

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cooper S21128

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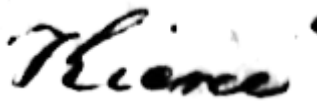
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State of Tennessee Fentress County: On this the 24th day of July 1832 personally appeared in the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County being a court of record now sitting Thomas Cooper a resident of the United States in the County of Fentress 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 [Francis 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, James Pierce?]¹ took the command of the company Samuel Cooper was the Lieutenant and ?² Alan was first Cornet and after he resigned promoted Postell [perhaps James Postell] was the Cornet – he continued in the Army until his time expired – he enlisted on Santee in South Carolina a few miles below Nelson's ferry – he lived in Sullivan County then North Carolina, now Tennessee had marched to Santee as a drafted Soldier under Colonel Shelby [Isaac 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

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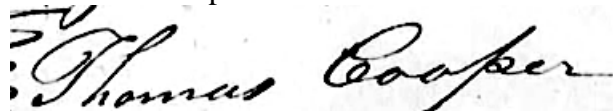


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herein stated he was drafted in Sullivan County North Carolina now in the State of Tennessee where he then resided for the three months he was attached to Colonel Isaac Shelby's Regiment Captain James Elliot's company – he cannot recollect the Lieutenant's 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 [William Campbell] Colonel Williams [James Williams] and Colonel Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland's] 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 Powels 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



[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.]

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The amended declaration of Thomas Cooper a Citizen of Fentress County in the State of [omitted] on this 26th day of February 1834 the said Thomas Cooper appeared in open Court before the Honorable Abraham Caruthers Judge of the 3rd Circuit in the State of Tennessee now presiding and holding the Circuit Court in Said County, he states that he entered and Served as stated in his declaration for one year he entered the service on the 10th or 12th day of November 1781 and Served as in his original declaration for one year a private soldier during which time he was in no unit employment: that he Served with an embodied Corps called into Service by competent authority and that he was in the field or in garrison for the aforesaid time of twelve months: –

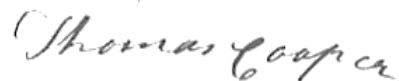
As to the second tour of service mentioned in his original declaration he served as therein stated he thinks for at least the term of two months. That he served as mentioned in said declaration with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority as a private soldier that he was either in the field or in garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

As to the third tour mentioned in his said declaration he states that he continued to serve as therein stated until about the last of April 1781 that he entered the service and was discharged in Sullivan County then North Carolina: that he served with an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority, that he was either in field or in garrison: and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit and as to the fourth tour in his said declaration mentioned he states that he served about forty days as therein stated that he served with an embodied Corps, called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or in garrison: and for the time during which the service was performed he was not in any civil employment. That he served said period of time as a private soldier.

Sworn to in open court this 26th day of February 1834

S/ W B Richardson, Clerk

S/ Thomas Cooper



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And the said Thomas Cooper being duly sworn deposeth and saith – that by Reason of old age and the consequent loss of Memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below: the whole of which time he served as a private soldier one tour of twelve months: one other tour of two months: one other tour of one month: and one other tour of forty days: and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to in open court this 26th February 1834

S/ W. B. Richardson, Clerk

S/ Thomas Cooper

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State of Tennessee Overton County }

This day personally came Walter Greer³ before me Wiley B. Miller [sic, Willie B. Miller] an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County who first being duly Sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to speak the truth in behalf of Thomas Cooper of the County of Fentress and State aforesaid deposeth and saith

