Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cox R2399 Bethany fn20NC
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State of North Carolina Caldwell County on this 29th day of June A.D. 1853 personally appeared before us Thomas Isbell and Henry Laxton acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid that Bethany Cox a resident of said County aged ninety-six 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 4th A.D. 1836: That she is the widow of Thomas Cox who was a private soldier in the Revolutionary War, having enlisted as a volunteer in the County of Randolph North Carolina, and that he served three years or more under the Officers of the American Army whose names have other she does not remember. And she further declares that she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim, but believes that his enlistment took place during the year 1777. She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Cox several years before the close of the Revolutionary War having at that time three living children, the offspring of her marriage with the said Cox. That her husband the aforesaid Thomas Cox died in January 1814: and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before S/ Thomas Isbell, JP S/ Bethany Cox, C her mark S/ A. Laxton, JP

State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State.

I, William Hill, Secretary of State, in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster-rolls of the Continental line of this State, in the Revolutionary War, that Thomas Cox a private soldier in Captain Shepard's Company of the 10th Regiment, entered the service on the 12th day of June 1777 for the term of three years or the War, was a Corporal the 1st of November 1782. Dest. 13th June 1783. A land Warrant for three years services was issued to him on the 20th of October 1784.

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1853. S/Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[A note in the file indicates that this claim was rejected for failure to prove that the claimant was the widow of the Thomas Cox referred to in the certificate from the North Carolina Secretary of State.]