

Pension Application for Robert Cooper

W.16219 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married In a Lutheran Church in the City of New York in February 1773.

Edward Cooper was born Nov 18, 1773

Gilbert Cooper was born Dec 22, 1775

Sarah Cooper was born May 11, 1779

Marg Cooper was born April 12, 1781

James J. Nath'n? Cooper was born Sept 19, 1783

Elisa Cooper was born March 6, 1786

Margaret Cooper was born May 7, 1788

Martha Cooper was born Nov 5, 1790

Susan Cooper was born April 22, 1792

Nathaniel Cooper was born April 27, 1795

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the third section of the Act of Congress of the 4th of July 1836.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this eighty day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me Richard Carrique one of the Justices of the Justice Court in the City of Hudson Elizabeth Cooper a resident of the City on Hudson in the County of Columbia & State of New York aged about eighty one 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Robert Cooper.

That according to the best of her knowledge and belief the said Robert Cooper in the Spring of the year 1776 on or about the first of May resided in the City of New York and was by profession a Taylor and was called out in the Militia served of the State of New York in said City in defence thereof as a private soldier and was in Captain John Labatores Company Colonel Malcomb's Regiment said service commenced on or about the first of May in said year of 1776 until about the first of October following when he was discharged on account of ill health and returned to his family whom he found after a tedious search in the County of Orange near the present town of Newburgh in the place called New Windsor in said State of New York where deponent had fled at the time the alarm was created in the said City of New York when the British fleet hove in sight and that deponent in her flight lost all the furniture the property of said Robert Cooper deponent husband.

That they continued to reside in said County of Orage [Orange] until or about the first of April in the year 1777 when the said Robert was again called out in said service of the State of New York and was stationed at Fort Montgomery in said County of Orange and was a private soldier in Colonel McClaughlins' Regiment in a company commanded either by Captain William Telford or Captain James Humphrey.

That the said Robert continued in said service until it was taken by the British when he the said Robert was also taken together with Colonel McClaughlin, and put on board of Shiping [sic] and carried to the City of New York and then detained a prisoner (during which the prisoners suffered much hardship) until the 9th of August of the year 1778 when the said Robert her husband returned to said County of orange and was regularly exchanged and was discharged from bondage either in the City of New York or in the State of New Jersey opposite to said City.

She further declares that she was married to the said Robert Cooper in a Lutheran Church in said City of New York as she verily believes in the month of February in the year 1773.

That at the time deponents husband entered the said service as aforesaid in the year 1776 deponent had two children the younger named Gilbert Cooper who is still living in the town of Kingston Ulster County of said State of New York who is upwards of sixty one years of age.

That her husband the aforesaid the aforesaid Robert Cooper died in the month of November in the year 1820.

And that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Elizabeth Cooper

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Richard Carrigan,
Justice &c.