. For eight months he served as a
private militia soldier and that the time & manner of his entering & performing said service will as he
thinks be seen by reference to his original declaration subjoined. That he knows of no person by whom he
can prove his said services and that he has no documentary evidence whereby to establish the same. That
he has no record of his age in his possession. That Radford Gwin & William Green Esqr. who have
certified for him and divers other of his neighbors to whom he is known can testify as to his character for
veracity and as to their belief of his revolutionary services. For the above services he claims a pension.
Sworn & subscribed before me this 4th June 1833. Thomas hisXmark Cox

NOTE:

On 11 Sep 1856 Martha Cox applied for the pension due to Thomas Cox up to the date of his

death on 1 Oct 1853. She stated that as Martha Smith she married Thomas Cox on 27 April 1807 in Franklin County GA. She was said to be 66 and living in Whitfield township, and the marriage was said to have been performed by Frank Calloway, a Baptist minister. On 28 Jan 1857 Francis Callaway of Chambers County AL stated that his father, Francis Callaway, had married Thomas Cox, a widower, and Martha Smith.

On 19 Sep 1866 Martha Cox, 77, applied for the restoration of her pension, which was suspended during the Civil War, during which period she lived within a mile of Dalton entirely dependent on relatives. On 10 Dec 1868 Martha Cox applied for an increase in her pension. On 13 June 1869 R. D. Cox of Dalton GA inquired why his mother, Martha Cox, had not received her pension since 1861.