

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sterling Cooper S9206

VA

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Virginia Franklin County Sct

On this 5 day of November 1832 personally appeared before the county court of Franklin now setting Sterling Cooper 72 years old a resident of the county & State aforesaid, who was born according to the family register, 20th June 1760 in Amelia County Virginia who being first sworn according to Law on his oath doth make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832 that in the war of the revolution in 1777 or 1778, he cannot say which, he enlisted as a substitute for Lesley[?] Booker, in Lunenburg [sic: Lunenburg] County Va, in the regular army for the term of Eighteen months under Capt'n Cunningham, and marched to Valley forge in Pennsylvania [winter of 1777 - 1778], where he was attached to the 14th Va Regiment under Gen'l. Mulingburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] the whole commanded by Gen'l Washington, that while in service he was in the battle of Monmouth [28 June 1778], that having served out his term faithfully & honorably he was discharged by Gen'l Washington and returned home that in the year 1780 he enlisted or enroled himself to serve three months under Capt Thomas Ship, to guard a magazine in Meclingburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County Va, that he so enlisted in s'd County and served said three months faithfully and was discharged soon after there being a call for troops, soon after there being a call for troops [repetition in original] he went from Lunenburg as a substitute for a man of the name of Hammock, the company he belonged to was commanded Capt'n Wm Hayes [William Hayes] – his brother Richard Hayes was the Lieut't, he was marched to a place called the Seven Bridges, in Nansemond County Va At Seven Bridges, Colo Downman commanded all the troops there assembled, he served the full term of three months & was then discharged, on returning home to Lunenburg county where he then resided was drafted and marched in a company commanded by Captain Jones and marched from place to place in Virginia till he joined the main Army under Genl Washington and was a Yorktown at the Surrender of Earl Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis, 19 Oct 1781] to the American and French armies, that soon after he was discharged after a service of about three months – That soon after the war he moved to Franklin County [formed from Bedford and Henry counties in 1786] where he at present resides. for his character in every respect he refers to the court and the people among whom he has so long resided and to a Elisha Arnold [pension application S6523] of Henry County Va a man of of great respectability who knew him while he was serving his country he has no discharges or other documentary evidence if he had such & he supposes he had them they are lost or mislaid he hereby relinquishes all 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 & year aforesaid [signed 8 Sep 1832] Sterling Cooper

The afadavit of Elisha Arnold of Lawful age after being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and sayeth that on his (Elisha Arnold's) return from the continental army in the year 1778 he met Sterling Cooper in the state of Maryland on his way to join the Continental army at Valley forge and that to his knowledge the s'd. Cooper was gone some considerable time from home as we were both raised boys together and lived neighbors together after Coopers return and this affiant further sayeth not [signed] Elisha Arnold

NOTE: On 12 June 1855 George Cooper, 64, applied for bounty land as the guardian of James D. Cooper, minor child of Sterling Cooper who died 9 Jan 1836. He listed the surviving children of Sterling Cooper as Frances, William Langston, George W., Sterling Herbert, Benj'n F., Louisa M., Charity M., Sarah R., and James D. Cooper, who was then 20 and the only surviving minor child.