

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Javan Cox W25433

Mary

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State of Tennessee McNairy County: SS

On this the Twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord 1830 [sic, 1832] personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for said County Javan Cox a resident of McNairy County in the State of Tennessee 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 the 7th 1832. That he was born in Currituck County State of North Carolina on the 17th day of December 1761 agreeable to the best information he can get as he has no record of his age – here he continued to reside before the Revolution and until the year as well as he now recollects 1776, he joined a Company which was raised in Currituck County called Minute Men under Captain George Powers not a great length of time after I volunteered and in the same year, the Company was ordered to rendezvous at Currituck County which we did in a very short time after we received orders – after Captain Powell had got his Company in a State of readiness we marched a few miles in the same settlement and their joined Major James Philips' Battalion and Colonel Peter Dozier immediately after our Junction with Colonel Dozier we marched under him directly on to the great Bridge on the North West River in Virginia. There we joined General Gregory's Army after laying there for some time we was attacked by the British and General Gregory fled from there and marched as I was informed not far from the Dismal Swamps and there erected a Fort myself and part of the balance of my Regiment took to the woods and after being concealed for several days made our escape – and went home in Currituck County North Carolina. How long in this Tour I am unable to say owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory but I am positive I served not less than three months. I received a written discharge signed by my Captain not anticipating it would ever be of any service to me I and [sic, handled?] the same so careless that it is now lost or destroyed.

I was at home a very short time when I again entered the Service of the United States as a volunteer Soldier (the year when I entered not now recollected, but believe it was in the year 1777) under Captain William Worthan Major Phillips and Colonel Dozier in Currituck County North Carolina. From here we marched to the Dismal Swamps in Virginia and North Carolina after a body of Tories which had collected at that place under the command of Mitchell Philips here we had a skirmish with them. We killed one Tory, then we went in small companies up and

down the swamp after the Tories. Then we marched on to Currituck County North Carolina where I was discharged – having received a written discharge signed by my Captain which is now lost or destroyed. How long he served in this tour he is unable to say owing to the great length of time, old age and the consequent loss of memory but he is positive he served not less than three months for which services he claims a pension. I lived in Currituck County North Carolina until I was fifty-six years old, then I moved to Logan County Kentucky, lived there about six years then I moved to Monroe County State of Mississippi and lived there about three years, then I moved to McNairy County Tennessee where I now reside. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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. He is also well acquainted with Parson Francis Beard and Jeremiah Wilson of my neighborhood they can testify that they believe and the neighborhood's belief of my being a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid S/ Javan Cox, X his mark  
S/ Wm S. Wisdom, Clk

[Francis Beard, a clergyman, and Jeremiah Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10: On July 6, 1855 in McNairy County Tennessee, Mary Cox, 55, a resident of the Desoto County Mississippi, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Javan Cox, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$20 per annum and a resident at the time of his death of McNairy County Tennessee; that she married him August 8, 1841; that they were married by Parson Wright a Minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Blackwell; that her husband died June 9th, 1850 and that she remains his widow.] [fn p. 14: on the same date she also filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[fn p. 53: appears to be the marriage license or bond issued in McNairy County Tennessee for the marriage of Javan Cox to Mary Blackwell issued in 1841.]

[fn p. 22: on September 4, 1859 the widow was a resident of Izard County Arkansas.]

[fn p. 59: on January 16, 1874 the widow applied in Fulton County Arkansas for the restoration of her pension describing herself as then being 75 years old and a resident of Izard County Arkansas.]

[fn p. 30: on April 9, 1875 the widow filed for the restitution of her pension payment and described herself as still being a resident of Izard County Arkansas.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]