

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Phinehas (Phineas) Cox W3004    Barbary Cox    VA  
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State of Kentucky Warren County Sct

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of s'd County now sitting Phineas Cox a resident of the County and State afsd aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his 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. That he was born on the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct in the year 1764 in the County of Halifax Virginia That about the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March as well as he can recollect in the year 1779 [probably 1778] he enlisted in the army of the United States under Capt James Shelby [possibly James Shelley] and served under sd Shelby as Capt & under Richard Brashier [Richard Brashear] as Lieutenant and Jarrett Williams as Ensign and John Montgomery as Col. who was under the command of Genl Geo Rogers Clark [George Rogers Clark] in the line of the State of Vi'a he resided at the time of his enlistment in the County of Henry Vi'a, and went on a visit to Holston River where he enlisted at the Long Islands [at present Kingsport TN] – at that place he took water descended to Tennessee River – down that to the Ohio – down the Ohio to the Mississippi River and up that River to the Kaskaska [sic: Kaskaskia] River and up that river 6 miles to the Illinois Towns as then called, continued there about 30 days then he went with the troops in Boats down to the Ohio River and up the same to the mouth of the Great Wabash and up that River to where Post Vincent [Fort St. Vincent at present Vincennes IN] is now situated which was called then O Post where he remained all the summer of 1779 [sic] except about one month when he went further up the Wabash against the Indians he states that he remained there (O Post) during the fall and winter of sd year, and for guarding Pack horses was promised one dollar per day for 90 days but never received a cent for that nor for any of his services during the Revolution. In March 1780 [probably 1779] he was sent on express from O Post by Col John Montgomery to the The Illinois Towns where he remained till he was discharged by Col montgomery in June 1780. He enlisted for the term of one year, but was detained more than 15 months before he was discharged. he states that about twelve years after he was discharged Col Montgomery called at his house where he now lives and got his discharge from him for the purpose of getting the pay and land that were promised him. Montgomery was shortly after killed by the Indians [27 Nov 1794] and he could never procure his discharge again nor land nor pay; after he received his discharge in 1780 he volunteered at the Illinois towns on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 1780 for 60 or 65 days and served under Col Montgomery; he went up the Mississippi to the mouth of Illinois river thence up sd river to a little French village, there they left the Boats and with Pack horses went to Fever river against the Indians but they had all fled – they returned to the Boats – he states that during part of this tour for want of provision they were compeled part of the time to subsist on a dead horse. for this term he got only a verbal discharge from Montgomery at what is now called St Louis He states that he cannot say precisely how long he served but he knows that he will be safe in makeing oath that he did not serve a shorter period than sixteen months. His age was recorded in his fathers Bible in the State of Virginia. he lived in Henry County Via when he entered the Army immediately after the Revolutionary War he moved to Davidson County Tennessee – from thence to Warren County Ky where he has resided ever since – he knows of no documentary evidence of his servises, nor any person by whom he could prove his services except one Sam'l McGawen whose affidavit he has procured – he was in no battle – the officers he knew in the Revolution except those already named were Capt Thomas Quirk [pension application W5958] – Capt Taylor [Isaac Taylor W601] Capt Ivins [Jesse Evans S15826] Capt Todd [Robert Todd R18517] The following are the names of some of the persons living in his neighborhood who can testify to his

character for veracity and their belief as to his services in the revolution Capt John Stone. Capt. Joseph Covington General Elijah Covington Col Wm Marshall Judge Graham Judge Underwood & James T Morehead – he states that he cannot remember the number of the regiment in which he served He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not found on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State [signed] Phinehas Cox

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This day [6 Dec 1833] Samuel McGowan personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for the County afs'd & made oath that he is going on eighty five years of age & knew Phineas Cox in Henry County Va & has known him from a boy & further made oath that about the year 1779 s'd. Cox left s'd. County of Henry Va to join the Army of the United States & served under Gen'l. Geo R Clark as was universally admitted & believed S'd Cox was absent from s'd. County for more than fifteen months & he has no doubt from what he heard & knew at the time he left home that s'd. Cox did serve as he has stated in his declaration for a Pension. He also knew of s'd. Coxes return to s'd. County of Henry after a long absence as afs'd when it was universally agreed s'd. Cox had been in the Army under s'd. Clark. he further states that he heard Gasper Butcher & Stephen Ray who served under s'd Clark with s'd. Cox say that s'd Cox did served under s'd. Clark as he has stated in his declaration

NOTE: On 27 Nov 1843 Barbary Cox, 80, applied for a pension stating that she married Phineas Cox "before the close of the Revolutionary War in what is now Davidson County," raised 12 children with him, the oldest of whom was 59, and that her husband died on 18 May 1842. She also stated that Phineas Cox had been a state legislator. Their son, Frederick Cox, made a supporting statement. Another supporting document states that the eldest son was named William W. Cox. On 30 Sep 1848 Barbary Cox was said to be 87, on 26 Nov 1845 she was said to be 84, and on an application for bounty land dated 27 March 1855 she was said to be 95.