

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Cook S38627

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State of Kentucky S.S.

County of Morgan

On this 7th day of April 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Morgan County now sitting William Cook a resident of Morgan County State of Kentucky aged 70 years on the 11th day of October last past who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He states that in the month of June 1780 (the day of the month not recollected) He entered the service as a substitute for Joseph Wiltcher (who was drafted for a three months Tour of duty under the command of Capt Edmund Pendleton) He states he joined the captains company in Caroline County Va ~~where he then lived~~ He was marched from there to Hillsborough North Carolina where the several companies were put into Regiments. he states he was then put under the command of Capt Moses Fountain [sic: Moses Fontaine of Halifax County VA, pension application W5076] Maj. [William] Boyce Col Holt Richasen [sic: Holt Richardson] in the 1st Regiment He states the army lay there 5 or 6 weeks & then marched out to Rugger mill [sic: Rugeley's Mill] about 12 miles from Camden South Carolina. There we joined the main army under the command of Gen'l [Horatio] Gates where we remained till we were marched to the battle ground toward Camden the night before the battle [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780] at which Genl Gates was defeated. at the defeat the army was scattered and met together again on Pedee [sic: Pee Dee River]. from there we were marched back to Hillsborough North Carolina where we remained a few days, was then marched to New Garden Meeting house & from there to Guilford Court house where he was discharged by Captain [illegible] in the latter part of the month of October of the same year the day of the month not now recollected. He states he has lost his discharge. from the place last mentioned he returned home to Spotsylvania County Va. where he lived when he joined the service

He states he again entered the service of the United States between the 1st & 5 of January 1781 being drafted for a two months tour of duty. He joined the army at Chesterfield [illegible word] County Va under the command of Capt. Thomas Towls [sic: Thomas Towles] Col. Oliver Towles Maj. Thorn [probably George Thornton] we were marched down to Hanover Court house from there we were marched back to Fredericksburg Va where He remained till his time was out it was in March 1781 the day not recollected. discharged by Genl Weden [sic: George Weedon] which discharge He says he has lost and he again returned home to Spotsylvania County Va where he resided when he joined the service last afs [aforesaid]

He states he again entered the service of the United States on the [blank] day of May 1781 as a substitute for Rice Vass who was drafted two months under the command of Capt [James] Taylor Maj Hardyman Col Tho Meriwither [sic: Thomas Meriwether]. He joined the army at Cathries[?] Spotsylvania County Va from the we were marched to Richmond there we met Genl Lay Fayette [Lafayette] retreating before the British we then were marched to Culpepper [sic: Culpeper] county Va & from there to the Raccoon Ford of the Rapadan River [sic: Rapidan River, early June] lay there some time- then started to meet the British at the pointy Fork [sic: Point of Fork at present Columbia] of James River we got to Pogues mill was there joined by Wayn's [sic: Anthony Wayne's] army from there we were marched to the three noch road [Three Notch Road] Fluvanna County Va from there we were marched in pursuit of the British to Dandridges old Fields Hanover County Va where we lay some time from there we were marched to Savages Field in New Kent County or Hanover near the line from there we were marched to the drinking springs where He states he was discharged by Maj Hardyman on the [blank] day of

July the day not recollected having served out his two months his discharge he states he has lost. He again returned home to Spotsylvania County Va where he [part evidently missing]

He states he again entered the Service of the United States as a substitute for Joseph McGee (who was drafted) for a two months tour He Joined the army on the [blank] day of August 1781 (the day of the month not recollected) under the command of Capt Matison Col Sampson Mathis [sic: Sampson Mathews]. He joined the army on its march between Savage Field & Mauben Hill [sic: Malvern Hill] Va from there they were marched on to Mauben Hill Va He was marched from there as a light infantryman to Williamsburg Va where he was discharged (having served out his two months), on the [blank] day of October 1781 the day of the month he does not recollect. This last discharge was given by Col Mathis from there he returned home to Spotsylvania County Va where he lived when he joined this last time. He states He does not know that he was or was not with a continental regiment at any time during his service. he knew Genl Lay Fayette, Genl Gates, and the officers named in his declaration. He states he was born in Spotsylvania County Va he states he has a record of his age. He states,

He has stated where & when he was born he states he has stated where he was living when called into the service. He has also stated how he was called into the service. He states he knows of no other particulars of his services that he can now name more than he has already named. He states he never had a commission. He states he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. He states he knows Joseph Nickell a clergyman who resides in his neighbourhood and also Thos F Hazelrigg residing in the same who can testify as to his character for veracity and his reputation as having been a soldier of the revolution. He says he moved from Virginia to Kentucky Bath county & now lives in Morgan County

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 of the agency of any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid William hisXmark Cook

NOTE: The folder of this William Cook includes a misfiled pension application of Clara Cook, widow of the William Cook whose pension application is numbered W6708.