Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Cox R2407 Martha Cox NC
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State of Georgia } On this 13th day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty two Washington County } Personally appeared before me Samuel Robison one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County Moses Cox a resident of the Sate and County aforesaid Seventy Six

Personally appeared before me Samuel Robison one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of said County Moses Cox a resident of the Sate and County aforesaid Seventy Six years of age, in May last past, 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– That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated He was borned in Duplin County North Carolina on the sixth day of May 1756, moved to Dobbs County and in April 1777 was drafted in the Militia for six months Jacob Johnson [sic: Jacob Johnston] was my Captain Richard Caswell was the Colo-Shephed General [sic: probably Col. John Sheppard] Served the full time Marched to Wilminton [sic: Wilmington] & Fayetteville Received a written discharge from the Col which is lost. in a few month after [sic] vollunteered and served under Cpt Augustine Spain for three months was at the battle at Moore Creek [Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, 27 Feb 1776] Col. Caswell Commanded. then was drafted for six months and was placed under Captain Augustin Spain Marched to Camden S. C. then to the battle at Brier Creek Georgia [3 Mar 1779]. General [John] Ashe was the commanding officer. before he got home volunteered under captain Simon Edwards for six months. was at the battle of Gates defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated, 16 Aug 1780] at which place Captain Edwards was killed in a few feet of this deponent [see endnote] Generals Caswell Buttler [sic: John Butler] & Greygory [sic: Isaac Gregory] were on this field, this deponent received a wound on the Right fore arm (which scar he here exhibits) Received a written discharge from Col Benj Azum [sic: Benjamin Exum]. then were transfered to Capt Coller [sic: Thomas Culler] Marched to Catorber [sic: Catawba River] and was in the battle at that place under General Davison [Battle of Cowan's Ford under Gen. William Lee Davidson, 1 Feb 1781] at which place General Davison fell & Col Davy [sic: William Richardson Davie] took the command making in the whole Ten month. Received a written discharge from Col Davy which is lost, and this deponent further says that he continued in servis untill the Rattification of Peace in different reconeting [reconnoitering?] company after the tories and at the close of the war was discharged at Kingston [sic: Kinston NC] By Col Benj. Axum and this deponent further sayeth that putting all together that he served during the revolution war more than three years, and that he is now blind and so afflicted otherwise that he is not able to walk and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose Testimony he can procure who can testify to his servis.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or anuity except the present and declare that my name is not on any pension roll in any state

Moses hisXmark Cox

State of Georgia } On this nineteenth day of June Eighteen hundred and thirty three Washington County } Personly appeared before me Samuel Robison one of the Justices of the Inferiour Court for said county Moses Cox a Resident of the County of Washington and State of Georgia aged seventy seven years in May last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed June 7th 1832

[The original of the following table has a column showing Cox's rank as a Private for each tour, a column showing that the evidence for his service was "Traditionary Evidence," and a column stating that he lived in Dobbs County when he entered service and was 77 years old.]

A Statement Shewing the Service of Moses Cox

Period when Service was Performed	Duration of the claimed Service [months]	Name and Rank of the Company officers under whom he served	name and Rank of the General and field officers	Battles in which the applicant was engaged	County through which he marched
Drafted April 1777	6	Captain Johnson Capt Spain	Col Caswell General Shepherd		Wilmington & Fayetteville
Volenteered	3	Capt Spain	Col Caswell	Moore Creek	Cumberland
Drafted 1778	6	Capt Spain	General Ash	Brier Creek	Camden S Carolina
Volenteered [1778]	6	Captain Edwards	Generals Caswell Butler Gregory	Gates defeat	Duplin County
Volenteered 1779	6	Capt Cullers	Genl Davison & Davy	Catorber	Chatham County

Interogatories propounded to Moses Cox

Question 1st Where and in what year were you Borned

Answer " Duplin County North Carolina on the 6 Day of May 1756

Qust 2nd have you any record of your age & if so where is it

Ans "I have none But have seen in on my Fathers Bible, which was sold at his sail

Qust 3rd where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the

Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Ans "Dobbs County North Carolina, Chatham County N Carolina, Now in Washington Cou'y Georgia

Qust 4th How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, And if a substitute for whom

Answer " Drafted for Twelve months and volunteered for fifteen months

Qust 5th State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops, where you served, such continental & Militia Redgements as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer " General Gates, cannot recollect the regiment, Captain Edwards was killed at gates defeat this deponent received a wound on his right forearm at the time Col Davison was killed in the Battle at Catorber

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

Answer " I did Two from Col Caswell and one from Col Axum all of which is lost

Quest 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 there belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer Misael Wood Thos Hardee Jared Wood Benjamin Sessions John Hardin &c

Georgia Washington County} Personly appeard before me the undersigned one of the Justices of the Inferiour court of said County Mosses Cox and on his oath makes the following as an amendment to his declaration, made on the nineteenth June last, (in order to obtain a pension from the U.S.) to which this is attached) that he did serve as a private soldier during the revolution war at different periods the length of time stated or set forth in the Table in this declaration (viz) 1st in 1777 drafted & served six months, and in the same year volunteered and served three months, in the year 1778 was drafted for, & served six

months, and in the year 1779 vollunteered for & served six months, Making in the whole Twenty Seven Months as stated in the foregoing Table, And this deponent further saith that after receiving a discharge from the last named service that he continued in service by vollunteering for short periods in different companies against the tories, untill the ratification of Peace, as stated in his declaration of the 13 December 1832 and that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of Memmory he cannot swear possitively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than Twenty seven months by regular drafts & vollunteering as a private soldier

Sworn and subscribed to befor me this 13 August 1833 Mosses hisXmark Cox

NOTES:

Other sources state that Capt. Simon Edwards was wounded and captured at the Battle of Camden and died of small pox while a prisoner.

On 26 Feb 1846 Martha Cox, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Moses Cox in 1786, and he died 19 Dec 1845. Her claim was rejected, probably for lack of proof of marriage. On 25 May 1853 Aaron Cox applied for the pension, stating that Martha Cox died 2 March 1851 leaving the following children: Aaron Cox 63, Gatsey (a daughter) 60, John 57, Henry 54, Malinda 47, Rebecca 50, and Robert 44.