Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Cox S2454 Transcribed by Will Graves f13NC fo 12/13/10: rev'd 1/2/20

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State of North Carolina Lenoir County: SS: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On the third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the ___ of the County of Lenoir now sitting, John Cox of said County, who is about seventy years of age on the day of next, who 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. In the vear of the battle of Guilford Court house he became the substitute of his father Harmon Cox. who was drafted in the militia service in Dobbs County North Carolina for three months, and as his substitute was attached to a company commanded by Captain John Granger and in Granger's Company he remained at Kinston Lenoir County (then Dobbs) for about two months, then he marched to Smithfield North Carolina where he was placed under the command of Captain Joseph Sessions whose company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Lee. From Smithfield he marched to Guilford Court house, but before he arrived there was attacked with the pleurisy and was left alone Eno River – after a partial recovery at Eno, he marched in company with two regular soldiers to Ramsays Mills on Deep River North Carolina where he joined the main Army under General Greene. Here he was discharged after he had served three months. He then volunteered in a company commanded by John Mason in Onslow County North Carolina which company belonged to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Mitchell in this company where he was generally stationed near Alligator Creek but marched at different times to the banks and to New Hanover County, and to the New River Inlet in Onslow County for the space of about nine months, when he was discharged at a place called the Chapel near New River in Onslow County, shortly after the British left Wilmington North Carolina. He further states that he has lost his discharges, but states upon his oath that he served in the militia in the revolutionary war as set forth, three months in the first tour and nine months in the last.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ Lewis C. Desmond [Clerk]

S/ John Cox

[Harmon Cox and Patty Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.



State of North Carolina Lenoir County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Term 1833 On the first day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court before Jonathan Rouse, P. Haran, W. C. Loftin & C. Mitts Justices of said Court being a court of record and then sitting John Cox of said County (whose declaration is herein set forth) and made the following statement as a proof, as an amendment to the within declaration and proof, being previously duly sworn according to law for that purpose. He served 12 months as a soldier of the revolution as within set forth (at least) he thinks he served more though he will only think certainly as to 12 months. That there is no documentary evidence or living witness that he knows by whom he can prove his services more than is already set forth.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Lewis C. Desmond, Clerk

S/ John Cox

[Herman Heath, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories were propounded by us and the annexed answers made by the said applicant John Cox April one 1833

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Anrs. I was born in the County of Dobbs in the year 1763 or thereabouts

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

[A.] I have a record of my age in the possession of Joseph Loftin

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

[A.] I lived with my father in Dobbs or Lenoir where I have lived ever since. I was a substitute for my father Herman Cox in the first tour, in the next I volunteered. I was acquainted with General Green who I believe commanded at Guilford Courthouse, Colonel Richard Nixon a militia officer and William Caswell who was a General – I refer you to Jos. Loftin, John Cobb, John Washington, Henry Heath and a great many others who can testify as to my veracity and their belief of my revolutionary services.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]