

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Leonard Cupp W4167 Susannah Cupp PA
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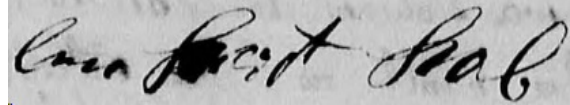
State of Virginia: Preston County Ss

on this 15th day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Preston County being a Court of record now sitting Leonard Cupp resident of said County of Preston and State of Virginia aged seventy eight 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 7th of June 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated towit. in the Pennsylvania Malitia in North Hampton [sic: Northampton] County as minnent man [sic: Minute Man] under Captain Greenwood we marched against the Indians over the Blue mountain where the Indians had burnt Benjamin Gilpins house which was in the fall of 1775 but the Indians had retreated and left the Country and then we returned home I was drafted and served at this time one month – and some time during the same fall I was drafted and served under Col. Kiger Capt. Seekfret [probably Sigfried] Lieutenant Killion Livey and we marched to Jerman Town [sic: Germantown] where I served one month and where my time of service expired and I returned home and I remained at home about two weeks when I was called out again under Col. Kiger. Captain Seekfret and Lieutenant Livey we marched to Easton Pa. where we crossed the Delaware into New Jersey thence to Pluckeemin [sic: Pluckemin] thence to New Jermantown – thence to Summerset [sic: Somerset] County New Jersey five miles from Quibletown [sic: Quibletown, now in New Market] where we was stationed at Middlebrook near the Rarateon [sic: Raritan River] for two months to the best of my recollection. Gen'l. Starling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling] was our commander. when my term of service expired I returned home. and some time in the year 1777 [sic] I was again called out against the Indians under Captain Greenwood and we crossed the Blue mountains towards Shomoky [sic: Shamokin] where we was stationed and I served one month. and I was again drafted and served under Col. Seekfret and Captain Livey and I marched again to Jermantown and we was ordered to march to Trenton and my term of service expired before our troops reach Trenton. and I returned home which was a few days before the Hessians was taken at Trenton by Gen'l. Washington [26 Dec 1776]. the most of the time I was stationed in Jermantown I served at this time two months which was in the winter of 1776 or 1777 to the best of my reccollection. I belonged to a Rifle Company. from the long laps of time and also from the loss of memory and from oald age I am not possatively as to the dates that I have given being correct but they are correct to the best of my reccollection at this time

I was in the Service in all Seven months in the Pennsylvania Malitia and from the loss of memory and oald age I cannot at this time give the names of all my officers. I was borned in Northhampton County State of Pennsylvania on the 17th of January 1755. my age was written in my fathers bible and I copied it off of his bible into my own Bible. I was living in said Northhampton County Pennsylvania when I was called into the Service. and I have lived since the Revolutionary War in said County of Northhampton Pa Berkley [sic: Berkeley] County Virginia, Bedford County Pa. and I have lived for the last thirty years in Monongalia County and now in said county of Preston. (I was drafted in all the Towers that I served) I reccollect of receiving one or two discharges from the Services and they have been lost or mislaid for a Number of years. I am known in my present Neighbourhood by Col. Benjamin Shaw. Col. William Price. Samuel R Trowbridge and David Trowbridge who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service he hereby relinquishes ever 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. – (I was in no battles) I reccollect of seeing Gen'l. Washington when I was first stationed at Jerman Town

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid
[Signed in German "lenhart Kab"]



[On 14 May 1833 Leonard Cupp was issued a certificate for a pension of \$23.33 for seven months service. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Leonard Cupp, \$23. ³³/₁₀₀

I the undersigned Leonard Cupp at the requisition of the secretary of War, give the following narrative of my age & Revolutionary Service – I am in my 80th year of age. – born in Pennsylvania & lived there until I was 30 yrs old – during the Revo War (I cant say in what year) I was drafted in Northampton County & marched under Capt Seret to Germantown. was there attached to Col. Kigers Regt. (cant tell the number) served out the term of two months and returned home – after being at home for two weeks only was drafted again for two months under Capt. Green and towards Trenton – lay near quibbletown, there were 5 or 6 Hundred men at that station, Col. Kiger Commanded

In the fall of the same year, I was again drafted and marched from same place under Capt John Meyer to a settlement called "Toche Moco"[?] remained there two months – there were two companies in this expedition, were in pursuit of Hostile Indians – my Captain was taken Prisoner & made his escape. – I was after this frequently called out for 3 or 4 days at a time. my recollection has failed and therefore I am unable to state the exact time I served in this way. – on one occasion I was out half a month under Capt Benjamin Gilbert – he was taken prissoner by the Indians – & thus ended my service. Jno P Byrne wrote my Declaration told him the same I now tell. In Witness that this statement contains the Truth I hereto subscribe my name. August 4, 1834

Witness/ S R Trowbridge

Leonard Cupp

A Copy

W. G Singleton/ Nov. 24, 1834

NOTES:

On 6 Oct 1838 Susannah Cupp, 83, applied for a pension stating that she married Leonard Cupp on 21 June 1772, and he died on 17 Aug 1834. Her statement was certified by Leonard Cupp, Jr. and David Trowbridge.

On April 1853 John Cupp, 60, applied for a pension on behalf of himself and the other following children of Leonard and Susannah Cupp (the latter having died on 3 April 1841): Leonard Cupp, Jr., Christopher Cupp, Susannah Johnson, and William Cupp. Their claim was denied because their mother had died before passage of the act under which they applied.

The file includes a document sworn by Leonard Cupp, Jr. that reads in part as follows: "On this 5th day of January A.D. 1854 personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the State and County aforesaid Captain Leonard Cupp aged seventy seven years resident of said County, who being duly sworn according to law says that he is 77 years of age that he commanded a Company of Virginia Militia in the war with Great Britan in 1812 for which he received a land warrant." The document gives the following ages of the other children who survived their mother: "John Cupp 68, Christopher Cupp 73, Susannah Johnson 70, and William Cupp 60."

On 6 Sep 1854 Mary Feathers, 84, widow of Jacob Feathers (W7255), stated that Leonard Cupp, Jr. was 79, Susannah Johnson was 74, Christopher Cupp 76, John Cupp 70, and William Cupp 55.

On 16 Oct 1854 Leonard Cupp, Jr. 78 or 79, stated that "he had two brothers older than himself, but no sister, that they as well as himself was born in Northampton County Pennsylvania. that his eldest brother as his parents informed him, died when but a few months old; and that 49 or 50 years ago he heard that his other elder brother whose name was Conrad was lying at the point of death in his native County, since which he has not heard from him – he never married to affiants knowledge or belief."