

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Cook W23865 Mary Cook VA
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State of Virginia } SS
Greenbrier County }

On this 20th day of November 1846 personally appeared, before the subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Mary Cook a resident of said County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia, aged Eighty one years in June 1846, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 7, 1838, entitled "An act granting half-pay and pensions to certain widows." also of an act of Congress approved march 3, 1843, entitled "An act granting a pension to certain (widows of) Revolutionary Soldiers." also of an act of Congress approved June 17, 1844, entitled "An act to continue the pensions of certain widows." That she is the widow of John Cook, who was a private, in the Revolutionary war, and served in the Regiment of Guards [see endnote], he enlisted according to the certificate in the year 1779 on the 8th day of Febuary, and served during the Barracks which was two years and nine months [sic], after he left the Barracks, he the said John Cook, served two months in the malitia at Winchester Virginia The names of his Colonel was [Francis] Taylor and his Captain's was Pervis [sic: James Purvis], for further particulars of her husband's the said John Cook's services, the declarant would refer to the Records of the war Department. the Declarant sends with her declaration, the certificate of the Officer under whom the said Cook enlisted and also a record of her own age, and of the age of her children, She has lost his discharge,

She further declares that she was married to the said John Cook on the 23st day of August in the year seventeen hundred and eighty six, that her husband the aforesaid John Cook, died on the 3th day of June in the year eighteen hundred and twenty six; that she was not married to him prior to his living the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four to wit, at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed o the day and year above written Mary herXmark Cook

This is to Certify that John Cook Enlisted with me to Serve During the Stay of the Convention Troops in Albermarle County & when Ever the Said Troops are Removed out of the said County of Albermarle the said John Cook Shall Have a Clear Discharge from the Reg't of Guards Given Under my Hand this 8th Day of February 1779

NOTES:

Cook was evidently a guard over the Convention Army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barrack from Jan 1779 until Feb 1781, when they were marched to Winchester Barracks.

On 12 June 1847 in Monroe County VA William Kirby (probably William Kerby, pension application W7998) stated that he had served at Albemarle Barracks for over nine months and knew a John Cook there. On 30 April 1847 Rev. Archibald Campbell (pension application W10572) stated that he had known John Cook and believed that he had served as stated.

On 18 Nov 1846 Moses Fleshman stated that he remembered the marriage of his sister, Mary Fleshman, to John Cook in Culpeper County VA.

The family record mentioned by Mary Cook is transcribed below.

On 28 Feb 1853 John Cook, 55, stated that he was the son of John Cook, who died on 3 June 1836, and of Mary Cook, who died on 14 Jan 1853. He listed the children as follows: John Cook; Nancy Church; Thomas Cook; Malinda Thompson; Elizabeth Niece; Sarah Campbell; Lewis Cook; Jesse Cook; Andrew

Cook; and Elie Cook.

Mary Cook was born June the 5 1765

Nancy Cook was born July 12th 1787

James Cook was born Sept 12th 1789

Thomas Cook was born May 31th 1791

Millinda Cook was born May 21th 1793

John Cook was born Oct 3rd 1795

Elizabeth Cook was born Oct 3rd 1797

Sarah Cook was born March 9th 1799

Jesse Cook was born Nov. 20th 1800

Lewis Cook was born Feb 18th 1804

Andrew H Cook was born August 5th 1806

Eli T Cook was born Sept 18th 1808

Winniford R Cook was born Oct 24th 1803

A family record of John Cook's