

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cooper S8250

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State of North Carolina Pitt County: A.D. 1832

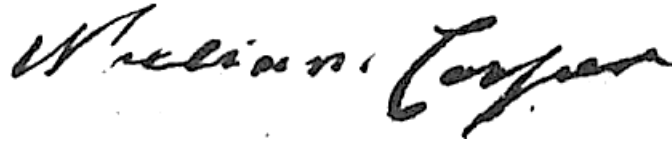
On this sixth day of November personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court now sitting William Cooper of Pitt County North Carolina aged sixty-nine years and eight months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service as a volunteer under Godfrey Stancil Captain, Abram Hardy Lieutenant and Henry Moore Ensign, having enlisted for three months about the close of the revolutionary War, and served out the whole period for which he enlisted. He was born and resided in Pitt County North Carolina at that time as he does now and his company formed at Greenville the County town – marched to Nash County (North Carolina) Court-House and there joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Herritage [John Herritage] and Lieutenant Colonel Nixon [Richard Nixon]. General William Caswell was with the militia embodied at Kingston [sic, Kinston] (North Carolina) and was also the General officer of the Regiment at Nash Court-House – from Nash Court-House he marched to Harrisburg Virginia where the Captain's Company to which he belonged were selected to conduct Colonels Culp and Wade (two civilians of Georgia who, when Cornwallis was ravaging the southern Country, had fled their homes with their movable property and now wished to return) to Georgia; of which service he marched as far as the Pedee about Cheraw (South Carolina) where his company was attacked at night and defeated by the Scotch Tories residing in that section. The whole company was disbursed and returned home to recruit – then he repaired according to orders to Kingston North Carolina and was employed for the balance of the term on the Scouting service about Neuse River. The term expired, he returned home and staid about one week, when he enlisted again for three months – repaired to Greenville again under Captain George Fortner, Lieutenant Evan Jones and Colonel James Gorham and was off and on at Greenville and Kingston with his company waiting orders from General Greene who was pursuing Cornwallis through the up country which orders however never arrived. He stayed with his company at the aforesaid places until the war was closed by the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, upon which event he was discharged just three days before his term expired – thus serving six months altogether lacking three days. As the term expired not by his own act, he submits whether he should not be considered and paid as having served six months entire. His discharge he has lost.

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 any state or agency whatever. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ William Cooper



I John Kinsaul¹ hereby certify that I served in the revolutionary war with William Cooper the above Applicant, and that the facts set forth by him are to the best of my recollection and belief true.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Kinsaul, X the his mark

[William Clark, a clergyman, and Josiah Daniel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Pitt County: SS

On this 5th day of September 1833 personally appeared William Cooper before the Judge of the Superior Court of Law at the court held for the aforesaid County at its Session. The said William Cooper being a resident in the County and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832:

That he enlisted as a volunteer in the Army of the State aforesaid under General Caswell in Captain George Falconer's Company. That the said company left Greenville in the said State and County, and marched to Harrisburg Virginia, in order to get in company with General Butler, that they marched from Harrisburg towards Pedee South Carolina. That Captain Falconer's Company and Captain Stansill's Company was here sent from General Caswell's Army to Guard the magazine at Coulson's ferry, but were routed by the Tories and dispersed before reaching there, that the to said companies came back to Greenville and there joined General Levington's [sic, Lillington's?] Regiment – and marched to a place near Wilmington, that after remaining a short time at this place the two said companies were dismissed and returned home. That this service was during the last of the revolutionary war but he does not recollect distinctly the date. That he distinctly recollects that he served six months and seven days including the time it took him to get to Greenville where he was dismissed by Colonel Gorham.

That he was born in Martin County in the State aforesaid in the year 1763. That he had a record of his age till about seven years past when it was destroyed. – That he was living in the County of Pitt when he became a volunteer and entered into service. That to the best of his recollection he was about 13 years of age when he became a resident of this County where he has ever since lived.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Attest

S/ Reading S. Blount

S/ William Cooper

[William Clark, a clergyman, and John Kinsaul gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The applicant further states on oath that he never received a discharge in consequence of the declaration of peace. That Colonel Gorham informed him it would not be necessary.

¹ [John Kinsaul \(Kensaul\) S8790](#)

S/ Reading S. Blount

S/ William Cooper

[p 8: on October 2nd, 1852, Rowan Cooper, 66, filed a power of attorney in the County North Carolina in which he states he is the son of William Cooper a revolutionary war veteran; that his father died in January 1837 and that his mother, Mary, died in June 1799; that they were married about 1784 in Pitt County North Carolina

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rowan Cooper". To the right of the signature is a rectangular stamp containing the word "SEAL" in the center, surrounded by a decorative border of small dots.

[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.]