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Pension Application of Peter Cook W6705 Mary Cook VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Kanawha } SS

On this 9th day of April 1847 personally appeared before me Jesse Hudson the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly authorized by law to administer oaths, Mary Cook, a resident of said County, aged eighty five 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 7, 1838 entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, That she is the Widow of Peter Cook who was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, that the said Peter Cook enlisted in the County of Culpepper in the State of Virginia in a company under the Command of Captain Garland Burley or Burleigh [sic: Garland Burnley] in Col Francis Taylors Regiment in the Virginia line on Continental Establishment for three years and was regularly discharged in the spring of 1781 and this declarant thinks on or about the 11th day of April and that the time of said enlistment was in the spring of 1778 – That he the said Cook served as she verrily believes and as she has often heard him the said Cook say two other tours in the War aforesaid one tour under the Command of Capt Ephraim Rucker, and another under Captain Ambrose Bohannan, and that she has often heard him say that he was entitled to land from the state of Virginia for his services in the war aforesaid, and that his discharge was lost long before his death. This declarant would farther say that she has often heard her late husband the said Cook speak of other and various incidents in the War and named other officers than those before named, but by reason of old age &c are not now recollected –

She further declares that he maiden name was Mary Carpenter that she was married in the County of Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] in Virginia to the said Peter Cook on or about the 27th day of May 1782 by the Rev'd Mr. Harrison that she was the daughter of John Carpenter, that after her marriage aforesaid she lived in said Culpeper County some twenty years and thence removed to Monroe in Virginia and there lived about five years from there to Kanawha County Virginia and there lived untill the death of her husband the said Peter Cook which death took place in said Mason County on the 30th day of March 1832, and she would say that the time of her removal to Kanawha County aforesaid was in the year of 1811 – that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but before the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and ninety four Viz at the time before stated as will be made to appear by testimony herewith or hereafter presented to the department, and that her husband the said Peter Cook died on the 30th day of March 1832 before stated – That from her marriage with the said Cook untill his death she ever lived with him as wife and ever since his death has remained a widow. she therefore claims the benefit of the act of Congress before mentioned and allso the acts of march 3rd 1843 & June 17th 1844 extending or continuing the provisions of said act of July 7 1838 – all which is respectfully submitted to the department of war –

Mary herXmark Cook

NOTE:

A letter dated 11 Oct 1847 stated that Peter Cook served in the same company with his brother John Cook, pension application W23865.

On 9 April 1847 Reuben Daggs, 56, stated that on 20 March 1785 he married Phoebe Cook, the second child of Peter and Mary Cook. He stated that he had the family record of Peter Cook containing the following two entries as well as the dates of birth of seven other children:

Peter Cook was joined in wedlock to Marey Carpenter 27 May 1782

Sollomon Cook was born 24 February 1783

Febey Cook was born 20 March 1785

On 17 June 1850 Phoebe Daggs stated that her mother died on 8 April 1848 while her pension application was being held for further evidence of her identity. She also stated that her father had applied for a pension probably under the acts of 1818 or 1828, but no papers were found in the file. A certificate in the file lists other surviving children of Peter and Mary Cook as follows: Eliner Jordan, widow of John Jordan late of Mason County; Polly Gillespie of Putnam County VA; Hannah Cook, spinster, of Kanawha County; Samuel Cook of Kanawha County; Elijah Cook of Putnam County; and Juliana Cook, spinster, of Putnam County.

On 27 June 1850 John Hudson of Kanawha County stated that Peter Cook had leased and rented land from him for nine or ten years and had stated that he had served two six-months tours and had been at the surrender of Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781.