

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Cato (Cader) Copeland W17665 Nancy fn25NC
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State of North Carolina, Halifax County: 12th day of May, 1818

Cato Copeland personally appeared before me J. J. Daniel, one of the judges of the Superior Court of Law & Equity for the State aforesaid, who being by me duly sworn according to law, doth on this day make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War" that he this said Cato Copeland enlisted in the North Carolina Regiment or Battalion of Infantry, Clement Hall, was his Captain of Company. That he enlisted about the first day of October in the year 1777 & that he continued to serve in said Corps until the capture of Charleston by the British where he was a prisoner. That afterwards he joined the said Corps under Capt. Stewart & remained until the Treaty of peace; when he was discharged at George Town [sic, Georgetown], South Carolina. He states that he was a Continental Soldier for four years. That he was at the Battle of Monmouth, Stony Point, & at the fall of Charleston (S.C.). That he is palsied & utterly unable to work, & has been on the parish of Halifax for some time. He is of the age of Sixty years or thereabouts. He is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other evidence of his services.

Sworn to and declared before me.

S/ J. J. Daniel – J.S.L.E.

S/ Cato Copeland, X his mark

I Thomas Burges, have known the above named Cato Copeland for many years & have always understood & believed that he was a soldier of the Revolutionary Army in the Continental Line, & I do further state that I heard that the late Col. Hardy Murfree had enlisted the Said Cato Copeland.

S/ T. Burges

Sworn to before me the 12th May 1818.

S/ J. J. Daniel – J.S.L.E.

District of North Carolina, Halifax County: Superior Court of Law, October Term 1820.

On this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record, Cader Copeland aged fifty years and made oath that he was attached as a private to Capt. Clem Hall's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonels Harvey and Clark, and that he has rec'd three pensions that is up to March last - and the said Cader Copeland further took and subscribed in open Court the following oath. To wit--

"I Cader Copeland do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or otherwise disposed of any

property or any part thereof with an intent whereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled. An act to provide certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, securities, contracts, or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed -

1 Tub, 1 pail, 1 old wheel, 2 old chairs, some plates, knives and forks, and a pot and that my family consists of myself and wife aged 60 years."

S/ Cader Copeland, X his mark

Whereupon the Court is of opinion that the property mentioned in this foregoing schedule is of the value of five dollars -

A Copy Test.

S/ Elisha B. Smith, Clerk of the Court, aforesaid

State of North Carolina, Halifax County

On this 31st day of November 18hundred forty-two personally appeared before me John Alston one of the acting Magistrates and a member of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for said County and State –(It being a court of Record) Mrs. Nancy Copeland a resident of the aforesaid County & State aged Eighty-six years. Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836. That she is the widow of Cato Copeland who was a private in the North Carolina Continental Line in the Revolutionary War and drew a Pension under Act of 1818 at the rate of ninety-six Dollars per annum commencing Oct. 1818, who lived in Halifax County, NC.

She further declar'd that she was married to the said Cato Copeland on the 16th day of December in the year Seventeen hundred seventy Eight. That her husband the aforesaid Cato Copeland died in the year 1827 - and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

S/ John Alston,

S/ Nancy Copeland, X her mark

State of North Carolina, Halifax County

I certify that Nancy Copeland who hath this day sworn to & subscribed the above declaration is a credible person and to be believed on oath. I also certify that she is by reason of bodily infirmity unable to attend court to make her said declaration and I further certify that she is the widow of the Identical Cato Copeland as named within that drew a Pension as stated. That they lived together as husband and wife up to the time of said Copeland's death and that she has never since married.

Given under my hand and set this 21st day of November 1842.

S/ John Alston, JP

[fn p. 15: copy of the marriage bond issued to Cato Copeland and John Williams on the 11th of December 1778, in Halifax County North Carolina, to secure the marriage of Cato Copeland to Nancy Mitchel.]

[fn p. 22: certificate of the North Carolina Secretary of State showing that "Keeder Copland" enlisted as a private on September 11, 1777 for three years in the 10th Regiment under Colonel Abraham Shepard.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing May 12, 1818, for service as

a private in the North Carolina line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831 pursuant to a certificate issued January 28, 1843.] The