

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Cook R2253

Elizabeth Cook

f18NC

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[p 10: Note: The following record should not be read to have applied to the person for whom this claim was made.]

State of North Carolina  
Comptroller's Office

I, William J Clarke, Comptroller of Public Accounts in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Thomas Cook

Statement C Payments made to Continental Soldiers entry No. 102, "Thomas Cook (private) \$65.73" Remarks "allowed 9 (nine) months 1781"

Book W No. 1 entry 1042 £9 S8 – specie for Militia services as private in Captain Amos Love's Company

Same Book entry No. 1091 £9 – specie, for Militia services in Captain Matthew Albritton's Company

Book No. 7 Old series page 30 £2 S4 specie for 22 days service in Captain John Sheppard's Company, February 1776, as private.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1854

S/ Wm J. Clarke, Compt'r.

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State of Georgia County of Union: SS

On this the 11th day of August 1854 Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County and State of Georgia personally appeared John Cooke a Resident of said County and made oath according to law that he is the son and heir of the identical Thomas Cooke who was a Revolutionary Soldier in the State of North Carolina that his father was at the time of his death a resident of the County of Buncom [sic, Buncombe] and State of North Carolina he further states his mother died at the same place on the 11th day of February A.D. 1837 and her name was Elizabeth Bowin and that she was married to her said husband Thomas Cooke on the 28th day of October A.D. 1772 in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina all of which will more fully appear by reference to the annexed testimony and that he executed the foregoing Power of attorney and that he is directly interested in said claim and makes this affidavit to be filed and such additional evidence or arguments as my said attorney may use in prosecuting said

claim.

S/ John Cook, X his mark

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State of Georgia Union County} SS: On this the 24 day of April 1855 before me John S Fain Ordinary of said County in open Court personally appeared John Cook aged eighty-one years on the 10th day of December last a resident of the County and state aforesaid who after being sworn in due form of law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 4th of July 1836. That he is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Cook both deceased, that his father Thomas Cook was a private Soldier of North Carolina in the war of the Revolution, that his said father, Thomas Cook and his mother the said Elizabeth Cook were married the 29th day of October 1772 in Pitt County North Carolina by a Justice [of the] Peace by name of Bryan, as he has often heard his parents say, that his mother's name before her marriage as above stated was Elizabeth Bowen, that this deponent was their first born child, that when he was a little child just old enough to notice and remember things, he recollects of seeing his father start off with his gun and they told deponent that his pa was going to the war that he remembers that he was gone a good while and he recollects the occasion of his coming home and how glad his ma and all were to see him, that he remembers to have heard him talk a great deal about his hardships and sufferings in the Army and that he thinks he served two or three terms as a drafted soldier in said war that all of these things he has as clear and distinct a recollection as his age would admit of. That his father the said Thomas Cook died in Buncombe County North Carolina on the 23rd day of November 1831, leaving deponent's mother the said Elizabeth Cook his widow, who survived him and remained his widow until her death that she died in Buncombe County North Carolina on the \_\_day of February 1837 leaving Obed Cook and this deponent John Cook her only surviving children.

That for proof of the marriage of his parents as above stated he would herewith present the original family Record of his father and mother which was kept in a little memorandum book of his father said Bibles were scarce in those days and they had none, that the Records upon the first page of belief were made before deponent's recollection and is in the handwriting of one Edmund Andrews, a particular friend of the family, as his father said – that upon the second page, the record of his brother Obed is in the handwriting of a surveyor who came to his father's to survey a land when deponent was a little boy, and that the record of his brother Rheuben is in deponent's own handwriting. That he makes this declaration as supplemental to one filed sometime in the year 1854.

S/ John Cook, X his mark

[family record

Thomas Cook Son of John Cook & Mary his wife was born the 19th day of May in the year 1748  
Elisabeth Bowen daughter of John Bowen & Martha his wife was born the 14th day of  
September in the year 17[last two digits illegible]

Thomas Cook and Elizabeth Bowen were married the 29th day of October in the year 1772

John Cook Son of Thomas Cook and Elizabeth his wife was born the 10th day of December  
1773

Thomas Cook Son of Thomas Cook and Elizabeth his wife was born the 8th Day of April 1775

Daniel Cook Son of Thomas Cook and Elizabeth his wife was born the 30th Day of January  
1776

[name obliterated] Cook Son of Thomas Cook and Elizabeth his wife was born December the 24th Day [year obliterated]

Rheuben Cook was born on Sunday August the 16th in the year 1795]

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and Mary his wife, was born the  
19<sup>th</sup> day of May in the Year 1748  
Elizabeth Bowen Daughter of  
John Bowen & Martha his wife,  
was born the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September  
in the year 1752  
Thomas Cook and Elizabeth Bowen  
was married the 29<sup>th</sup> day of October  
in the Year 1772  
John Cook Son of Thomas Cook  
and Elizabeth his wife was born  
the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of December — 1773  
Thomas Cook Son of Thomas Cook  
and Elizabeth his wife was born  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of April — 1775  
Daniel Cook Son of Thomas Cook  
and Elizabeth his wife was born  
the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of January — 1776

Cook Son to Thomas  
Cook and Elizabeth his wife  
was born December the 24<sup>th</sup>  
Day  
Rheuben Cook was born  
on Sunday August  
the 16<sup>th</sup> day in year  
1795