

Pension Application for George Cooper

W.2761 (Widow: Phebe)

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this twenty first day of April A.D. 1819 before me the subscriber President Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania personally appears George Cooper aged sixty nine years, resident in the said County of Luzerne, being by me 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 he the said George Cooper enlisted in the Town of Neversink in the State of New York in the month of February A.D. 1776 in the company of Captain John Belknap in the second regiment of the New York line upon the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States until the 28th day of February A.D. 1777, when he was discharged from service by Brig. Genl James Clinton, at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York.

That he was in no battle, 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 services excepting his discharge hereto annexed. (Signed) George Cooper

Sworn to, declared and subscribed before me the day & year first before written. David Scott, President, Judge & as aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated December 5, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of George Cooper, who served in Captain Robinson's Company, Colonel Ely's Connecticut Regiment in 1777; also, in Captain Belknap's Company, New York line, who lived in Dutchess County, and after 1780 in the Wyoming Valley.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.2781, based upon the military service in that war of George Cooper, the only soldier of that name that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of George Cooper are not shown.

George Cooper enlisted at New Windsor, New York, served as a private in Captain John Balknap's Company, Colonel James Clinton's 2nd Regiment, New York forces, and was discharged at Fort Montgomery February 28, 177, by General James Clinton. It was stated that he was later in the battle of Wyoming under Colonel Zebulon Butler. It is not shown that he ever served in Captain Robinson's Company, Colonel Ely's Connecticut Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 21, 1819, at which time he was aged sixty-nine years and resided in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

He died October 11, 1824, place not shown.

The soldier married October 15, 1777, Phebe. The place of their marriage, date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not stated.

Soldier's widow, Phebe, was allowed pension on her application executed April 29, 1837, at which time she was aged seventy-six years and lived in Pittston Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

No reference was made to children.