

Pension Application for Jonathan Cook

S.29094

State of New York
Steuben County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the said County of Steuben now sitting Jonathan Cook a resident of the town of Wayne in the said County of Steuben, and State of New York aged seventy eight 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Viz—

That in the latter part of the month of May in the year 1775, he volunteered for six months in the company commanded by Captain John Hulberts in the third regiment of New York State Troops commanded by Colonel Clinton, the men in Captain Hulberts company furnished their own arms and clothing—that the regiment was first stationed at the City of New York where they remained a few weeks, and then Captain Hulberts company together with another company commanded by one Captain Griffins, were ordered to go to Albany and from thence they proceeded to Lake George where they remained a few days, and then crossed the Lake to Ticonderoga and from there they went by water to Crown Point and that while they were at Crown Point the enemies posts at Chamblee and St. Johns surrendered to the Americans, and the prisoners were marched to Crown Point and Captain Hulberts company and Captain Griffins company were ordered to guard the prisoners on their march—that they conducted the prisoners to the Town of Canaan in the State of New York where the prisoners were quartered upon the inhabitants - that he then marched with his company together with Captain Griffins, to a place called Fort Constitution on the North River where he remained in garrison until about the first of November when he was taken sick & obtained leave of absence and did not recover so as to return to the fort until the time expired for which he volunteered—that he had permission by his furloughs to return home in case he did not recover in time to return to the fort—that his term of service expired on the first of December in the year 1775—and that sometime in the month of February following he received a written discharge from his Captain—that during the time he was at Lake George or Ticonderoga he remembers standing sentry before General Schuyler's marquee [marque] who he believes was commander in chief on that station.

That sometime in the month of May in the year 1776 he enlisted as a Corporal for the term of six months, in the New York State troops (and he found his own cloths and arms) in the company commanded by Captain Zepheniah Rogers and Lieutenant Edward Toppen & Ensign Paul Jones, but he cannot recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the regiment to which Captain Rogers Company was attached.

That the company was stationed first at Brooklin [Brooklyn] on the East River where they remained until the enemy landed on Long Island, when he went with the company to Flatbush, and he was in the battle at that place – he cannot recollect the names of the field officers who commanded in the engagement, but he remembers that General Putman commanded that part of the army to which Captain Rogers Company was attached, during the retreat—that the enemy had advanced so far as nearly to cut off the retreat of the troops under General Putnam. When the enemy were sent by Lord Sterling and General Sullivan, until General Putnam retreated across the creek, at which was called the Tide-Mill to his own lines—that Lord Sterling and General Sullivan was taken prisoners—that the army remained on the lines a few days after the battle, and then retreated from the Island under the command of General Washington and crossed over to the City of New York—

That while the army was in New York Captain Rogers Company had permission to return to the Town of Southampton and were employed in removing such of the inhabitants as chose to leave the place, and such property as they could find, across to the Town of Seabrook in the State of Connecticut—and while he resided at that place he received orders from Captain Rogers to join a Serjeant's guard of twelve men—which was stationed at New Haven to guard the public stores at that place, where he continued until the first of December—when his term of service expired and he was dismissed from that service—

That he then volunteered under Colonel Livingston and crossed over to Long Island where they captured a company of Tories and brought them over to New Haven—that he was two days on this expedition. The tories were commanded by one Smith and they had been very troublesome in that neighborhood. He then returned home to the said town of Seabrook he does not know whether this was before or after he was discharged. That during the rest of the war he belonged to what were called the "Minute Men" but was not called into actual service.

At the expiration of his first term of service he received a written discharge as above stated, but it has been lost or destroyed, and he cannot now produce it.

He was born in the town of Southampton in the County of Suffolk in the State of New York on the 17th day of August in the year 1754.

He has no record of his age, but he has often seen it in his father's family Bible.

When he first went into the service he lived in the said Town of Southampton, and continued to reside there until the island was taken by the enemy, when he removed to the Town of Seabrook in the State of Connecticut, and then re removed to the Town of Black River in the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey where he lived until after the conclusion of peace. He then removed to the City of New York where he lived until the year [blank] when he removed to the Town of Lindleytown in the County of Ontario (now Steuben) where he remained a short time and then removed to the Town of Painted Post in the said County where he lived about three years – he then removed to the town of Bath in said County at which place and to the Town of Wayne in the said County, he continued to reside, living a part of the year in Bath and the rest of the time in Wayne, until about five years ago when he removed to the said Town of Wayne and has resided there permanently until the present time.

He does not know of any person by whom he can prove his last term of service.

That Joseph Crawford, Norman Woolcott and Lyon Gardner, have known him a number of years in his present neighborhood and will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jonathan Cook

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. M. S. Rumsey Dep. Clk., Steuben County

Letter in folder dated June 6, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.29094, based upon service of Jonathan Cook in the Revolutionary War.

Jonathan Cook was born August 17, 1756 in Southampton, Suffolk County, New York. The names of his parents were not given. He resided there at the time he entered service in the Revolutionary War.

Jonathan Cook enlisted the last of May 1775, and served six months as private in Captain John Hulbert's Company, Colonel Clinton's New York Regiment, during which he was on the expedition to Ticonderoga and Crown Point. He enlisted in May 1776, served as corporal in Captain Zaphaniah Roger's New York Company, was stationed first on East River; after the enemy landed on Long Island, he went to Flatbush, was in the battle there and in the retreat. He moved then to Saybrook, Connecticut, served in a serjeant's guard at New Haven, and was discharged December 1, 1776. After this, he volunteered

under Colonel Livingston, crossed to Long Island, assisted in capturing Tories and brought them to New Haven, said expedition lasting about two days. During the remainder of the war, he belonged to the minute men, but was not called into actual service.

This soldier moved from Saybrook, Connecticut, to Black River, Morris County, New Jersey, where he resided until after peace was established, then lived in New York City, moved from there to Lindleytown, Ontario county, New York, where he resided a short time, after which he resided about three years in Painted Post, Steuben County, New York, and later in the towns of Bath and Wayne, in that same county.

Jonathan Cook was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed October 16, 1832, at which time he resided in Wayne, Steuben County, New York. He had resided there permanently for about five years. Jonathan Cook had been a member of the Presbyterian Church of Wayne, New York, for many years. He died October 5, 1837.

Jonathan Cook was survived by his widow, who resided in Livingston County, Michigan in 1841; her name was not given, nor the date and place of their marriage. No reference was made to children of this soldier.