

Pension Application for Benjamin Cooper

R.6829 (Former Widow: Mary Magoun)

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefits of the 3d section of the act of 4th July 1836, and of the first section of the act of 3d March 1837.

State of Massachusetts

Plymouth County SS.

On this twenty eight day of August A.D. 1837 Personally appeared before me Wilkes Wood, Judge of the Court of Probate for the County of Plymouth, Mary Magoun, a resident of Pembroke, in the County of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, aged eighty five years, 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 4, 1836, and the act explanatory of the said act passed March 3, 1837. That she was married to Benjamin Cooper, who was a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, and she believes performed the following services.

That the said Benjamin Cooper, then a resident of South Hampton on Long Island, in the County of Suffolk and State of New York, entered the service the last of May or first of June 1776 and enlisted in Capt. Howell's Company of Infantry or New York State troops, and served eight months and returned home in the winter following, the last of January or first of February 1777, she believes from what she has heard the said Cooper formerly say, that after enlisting in said Company he was marched to the west end of the Island and was afterward at the Battle of White Plains and continued in the service till he was dismissed as before stated. He was absent at the time the British took possession of Long Island, as she well recollects of seeing a number of British officers. She cannot tell any the names of any other company officers, nor the names of the officers of the Regiment in which he served; and she has been unable at present to obtain any documentary evidence in support of the claim, but she hopes that evidence may be found on the State Rolls of New York to substantiate her claim.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Benjamin Cooper on the thirteenth day of February in the year seventeen hundred and seventy two, at South Hampton on Long Island, State of New York, that her husband the aforesaid Benjamin Cooper died on the twenty third day of July 1793; that she was afterward married to John Bishop at [Morishes?] on Long Island April 1, 1800, who died on the thirtieth day of March 1812; that she afterward removed to Hanover, Mass. to live with her son the Rev. Joah Goldsmith Cooper, Rector of St. Andrews Church, and was afterward on the 19th day of September 1814, married at Pembroke, to Thomas Magoun of Pembroke, in the County of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, who died on the third day of November 1819, and that she was a widow on the 4th July 1836, and still remains a widow, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed) Mary Magoun

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid first written & I hereby certify that said Mary Magoun is unable by reason of advanced age & bodily infirmity to travel to attend Court, and is made to appear that she is a credible person. Wilkes Wood.

Family Record

Benjamin Cooper departed this life July 23, 1793 in the 54th year of his age.

Benjamin Cooper Jun'r departed this life August 5, 1796 in the 23 yr of his age.

Appollos Cooper departed this life July 6 or 8th 1797 on Saturday [?] clock P.M. in the fourth Ninth year of his age.

Benjamin Cooper and Mary Goldsmith was married February the 13, 1772. Son Benjamin was born Jan 3, 1774. One Monday at 10th the clock P.M. our son Joab was born June June ye 15? 1778.

Our son Apolos was born March the ? 1784 on Friday at five Oth Clock A.M.

Married Sept 19th 1814 W. Whomas Magoun of Pembroke to Mrs. Mary Bishop of Hanover by Rev'd Mariel Allens.