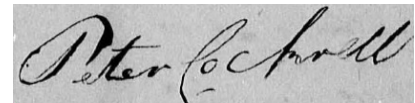


Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Peter Cockrell S35849 VA
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State of Kentucky, to wit.

This day Peter Cockerel aged 60 years, a citizen of Bourbon County & State of Kentucky came before me James Clarke a Circuit Judge of said State, and he being by me first duly sworn, did upon his oath aforesaid make the following declaration to wit "That he said Peter Cockerel, enlisted as a soldier of the United States in the war of the Revolution against Great Britain in the Spring of the year 1776 for 18 months in Northumberland County, Virginia, under Capt Thomas Gasten [sic: Thomas Gaskins] & marched in a short time to Norfolk where he joined the fifth Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col Josiah Parker; from thence to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg]; thence to the North & joined Gen'l. Washington at Brunswick; That he served out his term of 18 months, & at the end of that time reenlisted for three years, served out his second term of Enlistment, & at the end of that term reenlisted again for & during the war. That as a regular soldier of the United States, in the Virginia line upon Continental establishment, he served the United States from the spring 1776 untill the Seige & Capture of Charleston, by the British [12 May 1780]; was in the battles of Princeton [3 Jan 1777], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] & Monmouth [28 Jun 1778]: that Capt. John Blackwell was his Captain when he was captured by the British at the Capitulation of Charleston; that after the capitulation he was put by the enemy on board a British transport, & sent to Ireland & from thence to England, where he was put on board the Repulse sixty four, together with 40 or 50 other American prisoners, & remained there a prisoner two years & eight months from the time of his capture [see endnote]; & was finally set at liberty at Portsmouth, England, after the conclusion peace & with great difficulty reached his native County [sic: Country?] – That he served his Country faithfully a soldier as aforesaid for eight years in the war of the Revolution, that he is now old & infirm, and in reduced Circumstances, & in need of the assistance of his Country for support: That owing to the circumstances before stated he never receiv'd a discharge from the service; & has not now in his possession or power any other proof of his services: That he never rec'd. any pension from the United States or any of them; but now prays that he may be provided for by the Government pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress in such cases lately made.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter Cockrell". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a prominent loop at the end of the name.

State of Kentucky Sct.

On this 14th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the circuit and county of Bourbon by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of the said state, Peter Cockrell aged sixty one years, resident in the circuit and county aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, in the year 1776 in the fifth Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Josiah Parker and in Capt. Thomas Gastons company in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, and that he has received two instalments on his pension Certificate No. 9409. – And he furthermore swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed towit,

one mare, one cow and calf, then head of hogs, twelve pigs, and a small quantity of household and kitchen furniture, which the court think is worth in all sixty five dollars – He also states that he is a farmer by occupation, and that from his age and infirmities he is enabled to do very little at that. That his wife is fifty eight years of age and is almost entirely helpless, that he has five daughters and one son living with him, and the whole family together are unable to support themselves without the aid of Government except by private or public charity.

[It is assumed that the above Peter Cockrell is the same soldier referred to in the following in the [Revolutionary bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify Peter Cockrill enlisted in the 5th Virginia Regiment as a Corporal for two years, he afterwards Reinlisted for three years and served faithfully – so I ever heard of – Given under my hand this 29th day of November 1796.

John Roney – late Lieut: of the 3rd Virg'a Reg't.

Mr. Roney was an Officer in the 5th V Reg't & I am persuaded is accurate in his Certificate

W Bentley [William Bentley] late Capt. 5 V. Reg't.

NOTE: “the Repulse sixty four”: The ship of the line *Repulse* with 64 guns was launched on 28 Nov 1780 http://threedecks.org/index.php?display_type=show_ship&id=376. Most Continental soldiers captured at Charleston were kept first at the barracks there, then on prison ships. Those who survived this confinement were exchanged in Jamestown VA in the summer of 1781. Many, however, were induced to join the British. If Cockrell was among them, he would not have been considered a prisoner, and it is doubtful that he would have obtained a pension.