Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Cookers (Cookes) W6722 Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris Elizabeth Cookers

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State of Virginia }
Berkeley County } Towit

On this 17th day of September 1838 personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in & for said county Elizabeth Cookers, a resident of said County in the State aforesaid, aged 77 years in June last, 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 7th 1838, entitled "an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows": That she is the widow of Michael Cookers who was a soldier of Cavalry in the Virginia Continental line in the War of the Revolution. That her said husband was in Col. William Washingtons regiment or corps of Horse & chiefly in the Southern Campaign. She further declares that she was married to the said Michael Cookers on the 12th day May 1783; that her husband, the aforesaid Michael Cookers died on the 28th day of May 1829; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January seventeen hundred and ninety four viz, at the time above stated.

Elizabeth herXmark Cookes

[The following is among the bounty-warrant papers in the Library of Virginia:]

This may Certify that Michael Cookes, private in the 3^d Reg't. of Dragoons, has served his full term of enlistment, agreeable to a certificate given by Maj'r. [Richard] Call of this date, and he is hereby Discharg'd

Given at head quarters, S Carolina. Apr'l 9th 1782

Nath'l Greene [Gen. Nathanael Greene]

Richm'd, May 4th 82 I do Certifie that Michael Cookes has served as a private in the above mentioned Regiment for three years Wm. Barret [William Barret] Capt./ 3rd Reg't L D [Light Dragoons]

NOTE: Sarah Cookes (as she signed) stated that Michael and Elizabeth Cookers were married in Frederick County MD and returned from there to Berkeley County. The file includes a copy of the following marriage record: "1784 May 10. Michael Cookers to Elizabeth Kile"