

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cooper W8633      Patsey Cooper      VA  
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State of Kentucky } S.S.

County of Morgan }

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May 1834 personally appeared before James Hammons a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Morgan State of Kentucky now sitting for that purpose John Cooper a resident of Morgan County and State of Kentucky aged 75 years on the [blank] day of April last past 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 June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states he entered the service of the united states as a volunteer militiaman in the month of September 1776 (the day of the month not recollected) under the command of Capt Gilbert Christy [Gilbert Christian], Maj Evan Shelby, Col. William Christy [William Christian]. He served the army at Long Island on Holston River Washington County Va [sic: at present Kingsport TN]. He was immediately marched from there to the Cherokee Towns on the Tennessee River, the Indians fled [early October 1776] we destroyed the Towns & other property. We remained there some time & were then marched back home to Washington County Va & was discharged by Capt Christy in January 1777 the day of the month not recollected having been out for four months. he does not know whether his discharge was written or not. if it was in writing he has lost it. he then returned home

He state he entered the service of the united states again in June 1777 the day not recollected, as a volunteer malitia man under the command of Capt John Looney Arter Cambell [sic: Arthur Campbell] was Col he joined the army at Long Island [several illegible words] river Washington County Virginia from there we were marched to the cherokee Towns on the Tennessee river which we destroyed again we remained there untill some time in October we were then marched to Washington County Va & discharged in November 1777 having served four months, he then returned home the day of the month he cannot state neither does he now recollect whether his discharge was in writing or not if it was he has lost it he was discharged by his captain

he state in the year 1778 his Father removed to montgomery County virginia & he with him he being then as well as he now recollects in his 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> year of his age. he states he again joined the army of the united states as a volunteer on the [blank] day of May 1779 the day of the month he cannot state under the command of Capt Arter Brown [Arthur Brown] who was a captain of the spies on the frontier of virginia & joined them in montgomery County Virginia where he then lived he states he served two months as a spy or ranger & was discharged by his captain the day of the month on which he was discharged he dose not recollect for this tower he states he thinks he never had a written discharge if he had he has lost it he states he again joined the army of the united states in the month of August 1780 as a volunteer under the command of Capt. Abram Trigg Joseph Cloyd was major he states he was rendezvoused at Chisels [Fort Chiswell in present Wythe County VA] Lead mine on new river & were marched towards Kings mountain [SC] but before we got there we were turned and marched to the Shallow ford of Atkin river [sic: Yadkin River] North Carolina where we had a battle with the tories we defeated them [14 Oct] we stayed there a week or two from there we were marched home to Montgomery County Va, & was discharged between the 15<sup>th</sup> of October & the 15<sup>th</sup> of Nov'r. 1780 the precise time he dose not recollect he dose not know whether he received a written discharge or not if he did it is lost he states he again joined the army of the united States on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1781 as a

volunteer under the command of Capt. James Barns [William] Preston was Col. Joseph Cloyd was major he states he joined the army in montgomery county va. was marched to Harbons ferry on new river where he was stationed a week or two from there we were marched to Surry Court house north Carolina from there to the moravian Towns [Salem, Bethabara, and Bethania NC] from there to Guilford Court house where he was stationed as a spy or ranger for two or three weeks he was then attached to the army of Gen'l [Andrew] Pickins & remained untill the last of may or 1<sup>st</sup> of June 1781 the day of of the month he dose not recollect he was then discharged & returned home to montgomery county va where he lived he was no more in the service he states he has stated the general circumstances of his services as fully as he can now recollect being very aged and infirm he cannot relate his services more fully than he has done he states he was born in Washington county va in the year 1759 [formed in 1776] he states he has no record of his age he states that he has stated where he was living when called into the Service he states he remained in Va untill about 12 years past he removed to morgan county Kentucky where he now lives he states he has stated the manner in which he was called into the service & the general circumstances of the same as fully as he is able he states he has stated the manner of his leaving the service he states that he has stated the manner of all the officers that he now recollects who were with the troops where he served he states he never had a commission he states he has no documentary evidence nor dose he know of any living witness whose testimony he can procure to prove his services he states he is unable to find a surviving witness by whom he can proove his services he states he is known to [name lined through] & William Coffee in his present neighbourhood who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

[signed] John Cooper

NOTE:

On 6 July 1839 Patsey Cooper, 66, applied for a pension stating that she married John Cooper in Greenbrier County VA on 20 April 1789, and he died on 3 March 1837. On an application for bounty land dated 30 April 1855 it was stated that she was 84 and that John Cooper served under Capt. Robert King and Col. Alexander Outlaw, and that as Patsey McDaniel she was married to him in "Morrison County VA" by a preacher named John Alderson. A copy of the marriage record gives her name as Pattey McDaniel and the place of marriage as Greenbrier County.

On 27 April 1840 using the name Martha Cooper she applied again before a Justice of the Peace named David M. Cooper. Her age was said to be 65 and the place of marriage Montgomery County VA. William Cooper, 50, stated that he was the son of John and Martha Cooper. On 22 Aug 1845 Patsey Cooper was said to be 72, and on 4 July 1849 she was said to be 80. In Nov 1857 Perry Cooper, the only child of Patsey Cooper, applied for her last pension payment up to the date of her death, 23 July 1857.