

Pension Application for Moses B. Cook

S.34711 Died, Lenawee County, Michigan on August 9, 1839, buried in Hagaman Cemetery, Fairfield Township, Lenawee County, Michigan.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this sixteenth day of June 1818 before me the subscribed, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tioga and State aforesaid personally appears Moses B. Cook aged fifty six years the sixth day of April last past resident in the Town of Elmira in the county and State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

That the said Moses B. Cook enlisted in the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York under Lieutenant Rulolphus Hoofenberg in the Company in the company commanded soon after by Capt. John Davis and afterwards by Captain Andrew Gray in the Fourth Regiment in the New York line under Col. Henry B. Livingston in the year 1776. That he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until the fall of the year 1779 when he was discharged from service at the village of New Windsor in the Town of Newburgh and State of New York.

That he did not receive any written discharge as he recollects except a pass to go home with safety, which is now lost and gone.

That until the age of nineteen years he was called and known by the name of Moses Cook.

That he was in the Battle at Saratoga in the year 1777 when Gen. Burgoyne surrendered.

That he was in the Battle of Monmouth in the State of New Jersey in the year 1778 where he received a wound in his thigh—

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service. M. B. Cook

Sworn to and declares before me the day and year aforesaid. Caleb Baker [Judge]

In a later affidavit dated September 6, 1820, he says: *"That my occupation is that of occasionally teaching a Common School which I have followed more or less for about thirteen years; but at present & for nearly a year past, I have been unable to do Justice in that employment on account of the failure of my eyesight even with the aid of glasses, which employment of school teaching has been the principal means of supporting myself and family. That I have not been able to gain a subsistence by manual labor since I left the Continental Service in the year 1779 by reason of a Rheumatism in the right hip and small of the back & for the last ten years I have been unable to do any kind of business without the aid of glasses.*

"That my family who now reside with me consist of my wife who is 62 years of age, and my daughter who is 22 years of age. My wife is naturally of a very slender constitution, & has had to use spectacles or glasses to aid her eye sight since she was 18 years of age and cannot now assist in performing the common house work without their use, and is unable for the most part of the time to do any kind of business on account of the Rheumatism in her arm & shoulder. My daughter Lydia would be able to support herself by working from home in other families, but remains with us without the prospect of any reward other than the consciousness of taking care of her aged & infirm parents."

Letter in folder dated February 12, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

At the request of Mr. Titus of 2222 Que Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. you are furnished the record of the Revolutionary War soldier, Moses B. Cook, as shown by the papers on file in his pension claim, S.34711.

Moses Cook was born April 6, 1762. The place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

He enlisted in 1776 at Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York, and served until the fall of 1779 as private in the Fourth New York Regiment under Captains John Davis and Gray and Colonels Henry B. Livingston and Peter Regnier. He was in the battles of Saratoga and Monmouth, having received a wound in the thigh during the latter battle.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 16, 1818, at which time he was living in Elmira, Tioga County, New York.

In 1820 he referred to his wife, her name not given, as being sixty-two years of age, and to his daughter, Lydia, aged twenty-two years.

He moved from Veteran, Tioga County, New York, to Logan, Lenawee County, Michigan in April 1831. It was stated that his two only children, names not given, moved to Michigan and he went there with them. In 1836 he was living in Fairfield, Michigan.

Moses B. cook died August 9, 1839.

His brother, Aaron Cook, was living in Elmira, New York in 1820.