

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Eiles Cooper W6711 Sarah Cooper VA
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State of Virginia }
County of Franklin }

On this 4th day of September 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before the justices of the county court of Franklin aforesaid now sitting Elles Cooper a resident of said county aged about eighty four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on is Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress Passed 7th June 1832 That he entered the service of the united states under the following named Officers and served as here in stated. That he entered the service under Capt Henry Beauford [Thomas Buford] of the county of Bedford in which county he also resided about the year seventy five or six That he marched with the said company against the Indians upon the Holstein River & joined the army at the long Iland [sic: Long Island of the Holston River at present Kingsport TN] where they were stationed for some time & was at that place when a treaty was made with the Cherokee Indians [sic: Battle of Long Island, 20 Jun 1776; Treaty of Long Island, signed 20 Jun 1777] & at which place they were also when they heard of the declaration of Independence That he does not recollect the Brigade or Division to which he was attached but recollects that Gen'l. [William] Preston was with the army That he also recollects Gen'l. or Col. Wates of Georgia, Christy [William Christian] & [Evan] Shelby. That he served his tour of six months & was regularly discharged but has since lost or mislaid his discharge so that he cannot now lay his hands upon it

That before this he had Previously served a tour of six months at the lead mines [at Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA] under Col. William Leftwich, of the County of Bedford in which county he resided. That he does not recollect the Brigade or Division to which he was attached but recollects that Col. James Callaway of Bedford County was also there also Col [Charles] Lynch & Col Innis. That this service was to prevent the said mines from falling into the hands of the Indians. That he received no regular discharge but was dismissed with others as having served his portion of time. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll or the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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NOTES:

On 1 Nov 1844 Richardson (pension application S45882) stated that he had served with Eiles Cooper under the command of Capt. Henry Buford.

On 4 May 1844 Sarah Cooper, about 77, applied for a pension stating that as Sarah Monk she was married to Eiles Cooper in Montgomery County VA by Richard Whit, a Baptist minister, in the fall of 1784, and that her husband died 4 Dec 1843. On 30 Nov 1844 she applied under a different pension act, giving her age as "about Eighty" and the year of her marriage as 1782 or 1783. On 17 Jan 1851 her age was said to be 87. On 23 June 1844 Lewis Cooper, 71, nephew of Eiles Cooper, stated that he had lived on the adjoining plantation of Eiles and Sarah Cooper and that "their oldest child Mildred cannot be this deponants junior by more than some 8 or 10 years." He also stated that he had a brother named John Cooper who was born in 1784. On 1 Nov 1844 Lewis Cooper also stated that Eiles and Sarah Cooper had a son named Andrew Cooper born before 1784.