

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joel Cohoon (Cahoon, Calhoun) W8576 Naomi fn30NC
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State of Kentucky, Trigg County

On this 27th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Joel Cohoon a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years, who first being 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 7th 1832. He says he was born on the 9th day of July 1763 in Edgecombe County North Carolina, that he has now in his house a record of his age, made by his parents, that in the year 1781, he was enlisted in the Service of the United States for the term of three months, he was mustered into service at Nash Court house North Carolina under the Command of Colonel Crain that he marched from Nash Court house North Carolina to High Rock Ford on Haw River, where he joined head quarters under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], Colonel Reed and Major Coffield, he say as he, with the Army, went from High Rock Ford, in pursuit of the British and did not overtake them, until they arrived at Ramsey's Mill on Deep River, where a few guns were fired, but in no general engagement, he remained at said Mills with General Greene two or three weeks, he says at such Mills he was placed under the Command of General Butler [John Butler] with whom he served until he was discharged, which took place in Wake Court house, he received his discharge for said three months service from General Butler, he was in no battle during said time, he has either lost or mislaid his discharge, he does not remember the month in which he was enlisted but he was discharged in May 1781. He says after his discharge he returned to his father's in Edgecombe County North Carolina, when he arrived at his father's the British were within six miles of his father's house and at that time one James Merit [sic, Merritt?] had been drafted, or it came to his time to serve a tour of duty for three months, and he said Merit applied to this applicant, to serve said tour of duty for him as his substitute, and this applicant did agree to do so, and did substitute and took the place of said James Merit and served the said tour of three months in the year 1781, the month he entered the Army he does not remember, but thinks it was June, he says this time he was mustered into service at Tarborough Edgecombe County North Carolina, under the Command of Colonel Hart, Major Scarber [sic, Scarborough?] or some such name, Captain James Wilson, Lieutenant Bell, Ensign William Fort, he says during this tour he was engaged in pursuing the Tories in the neighboring Counties, he was in no engagement, but was scouting during the time. He says he does not now remember the names of any of the Continental or Militia Regiments or Companies with which he served. He says while in the Army of General Greene he knew Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and he believes Colonel Washington [William Washington], he says he did serve in the Army of the United States the two tours of six months each as above stated making in all six months. He says he was discharged from the service the last tour he served at Tarborough

Edgecombe County North Carolina, he received his discharge from Colonel Hart, he has either lost or mislaid it. He says he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He says he resided in Edgecombe County North Carolina from his birth until about twenty seven or eight years ago when he removed to the place at which he now lives, which is in Trigg County Kentucky, he says he is well acquainted with Drury Bridges, Isaac Sumner, Jonathan Ricks, James Thomas, John Futrell, Thomas Futrell, Joseph Martin, James Holland, James Lawrence and Bazell Holland who are his immediate neighbors and can testify as to his Character for veracity and their belief as to his service as a soldier of the revolution. 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] of the Agency of any State.

This applicant makes the following answers to the Seven interrogatories prescribed by the War department, viz.:

To the first. He says he was born in Edgecombe County North Carolina on the 9th day of July 1763.

2nd That he has a record of his age, in his house made by his parents.

3rd He says he was living in Edgecombe County North Carolina when he was called into service each time and Continued to live there until about twenty seven or eight years ago when he removed to where he now lives, which is in Trigg County Kentucky.

4th The first three months he served he was enlisted or he was drafted, the second he was a substitute and for James Merit.

5th He says General Greene, Colonel Crain, Colonel Reed, Major Coffield, General Butler, Colonel Hart, Colonel Lee, Major Scarber were with the troops at times when he served, that he does not recollect any of the names of the Continental or Militia regiments, and that he has in the previous part of his declaration stated the general circumstances of his service.

6th He says he did received two discharges from the service, the first was given by General Butler and the second by Colonel Hart and that day are both either lost or mislaid.

7th He says he is known in his present neighborhood to Drury Bridges, Isaac Sumner, Jonathan Ricks, James Thomas, John Futrell, Thomas Futrell, Joseph Martin, James Holland, James Lawrence and Bazell Holland, who can testify as to his Character for veracity and their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Cohoon

State of Kentucky, Trigg County

On this 29th day of March 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Trigg County Court, Naomi Cohoon a resident of Trigg County Kentucky aged Eighty one 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow [of] Joel Cohoon who was a private in the revolutionary war – and for that service obtained a pension from the United States by Virtue of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That she does not know how long he was in the service or where he entered or left the same neither does she know under what officers the services were rendered, but she refers to the declaration of her said husband and the testimony accompanying the same now as she supposes on file in the War Office. She further declares that she was married to the said Joel Cohoon on the fourth day of August in the year 1785, that her husband the said Joel Cohoon died the 15th day of October 1835, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, viz: at the time above stated. She further swears that she is now a widow never married since the death of her said husband and that she has never before made any application for a pension.

S/ Naomi Cohoon, X her mark

Kentucky, Trigg County

This day Mariam Williams personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Trigg County court and made oath that she was present at the marriage of Joel Cohoon and Naomi Futrell, that said marriage took place on the fourth day of August 1785 in the County of Edgecombe County State of North Carolina, that Naomi Cohoon who is about to make an application for a pension is the same Naomi Futrell who was then married – that said Joel Cohoon died on the 15th day of October 1835, that Joel Cohoon and Naomi Cohoon lived together as man and wife from the date of their marriage until his death, that said Naomi Cohoon is now a widow and has never married since the death of her said husband Joel Cohoon. S/ Mariam Williams, X her mark

State of Kentucky, Trigg County

This day Charity Bridges personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Trigg County Court and made oath that she was not present at the wedding of Joel Cohoon and Naomi Futrell but was present at their [illegible word, looks like “infern”], that said marriage took place on the fourth day of August 1785 in the County of Edgecombe North Carolina. That Naomi Cohoon who is about to make an application for a pension is the same Naomi Futrell who was then married, that said Joel Cohoon died on the 15th day of October 1835, and Joel Cohoon and Naomi Cohoon lived together as man and wife day of their marriage until the death of said Joel Cohoon, that Naomi Cohoon is now a widow, never having married since the death of her said husband Joel Cohoon.

S/ Charity Bridges, X her mark

[Attested by James Thomas, JP]

Tarboro, No. Ca. Feby 23rd 1849

Dear Sir:

In reply of 13th of February, I have to state that I had made diligent search in my office & have not found any record evidence of the marriage of Joel Cohoon to Naomi Futrell in [illegible word] the records in my office dealing to marriages, were so badly kept until within the last 40 years, that it is almost impossible to find any marriage that happened before that time, by record evidence – I learn that persons of the name of Cohoon lived here about the time of which you speak, and the name is not extinct even now. The name Futrell was not as uncommon as here 50 years ago. I regret that I cannot furnish the record prove and hope that other testimony will be received by the Commissioners of Pensions.

Very Respectfully

yours

S/ Jas. [illegible last name, looks like “Wafus”]
Edgecombe County Court

M. Mayes, Esq.
Cadiz, Kentucky

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]