

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Cook W3949

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

On this 10th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court now setting, Edward Cook, a Resident of the United [States] in the County of Rutherford and the State of North Carolina, age 72 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832, sayeth that he entered the service of this United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated ---First I was Drafted for three months and served under Captain Spears [Henry Speer]. I do not recollect date, but know that it was in the latter part of the year 1780. I know that I was at Salisbury when the Battle was at the Cowpens [[January 17, 1781], which I believe was in January 1781. We was stationed at Salisbury to guard the prisoners about the time the battle was fought; was ordered to march on to Virginia with our prisoners when we heard of the defeat of Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] at the Cowpens. We was halted at Bell's Mills on Deep River; we was stationed there a short time and went on and crossed Dan River, where I was Discharged. I think C. [balance of word obliterated] Philips [probably Capt. Abraham Phillips] had the Command of this Tower [sic, Tour]. I returned home to Or[balance of word obliterated, probably "Orange"] County, N Carolina. Soon after my return I was again drafted for a three month tour under Captain Parish [Shadrach Parish] to make a Southern Tower under the command of Col Thomas Farmer & Maj Humphries. We was marched on and Joined the main Army under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene] near Camden S.C. We crossed the Congaree [River] to Thompson Fort [Thomson Fort, found that vacate we went down and crossed in forks of the Congaree & Wateree [Rivers] and passed on to the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] where many of my fellow citizens fell by my side. After the battle we went on to the High Hills of Santee we was from that placed marched onto Guilford N Carolina where I was Discharged and returned home to Orange County NC. Shortly after my return I was a volunteer under Captain Williams in a Troop of Horse this service was short we only went in pursuit of some stragglng Tories that was Infesting our neighborhood about the time Corn Wallis [Cornwallis] was Taken [October 19, 1781]. I served my Country in the prime of my life where I went out on a tour of duty, the Tories were so troublesome, we was compelled to be in Readiness and on our guard by the exposure of I Ran in the service. I am not able to labor to support my family. I have a just claim on the Government for pay for my service. I hope they will not slight an Old

[Soldier] of '76. I hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Question 1 - By the court---Where and what year were you born?

Answer 1 - I was born in Orange County North Carolina in the year 1760.

Question 2 - Have you any record of your age; if so, where is it?

Answer 2 - I have it in my possession where I reside.

Question 3 - Where was you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you live now?

Answer 3 - I was living in Orange County North Carolina when first called into service and continued there until about the year 1795, then moved to Rutherford County, N. Carolina where I have lived ever since.

Question 4 - How was you called into service; Was you drafted, did you volunteer, or was you a substitute, and if a substitute, who was it for?

Answer 4 - I was first a Drafted Militia Man for three months.

My second tour -----three mos.

My third I was a volunteer I don't know how long say about 2 mos.

Question 5 - State some of the names of the regular officers who was with the troops when you served.

Answer 5 - General Greene, General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], Col Farmer, Major Humphries, Capt Parish.

State some persons to whom you are acquainted in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your good character for Veracity and good behavior and your service in the Revolutionary War.

The Reverend Joseph Willis and William Lucas.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

S/ Edward Cook, X his mark

We Joseph Willis a Clergyman residing in the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina and William Lucas residing in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Edward Cook who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be 72 years of age that he reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Willis

S/ Wm Lucas, X his mark

[p 9: On July 18, 1845 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Ann Cook, 79, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Edward Cook, a pensioner at the rate of \$28.33 per annum for his services in the revolution; that she married him sometime in the year 1785 and that he died February 7, 1843; she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: family record of Edward and Ann Cook (believed to be in the handwriting of John Lindsey) now in the possession of Ann Cook]

"Edward Cook was born March the 22nd 1760
 Ann Cook the wife of Edward Cook was born March the 22nd 1766
 Moses Cook was born April the 2nd Day 1786
 Hannah Cook was born the 19th of February 1789
 Aaron Cook was born the first of April 1791
 Deliah Cook was born the 13th of February 1793
 James Cook was born the April the 14th day, 1795
 John Cook was born the 30th of may 1797
 Sary Cook was born the 17th of April 1800
 Thomas Cook was born the 5th of April 1802
 Kizzia Cook was born the 9th of April 1804
 Mary Cook was born the 14th of July 1806
 Jesse Cook was born the 29th of March 1809
 Jesse Cook was born the 29th of Month 1809 [sic—different handwriting than other entries]
 David Cook was born this 2 of November 1811

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]