

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas B. Cooke (Cook) W3948
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Elizabeth Cooke

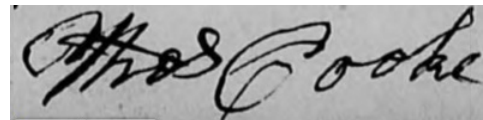
PA [SC]

The State of Ohio }
Guernsey County } Ss

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I Thomas Cooke, of Cambridge Township, in the County of Guernsey, in the State of Ohio, do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and served as such to the time when the arrangement of the army provided, (as I suppose) by the resolves of Congress of the 3^d & 31st of October 1780, was carried into effect, and that I was reduced under that arrangement, at which period I was a Captain in the 8th Regiment of the Pennsylvania line – That after my reduction as aforesaid, I went into South Carolina, & served under Gen'ls. Marion, Sumpter & Pickens [Francis Marion, Thomas Sumter, and Andrew Pickens] and when Gen. Greene took the command in the South [Nathanael Greene, 3 Dec 1780], I joined the army under him, and was in the battles of Camden [Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] & Eutaw [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781], serving as an arranged officer, entitled, as well as I now recollect, to half pay, though I have never received any thing; & that I served in that capacity until the close of the Revolutionary War.

And I do farther declare, that, as I suppose and believe, although I cannot now certainly recollect, I afterwards received certificates, (commonly called commutation certificates,) for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22^d of March 1783, instead of the half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780 – That my commission, together with the above mentioned certificate, if in my possession, and all papers and documents, in my possession, relative to my service, were burned in the accidental destruction of my house, by fire, in South Carolina, some time after the war.

In making this application, I am not certain that my case is such an one as will come within the provision of the Law. I think it is, and am therefore urged by my age & necessities to submit it to the Department. My recollection of dates &c is not so clear as to permit me to absolutely certain. The documents in the public offices, will, I suppose, show whether I am entitled to any thing. If I am, I will receive it thankfully – if I am not, I must submit. Witness my hand this 6th day of June in the year 1828.

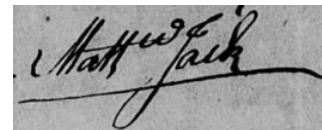


Westmorland [sic: Westmoreland] County Ss

Before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Personally appeared Matthew Jack [pension application W2807] who Being Duely sworn According to Law Did Depose and say that Thomas Cook Served as Captain in the Revolutionary War in the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment Commanded By Collonel Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead] and became a Supernumerary officer [sic: sumernumerary: having insufficient troops for a command]

Sworn and Subscribed the 24th of Oct'r 1813

Before me John Hamilton



State of Ohio } Personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for said
Guernsey County } County Michel L K Montgomery [Michael L. K. Montgomery?] who being duly
Sworn according to Law did depose and say that Thomas Cook served as Captain
in the Revalutionary War in the Eighth Pennsylvania Regiment Commanded by Col. Broadhead became
Supernuary officer
Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th of January AD 1828
William Dillon/ Justice of the Peace Michel his **M.L.K.M.** mark Montgomery

Return of the officers in the 8th Pennsylvania Regiment with their Rank & Dates of their Commissions & claims to preferment, Dec. 10, 1777.

No 1. Lieut Thomas Cooke, com'd Aug't 9, 1776 Claims a Captain via Col Montgomery dec'd.
Extract from the Washington papers in State Dept. Wm Allison/ Clk, Pension Office/ July 28, 1840

NOTES:

On 3 April 1840 Elizabeth Cooke, 76, of Concord in Muskingum County OH, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Cooke on 17 Dec 1782, and he died on 5 Nov 1831. On 10 April 1840 William Stewart stated that Thomas Cooke died suddenly of no known cause, that the oldest child of Thomas and Elizabeth Cooke was Joseph Cooke of Meigs County OH, and that in 1830 he, Stewart, had written into a family Bible the record transcribed below. On the same date Cyrus Lyle stated that he had lived with his grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth Cooke, for several years before the death of Thomas Cooke, and that he still lived with Elizabeth Cooke. On 14 April 1840 Joseph Cooke stated that his parents were married in Spartanburg County SC by W. Burston, a Baptist Preacher.

In another application made by Elizabeth Cooke on 4 Sep 1840 she stated that Thomas Cooke had resided in Bedford County PA during part of his service.

The file includes a letter dated 4 July 1843 to the Secretary of War by Thomas Cooke inquiring why his mother had received the pension appropriate for the widow of a Lieutenant rather than a Captain.

The 98-page file contains many other items relating to legal difficulties in obtaining a pension for Elizabeth Cooke.

Thomas B. Cooke was born September 4th 1749

Elizabeth Cooke was born Jan'y 5th 1764

Thomas B. Cooke and Elizabeth Smith was married Dec'r. 17th 1782

Joseph Cooke son of Thos & Elizabeth was born Oct'r 19th 1783

William Cooke was born Oct'r 2nd 1785

John Cooke was born August 19th 1787

Thomas Cooke was born Jan'y 4th 1791

Elizabeth Cooke was born Jan'y 20th 1793

Jane Cooke was born Jan'y 9th 1795

Rebecca Cooke was born 26th Oct 1797

Isaac Cooke was born May 14th 1800

Venelia Lyle was born Jan'y 11th 1817

Cyrus Cooke Lyle was born July 22nd 1818

Departed this life Jan'y 31st 1824 Jane Cooke in 29th year of her age

Isaac Cooke Departed this life Feb'y 19th 1831

Thomas B. Cooke Deprted this life Nov'r 5th 1831 aged 82 years 2 months and 1 day