

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cooper S21128

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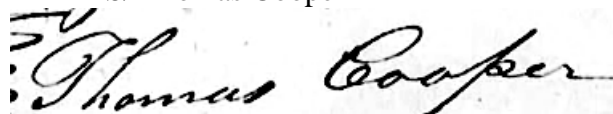
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State of Tennessee Fentress County: On this the 24th day of July 1832 personally appeared in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County being a court of record now sitting Thomas Cooper a resident of the United States in the County of Fentress and State of Tennessee aged on the 19th day of October 1831 sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 10th or 12th day of November 1781 for one-year with a man by the name of Kirk he believes he was informed Lieutenant and served in the Regiment of the South Carolina line of cavalry under the following named Officers, to wit, the Brigade was commanded by General Marion a Brigadier General in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Hezekiah Mayburn [sic, Hezekiah Maham] and Major Thomas Giles he was first in the Company commanded by Captain Robert McKelvey and after he resigned Captain James Kierce [sic, Pierce?] took the command of the company Samuel Cooper was the Lieutenant and ? Alan was first Cornet and after he resigned promoted Postell was the Cornet – he continued in the Army until his time expired – he enlisted on Santee in South Carolina a few miles below Nelsons ferry – he lived in Sullivan County then North Carolina, now Tennessee had marched to Santee as a drafted Soldier under Colonel Shelby as will more particularly hereinafter specified he was not in the any Battle was engaged principally in patrolling or scouting he marched from the place of his enlistment down near the quarter house about six miles from Charleston South Carolina which place the British Army was in possession of at that time. He then marched to Pedee near one hundred miles continuing to patrol between Charleston and Santee principally – he took sick some two months before his time was out. He was dismissed near Saulsbery ferry on Cooper River in South Carolina. His discharge was signed by Major Thomas Giles which he sold to John Black it is therefore out of his power to procure it nor has he any documentary evidence by which he can show his service he also entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated he was drafted in Sullivan County North Carolina now in the State of Tennessee where he then resided for the three months he was attached to Colonel Isaac Shelby's Regiment Captain James Elliot's company – he cannot recollect the Lieutenant's name but William Young was the Ensign of the Company – he entered the service under this engagement about the last of September 1780 continued to serve for about two months and was then discharged at Wilkes Courthouse in North Carolina marched from Sullivan County directly to Kings Mountain he was ordered out on a detachment to collect prisoners for the Army under Ensign Young before the Battle commenced and did not arrive at the Battleground until about 2 hours after the Battle of Kings Mountain was fought marched from thence to Wilkes Courthouse guarding the prisoners he served with Colonel John Sevier Colonel Campbell Colonel Williams

[James Williams] and Colonel Cleveland Regiment there was some other colonels along he has no documentary evidence by which he can establish his service he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, then returned home to Sullivan County about the last of March 1781 he was again drafted and entered the service against the Indians under Colonel Joseph Martin under Captain John Steele marched from there to Powells Valley the Valley station then down the Valley to near the mouth of Raplor [?] Creek then up Clinch [River] to the end of Clinch Mountain then up Holston [River] home again forced upon some Indians and drove them in Powells Valley he was drafted again about the last of September or first of October 1781 and entered the service of the United States and served under the following named Officers and served as herein stated Colonel Isaac Shelby commanded the Regiment Captain Thomas Waller's commanded the Company to which he belonged Charles Campbell was the Ensign of the company he was drafted in the said County of Sullivan he marched from there to Santee in South Carolina where Colonel Shelby's Regiment met Colonel Sevier's Regiment General Marion and his Brigade were there when he arrived – had no engagement he continued under this Engagement till he enlisted on the 10th or 12th of November 1781 as first above stated that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service 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 or agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John H Richardson, Clerk

S/ Thomas Cooper

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Cooper". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Peter Reagan, a clergyman, and in John McClellan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1st question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the State of Pennsylvania Chester County in the year 1762 on the 19th day of October

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. My age was recorded in my father's Bible: I got the Bible of my father & [illegible word] and never could get it returned and where it is now unknown to me.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I was then living in Sullivan County the State of North Carolina but now Tennessee continued to live there until the year 1801 when I moved to Stanton's [?] [Ink blot obliterates text] by State of Kentucky lived there [ink blot obliterates text] year & then moved to Overton [ink blot obliterates text] unty now Fentress & lived there ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. Drafted 3 times and enlisted one

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Marion Colonel Campbell, Colonel Shelby, Colonel Sevier, Colonel Williams, Colonel Cleveland and Major Giles were with the Army where I served.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from my tower of enlistment signed by Major Thomas Giles I sold it to John Block [sic, Black?] And for other services I did not received anything.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. Peter Reagan and [balance of answer obscured by an ink blot.]

[Note: I need to come back to this—he filed an amended application but Footnote.com is malfunctioning and taking FOREVER to load images, so I'll try to remember to come back to this one on a day when Footnote.com is functioning properly.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$68.88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the cavalry and 5 months and 20 days service as a private in the infantry, both in the South Carolina militia.]