

### **Pension Application for Stephen Cooke or Cook**

S.3185

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

Morris Com. Pleas, July & August Special term, 1832.

State of New Jersey

County of Morris SS.

On this sixth day of August, 1832, personally appeared, in open court, before the Judges of the court of common Pleas now sitting Stephen Cook a resident of Hanover Township in the County of Morris and State of New-Jersey, aged eighty nine years, 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 7, 1832.

The he entered the service of the United States, under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated:

Sometime in the summer of 1775 a British fleet appeared off Montauk Point Long Island New York and it was though were about to carry off cattle, and this deponent was called out in a comp'y of Militia under the command of Captain Jno. Sanford. Captain Hulbert was present & commanded the Minute men & Major Jon'a Hedges who was on duty & commanded the whole he remembers, that the clergyman. Dr. Buel was present under arms accoutered as a soldier. In April 1776 he removed to Hanover Morris County, New Jersey, and was soon after called out under Capt. Isaac Halsey employed on guard duty upon the lines, he at first as he thinks for one month. He was out nearly all the time in the fall & winter of '76 & '77, when Washington retreated through New Jersey and the British came over from New York he retreated with Washington as far as N. Brunswick, and was out nearly all winter at the battle of Bloomfield, at Second River & forded the River at Slotter Dam, and went into the huts that had been occupied the night previously by the British, went on to Aquacanock & from there to Newark. He is quite unable to say how long he was out upon these occasions, he was at a skirmish at Springfield he thinks it was in the year '76 or '77 when Colonel Ford had command of the battalion.

He was also stationed at Newark a number of times, he now remembers that Lieutenant Colonel Bott was in command also at the Springfield skirmish.

He was also at Morristown under Captains Ward, Baldwin, Hall & Josiah Crane, and once at Morris under Hiram Smith who had command of the Guard. He was out in service at the time when the Pennsylvania troops became disaffected and were about leaving the Army. During the several tours above mentioned this deponent was with his company, for the most part employed in keeping guard to prevent the enemy from landing on the Jersey shore, and to preserve the country from plunder. He was in many tours under Colonel Benoni Hathaway & General winds. The militia was called out by classes one half of a comp'y one month and the other part the next month, and upon any alarm the whole was called out.

From the commencement of the war in '75 till the close until the capture of Cornwallis. This deponent with the militia of his neighborhood was a great part of the time in active service—but from great defect of memory this deponent is entirely unable to specify the particular monthly tours or to state with [??] either the dates when or the officers under whom they were performed further than he has done in the previous part of this declaration.

This deponent was born in Suffolk County Long Island on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1752 as appears from the family record now in his possession where he resided until April 1776 when he removed to Hanover, Morris County, N. Jersey where he has since resided.

For testimony to his character for veracity he refers to Deacon John Ball, his former Ensign & to Jeremiah Howell, both of whom are his neighbours & have known him well for more than 50 years & to them he refers to his character for truth & in regard to a general belief in the neighbourhood that he was a revolutionary soldier.

He never received a written discharge nor a commission. Beside the officers who commanded his company, he remember Col. Bott, Col. Ford, Col. Suly, & Col. Frelinghusen, Col. Hathaway also.

He remembers being out under command of General Winds & probably under heard also. And he verily believes that in all his tours of militia & service, he has served as much as fifteen months. In corroboration of a part of his services, he refers to the depositions of Hiram Smith Esqr., John Ball, & Jeremiah Howell, attached by seals to this declaration & which he desires may be considered a part thereof.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is no on the Pension Roll of the Agency of and State.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Stephen Cook.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Stephen Vail

Letter in file dated April 11, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter requesting information in regard to Stephen Cook of Morris County, New Jersey, a soldier of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.3185, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Stephen Cooke.

He was born December 25, 1752 in Suffolk County, Long Island.

While residing there he served in 1775 in Captain John Sanford's company of New York militia under Major Jonathan Hedges, length of service not stated.

He moved to Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey, and served from sometime in April, 1776, at various times as a private with the New Jersey troops, under Captains Isaac Halsey, War, Baldwin, Hall, Josiah Crane, Hiram Smith, and Colonels Ford and Benoni Hathaway, was in the battle of Springfield, and skirmishes at Bloomfield, Second River, and served until the close of the war, amounting in all to fifteen months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 6, 1832, then a resident of Hanover Township, Morris County, New Jersey.

He died February 22, 1845. There are no data as to his family.