

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Cook W8628

Catharine Cook

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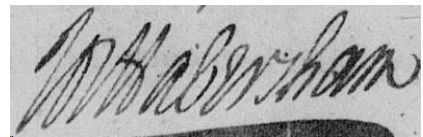
On this 23rd day of August 1839 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace of the County Court of the County and State aforesaid Catharine Cook a resident of the County of Green in the State of Kentucky aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Congress of the United States for the relief of the officers & soldiers & their widows who served in the Revolution War. She states that she is the widow & Relict of Benjamin Cook who is now Dec'd that she intermarried with said Benjamin Cook on the 25th day of December 1779 in the County of Charlotte in the State of Virginia. She states that about three years or a little upwards [sic] she thinks previous to her marriage with said Cook he enlisted in the service of his Country in s'd. County of Charlotte under one Captain Walton and march immediately with him and as she has been informed through North Carolina & into South Carrolina and was as she is informed & believes in the Battle fought at Stono in said last named state in the year 1776 [sic: Battle of Stono Ferry, 20 Jun 1779] the time which said Cook served this tour was Twelve months as she believes; she states that of her own knowledge said Benjamin Cook enlisted in & marched from Charlotte County at the time above named with the Company then & there raised by said Walton which Company was raised for a Tour of Twelve months She states that from the time the s'd. Benjamin Cook enlisted & marched with said Walton untill his return was Twelve months or upwards to the best of her knowledge & belief and that it was universally reported & believed in the neighbour at that time s'd. Cook was in actual Service of his country as a Soldier during his said Absence and no one at any time has ever Doubted it or ever even Contradicted the report She states that about Two years after the return of said Benjamin Cook from this service he intermarried with her the said Catharine (whose maiden name was Catharine Brewer) in the said County of Charlotte in the state of Virginia and so continued and lived together as man & wife untill the year 1806 when s'd. Cook Departed this life in s'd. County of Charlotte immediately after whose death she the said Catharine removed from thence to the County of Green in the State of Kentucky where she now lives. She states that she is now in her Eightieth year of her age that she was born on the 13th day of September 1759 & that she intermarried with said Benjamin Cook on the 25th day of December 1779. that the said Benjamin Cook was born on the 8th day of April 1758 and departed this life in month of March 1806 these facts as regards her birth & marriage & the Birth & death of her husband she is enabled to give from her family Bible which Bible she now has and which she has kept in her possession from the time of her said marriage or shortly threafter and in which Bible the before named facts & dates are recorded and which she states she is satisfied is correct & true. She states that the Parson or Minister who performed the marriage Ceremony of herself & husband was by the name of Johnston or Johnson a preacher of the Gospel in that day & time & that the said marriage was under a License obtained from the propper authority for that purpose. She states furthermore that a little upwards of a year after her said marriage with said Benjamin Cook, to wit in the Spring of the year 1781 in the s'd. County of Charlotte in the s'd State of Virginia her husband Volunteered his services in a company raised by Captain William Morton & others for a Tour of Three months service and march immediately in said Company for Guilford Courthouse in the state of North Carolina and as she is informed through the counties of Hallifax & pitsylvania [sic: Halifax & Pittsylvania] & was in the Battle fought at Guilford in March [15th] 1781. She states that she has heard many speak of this battle & all those who she did hear speak of it concured in the statement that her husband was engaged therein & that it was the universal belief of all that he was so engaged therein She states that the time which her husband served this Tour was Two months. She states that her said

husband obtained Two discharges for his service. the first was for his services rendered in the year 1776 & 1777 and was for Twelve months. the last discharge was for the Two months service rendered in 1781. She states that her said husband kept said discharges in his possession untill his death and after his death they were kept by her for many years. She is not enabled to state by whom either of the above discharges were given to her said husband, that she thinks however the last one for Two months was given by Capt William Morton, and she thinks it probable that the first was given by Capt. Walton or Captain Harbersham. She states that each of the above name discharges are now lost. that she has made dilligent search for them but have been and is unable to find either of them. She states that she has never been married but the one time and that she is still the surviving widow & relict of the said Benjamin Cook Dec'd. She states that her eldest Child whose name is Martha was about Two weeks old when her said husband Volunteered his service in the last Tour of duty, She states that the officers who commanded & served in the last Tour with her husband were Col. Cock [Nathaniel Cocke] Majr Hubbard [William Hubard] Capt [Richard] Booker Capt William Morton Capt Gains Capt Thompson & Capt McDowell She states that these names are familiar and were familiar to her in that day as officers who were in the service of their Country in that time She is not enabled to state how many of the above officers were out on the first or how many on the last Service with her husband. Capt Walton was one she recollects that was out on the first and probably some of the above named also but as to this she cannot state She states that Captain Harbersham was she thinks one who was out on the first Tour with her husband & upon reflection she thinks it was him who gave the discharge for the 12 months service as before named She states furthermore that from bodily infirmaty she is unable to appear or attend in Court without great inconvenience and difficulty. She states that she hereby relinquishes & does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State or Territory [signed] Catharine Cook

[On 13 Jan 1841 Catharine Cook explained that the following discharge had been found. See endnote.]
By Colonel Joseph Habersham, of the First Battalion of Continental Troops of Georgia, in the Service of the United States of America.

THESE are to certify, That the Bearer hereof Benjamin Cooke a private soldier has served in the above Regiment, and in Captain Shadrack Wright's Company, for the Space of Twelve Months, for which Term he inlisted, and is hereby discharged from the said Regiment, he having received his Pay, Arrears of Pay Cloathing, and all other just Demands, from the Time of his inlisting in the said Regiment, to this Day of his Discharge, as appears by his Receipt on the Back hereof.

GIVEN under my hand, and the Seal of the Battalion, at Savannah, this first Day of Septem'r 1777.
To/ All whom it concerns.



[Other side]

I do acknowledge to have received all my Pay, Arrears of Pay, Cloathing, and all other just Demands, from the Day of my inlisting into the said Regiment, to this Day of my Discharge.

[signed] Benjamin Cook

NOTES:

Beginning on 5 July 1776 Georgia was permitted to recruit within the state of Virginia.

Thomas Gaines (pension application W11048) certified the service of Benjamin Cook.

The file includes a copy of a bond signed on 24 Dec 1779 by Benjamin Cook and William Cook for the marriage of the former to "Catharine Brewer (Spinster) daughter of Sackville Brewer of said County."