

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cook S21147

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State of South Carolina }

Edgefield District }

On this 29th day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas for Edgefield District state of South Carolina, William Cooke a resident of Edgefield District, in the state aforesaid aged seventy eight 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the service of the United States in June 1775 [sic] with Capt. John Jemmerson [sic: John Jameson] and served in the first regiment of horse of the Virginia line [1st Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons, organized June 1776]. He lived in Amherst County Virg'a at the time he entered the service and was marched to Little York [York PA], where his company joined the regiment commanded by Col. Theodorick Bland – from Little York he was marched to Princeton, New Jersey, and then to Middlebrooke [sic: Middlebrook NJ] where his Captain was promoted to the rank of Major [31 Mar 1777], and his company was afterwards commanded by Capt Alexander Darndridge [sic: Alexander Spotswood Dandridge]; he went from Middlebrooke to Philadelphia and was engaged in the battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] and in the battle of Germantown [4 Oct 1777]. From Germantown he was marched to Monmouth Courthouse, where he was under the command of Gen. Pulaski, and engaged in the battle at that place [28 Jun 1778]; from Monmouth he was marched to Winchester in Virginia, where he was discharged by Col. Bland. His discharge is misplaced or lost. That he left the service the 1st of December 1777 [sic: 1778] and served one term of enlistment, which continued for two years and six months. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. [signed] William Cook

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Abbaville [sic: Abbeville] District } Personally Came William Cook and being duly sworn saith that in the old Revolutionary war he enlisted and served two years and six months in the Cavel [page torn] in the first Virginia Rgement, at the end of which time this deponent saith he got a Regular Discharge, which has been lost or mislaid, and that he has neither land nor negroes, and is old and infirm, and unable to labour sufficiently to Procure a lively hood. Sworn and Subscribed to this 20th day of September Anno Domini 1832 before me Edwd Collier [signed] William Cook

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Edgefield District } Personally appeared Edward Collier an and being duly Sworn saith that between ten and fite[en] years ago James Collier was qualified before him and said on oath that William Cook did serve with him in the old Continantal army two years and six months in the Cavelry in the first Virginia Regiment, The affidavit is said to be lost or mislaid with Colon[el] Simkins's Papers who then Represented us in Congr[ess]

This Deponant further saith that he is acquaint[ed] with William Cook's Circumstances and that he verely [be]lieves that he has neither lands or Negroes and v[e]ry little Property of any discription, and that he is old and infirm and unable to Procure a livelyhood and that his Children is not able to Spare funds from their Famileys to Support him. Sworn and subscribed to this 21st day of September Anno Domini 1832 before me. Edwd Collier

NOTE: On 20 Sep 1832 Bennet Henderson of Abbeville District SC stated that he remembered that his half brother, William Cook, was away from home for upwards of two and a half years, and when he returned home "he was accompanied by a soldier who was dressed in uniform and he William Cook was also dressed in the same manner."