Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Cooper S47186 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 24 Jan 2014.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled, "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution approved on the 15th May 1828 I William Cooper of the County of Fluvanna in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Virginia State line the 6th of April 1780 to serve during the war that after the battle at Guilford N Carolina [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] I was transfered to Continental establishment and contind to serve on continental establishment until the termination of the war, at which period I was a private in Captain Alexander Parkers Company in Colonel Poseys [Thomas Posey's] Regiment of the Continental line – And I also declare that I afterwards received for the reward of Eighty Dollars; to which I was entitled, under a resolve of Congress, passed the 15th May 1778 and I further declare that I have never been on the pension list of the United States. The annexed Certificates are the only evidence now in my power to procure, of my services – Millian Cooper

Witness my hand this Twenty fifth day of August 1828

The Certificates or affidavits refered to in the above certificate are as follows to wit – Fluvanna County Virginia to wit William Moody [pension application S38233] this day personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath that he became acquainted with William Cooper now a resident of Fluvanna County Va in the year 1780 in Petersburg Va. that the said Cooper was then a Soldier belonging to Captain Thomas Ewell's [R14502] company Col'n Blufords [sic: Abraham Buford's regiment of Va. Troops. That he marched with said Cooper & joined the Southern Army at Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N. Carolina that he was at the battle of Guilford. That after the battle of Guilford, the regiment to which said Cooper belonged was transfered to Continental establishment & Cooper was attached to a company under the command of Capt Cowherd [Francis Cowherd, pension application W6721] Col. [Samuel] Hawes Regiment in Continental establishment. That he continued to serve with the said Cooper in the South that in January 1782 the said Cooper was attached to a company under the command of Capt Bullard Smith [sic: Ballard Smith] which formed a part of Col. Lees [Henry Lee's] Infantry under which command he remained until transfered to Col. Posey. That s'd. Cooper marched under Col. Posey to Charleston S Carolina & occupied the Town when evacuated by the British [14 Dec 1782] in Jany 1783 marched to Georgia where he remnd until the news of peace, that after the news of peace the said Cooper marched to Augusta in Georgia under Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne on account of some disturbance with the Indians from Augusta to Richmond Va. where he was honorably discharged in June 1783 This deponent also makes oath that the said Cooper was a private & served his Country faithfully & was highly esteemed by his Officers. Given under my hand this 27th day of July 1827.

City of Richmond to wit

Joseph Monk this day personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the City aforesaid and made oath that he became acquainted with William Cooper who now resides in the County of Henrico Va. in the year 1781 that he then belonged to a company commanded by Capt Cowherd in a Regiment under the command of Col. Hawes in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment during the Revolutionary War And that he continued to serve with said cooper on the Continental line until January 1782 the deponent also makes oath that he served as a Quarter master Seargeant and the said William Cooper was a private and served faithfully and honorably and was respected by all the Officers. Given under my hand this 25th day of April 1823.

Fluvanna County to wit

This day [16 Dec 1826] came before me Littleberry Weaver a Justice of the peace for s'd. County John Maddox [S38183] & made oath that he was in the service with William Cooper in the dates 1780 & 1781 in the virginia line in Colonel Abraham Burfords regiment in Captain Thomas Euwells Company & continued in said Company untill the Battle at Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina & he was then transfered to Colo. Samuel Hawes Regiment also attached to Captain Frances Cowards Company in the same Regiment we were then seperated until the end of the war. The said William Cooper is now present & he is the same man above alluded to.

[The following are in the bounty-warrant files of the Library of Virginia:]

I Certify that Wm Cooper Inlisted in the Virg'a. line for the War the 6th day of Ap'l. 1780 & Continues still in service Given under my hand this 29th day of June 1783 [no signature]

I do hereby certify that Wm Cooper was in the Cont'l Army before the year 1782, and continued as a soldier therein till June 1783 when he was properly discharged given under my hand August 16th 1784

Samuel Hawes late Lt Colo 1st Vir Reg't.

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William Cooper

William Cooper

Sir you will please settle the Ballance of my pay with Cap John Peyton & his Rec't shall be good against [two or three illegible words] Wm his mark Cooper