That he is of the age of 74 that he is well acquainted with said Thomas Cooper who now lives in the County of Fentress State of Tennessee and that he was well acquainted with him in the time of the revolutionary war that he knew him in the County of Sullivan that witness & Cooper went from said County of Sullivan as Soldiers together under the command of Captain Thomas Wallis [Thomas Wallace] and Colonel Isaac Shelby down into the State of South Carolina where said Cooper enlisted on the Santee [River] I think it was in the fall of 1781 I think early in November but can't state the precise day he enlisted for one-year in the dragoons service and was placed under General Marion & under Colonel Mayum [Hezekiah Maham] was not with him as an enlisted soldier but have very good reason to believe and does believe that Cooper served at his tower [tour] of Twelve months according to his enlistment for he never returned home until the end of twelve months from the date of his enlistment and it was the clear understanding that Cooper did serve accordingly; affiant states that he was with Cooper in the militia Service with Cooper at the time he enlisted that Cooper served about two months in the militia before he enlisted – then after he returned home from his regular service he was again called into Service believes he was drafted in commanded by Captain Steel and fired on a Camp of Indians on Popular Creek and served twenty days this tower affiant is not certain now whether this was before his enlistment or since but is certain he did serve the twenty days affiant states that he does not know to a certainty that Cooper served any more but has Reasons to and does believe that he did serve according to the statements made in his declaration for he was always counted a man of truth and he believes him to be such a man and further this deponent saith not.
July the 28th 1834

S/ Walter Greer



[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.]

³ [Walter Greer S3415](#)

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I Thos Cooper [sic] Due Swear to be true to the United States of America I will serve them against all their Enemies as appears whatsoever and faithfully obey the Continental Congress & the Officers Set over me by them & I do further swear that I am not Subject to fits nor any way disabled by Sickness or otherwise but have the perfect use of my Limbs & that I do Voluntarily enlist myself as a private Soldier in a Corps of Horse commanded by Lt. Col. Hezekiah Maham to serve for twelve months & that I have Received Six Guineas in part of fifty dollars bounty money.

Sworn before me this 9th of November 1781

The above named Thomas Cooper is about 6 Foot high fair Complexion Light Hair Gray Eyes 19 years old by Trade former Born in Pinselvania [Pennsylvania]

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State of South Carolina } These are to Certify that Thomas Cooper was Enlisted in Lieutenant Colonel Maham's Regiment of Light Dragoons as a Private Dragoon for the space of 12 Months which time he has served faithfully. – He is hereby Discharged and entitled to the pay of a Continental Dragoon from the 10th day of November 1781 to the 10th day of November 1782 given under my hand this day

March 1, 1784
Certified by

S/ Thos. Giles [Thomas Giles]
Major State Legion
S/ H. Maham

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

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March 1 1784

Thos Siles
Major State Regiment

Witnessed by — W. M. M. M.

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13th Day of October 1783 I do Hereby Assign over my whole Right and Title of the within
Discharge unto Malcolm Henry Esquire that he may Receive the pay which I am entitled to for
my Service

Witness my hand

S/ Thomas Cooper

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S/ Jas. Jeans

S/ Francis Henry

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Thomas Cooper's Account for £56 Sterling sent out of the Auditor's Office on 29 July 1786, but no Certificate being produced, was sent to the Commissioners on Disputed Accounts & which remains in the Auditor's Office, by means of wanting proper support, which was not produced before the 28th February 1789 [deadline]; & the. Expired 31 August last preceding this date.
 J. M^c. A. G. [John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The United States, to Thomas Cooper		Dr.
Nov.		
10 th 1781	To \$50 entrance money	£11.13.4
	To 12 months duty as a private and Colonel	
	Maham's Corps & Captain Theus' Company at 20 dollars	<u>56</u>
		£67.13.4
	By [?] Rec'd Six Guineas	<u>6.10.6</u>
	Due Thomas Cooper	£61.2.10

South Carolina York County} Personally appeared Mr. Thomas Cooper who being Duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God saith that the Above Account of sixty-one pounds 2/10 is Justly due him, from the United States, for Services as a Private Dragoon in Lt. Col. Maham's Regiment under Captain James Theus
 Sworn and Subscribed before
 me this 19th January 1789
 S/Joseph Palmer, JP

S/ Thomas Cooper

[p 18: Printed form of Indent No. 11 Book A dated May 11th, 1782 "delivered to Thomas Cooper this Indented Certificate, for the Sum of fifty-six pounds Sterling for twelve Months duty as a private from the 9th of November 1781 to the 9th of November 1782 in Colonel Maham's Regiment of Cavalry with interest from the 1st day of April 1783."]