

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Caleb Cox S30950

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State of Kentucky, Livingston County: SS

On this 4th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Vinson B. Simpson, William Stewart, John Barry & Isham Clement Esquires justices of the County Court in and for said County and State now sitting, Caleb Cox, resident in said County, aged seventy-nine years the 15th of January 1832, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits 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 to wit: That in the fall of the year 1775 in the County of Currituck State of North Carolina I was drafted in the militia of that state as a private and served in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Larue or Lurra [sic, Thomas Lurry], and in the militia commanded by Colonel Peter Dozier [sic, Peter Dauge], in the Brigade was commanded by General Isaac Gregory – William Ferity [sic, William Furley] was Major in this Regiment, and Griffin Dozier [sic, Griffin Dauge] was adjutant, and one Andrew Duke was Lieutenant of the company, and Thomas Cox Ensign. The draft was for three months, and we rendezvoused at the North West landing on North West River, and marched from thence through Norfolk County, Virginia to the great bridge across said River, and there encamped. Shortly afterwards the British under Captain Fordyce, from there fort, met us at this place, and attacked us. After a severe engagement the enemy retreated back to their fort, and after setting it on fire, retired to their shipping. It was said that Governor Dunmore commanded on this occasion but whether he did, I am not certain; but I distinctly remember that Captain Fordyce [Charles Fordyce] was killed on the ground.² After serving in this campaign for three months I was regularly discharge. In the fall or winter of the same year (as well as I now remembered) I was again drafted from the same County, and under the same officers except the captain, who was now George Powers. After rendezvousing at the same place (North West landing) we proceeded to the Great Swamp, where we made a strong breast-work of Juniper logs, as the British were hourly expected. They lay within about four miles of us, and shortly afterwards attacked us at this place, but they were repulsed with considerable loss, and we took two four pounders, which had been spiked. None of our force was killed, as the works thrown up, was a good defense. After this battle we remained in that quarter until the expiration of the three months, and were then regularly discharge. After this I served several expeditions against the Tories in North Carolina, but I

¹ This file as posted on Footnote.com erroneously includes the file of Curd Cox S3169.

² <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/751209-great-bridge.html>

cannot remember the time so distinctly as to enable me to describe them and I will therefore let them pass; and claim only for the two tours of three months each that I have mentioned. I further declare that I know of no person living in this Country who served with me, and who can prove the service I have mentioned, nor have I any documentary evidence in my possession or knowledge which would do so, as my discharges have long ago been lost or destroyed; and I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State whatever. And the said court propounded to the said Cox the following interrogatories as prescribed by the war Department, to which he made the following answers to wit:

Question 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Currituck County, State of North Carolina on the 15th day of January 1754.

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

Answer: I have at home in a family Bible

Question 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 living in said County of Currituck when I was drafted and lived there a good many years after the War, and then moved to this County where I have lived about 12 years last past.

Question 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. I was drafted.

Question 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: The troops in the first expedition were commanded by Colonel Woodford if I am not mistaken. Said Regiment of regulars was with the militia but the circumstances I do not remember. Colonel Stevens commanded a body of minute men in the battle.

Question 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 written discharges from both terms of service given, I think, by my Captains Larue and Powers, as before named, but I am not positive whether they were given by my captains or colonels as both of them have been worn out and lost a good many years.

Question 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: I am acquainted with the Reverend John Farris, Timothy of Neill, William Hughes, Joseph Hughes, author Travis, James Wheeler, William Stewart Esquire and many others.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Caleb Cox, Senior, X his mark

[James Johnson, a clergyman, and Timothy O'Neal & V. B. Simpson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]