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Pension Application of William Cook W6708

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State of Virginia

King and Queen County to wit

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the said County of King and Queen in the state of Virginia William Cooke a resident of said County aged seventy years in April last and being first duly sworn according to law doth in open Court make the following declaration upon his Oath in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832: That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, to wit Col William Davis [sic: William Davies], Capt [Samuel] Selden and others whose names he does not now remember, that he entered the service about the first of July 1780 and was discharged on the 1st day of January 1782 that at the time he engaged in the service he was resident of the County of Caroline in the state of Virginia that a draft was about to be made of men in the Company of Militia in which he mustered commanded by Captain Richardson and that previous to the day when the Draft was to be made he volunteered as one from the Company to which he belonged, that he was engaged in a battle called Hoods fort on James River against [Gen. Benedict] Arnold the traitor, that he marched through the Country on the south side of James river between Richmond and Petersburg, then his Company was marched to Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina, but he was taken from his Company and placed in the Artificers shop, in the County of Albermarle [sic: Albemarle] in Virginia to work as a Tailor (in making clothes for the soldiers) under John Peyton and William Tebbs Clothiers General to the army, 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 declares also that a part of the time he was in service with Chief Justice Marshall [John Marshall, pension application S5731] who was then a Captain, that he did once have a conversation with Judge Marshall when he stated facts that had occurred in the service which satisfied the Judge he had served and the Judge gave him a Certificate that he so believed, but he delivered the Certificate to a Friend Mr John Roane to endeavor to use it for his advantage who lost it that he received a discharge from service on the said first day of January 1782 which was given him by Col William Davis and which has long since been lost, that for four or five years after his discharge he lived in the City of Richmond in Virginia and from that time has lived in the County of King and Queen and 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 Sworn to and subscribed and day and year aforesaid

William Cook

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: William Cooke/ age 17/ height 5 5³/₄/ tailor/ born in King and Queen County/ residing in Caroline County/ light-brown hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 14 Mar 1839 Clara Cook, 74, successfully applied for a pension under the 1838 act stating that she married William Cook in Oct 1784, and he died 12 Mar 1837. This application is misfiled with pension application S38627 of a different William Cook. On 5 Jun 1843 at age about 77 she applied under the act of 1843.