

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant application of David Hopkins BLWt2216-300

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 4: Copy of the last will and testament of David Hopkins in which he mentions his (1) son and executor, Ferdinand Hopkins; (2) Mary and Her Sister Anna; and (3) other children Newton, Mary and George Washington Hopkins; he refers to property he owns in this country and in Europe. The will bears no date. A copy is certified as true and correct by Peter Wylie, judge and clerk of the court of ordinary of Chester District South Carolina April 23rd, 1838.]

[p 7: Copy of the last will and testament dated October 25, 1825, filed in Chester County South Carolina for Ferdinand Hopkins, Senior; he refers to his (1) daughter who married Doctor Andrew Park on the 8th day of February last; (2), his 'beloved wife, Sarah'; (3) children, Wade Hopkins, David George Washington Hopkins, Mary Thompson Park and John William Anderson Hopkins. He expressly excludes Doctor Andrew Park from receiving any part of his estate and limits any property loaned to Doctor Park's wife to being forfeited at the discretion of his wife so long as Dr. Park is alive. This copy is likewise certified as true and correct by Peter Wylie, judge and clerk of the court of ordinary of Chester District South Carolina April 23, 1838.]

[p 10: A letter dated May 21, 1915 in the file responding to a request from a descendent of the veteran reads in relevant part as follows:

"In response to your letter dated the sixteenth instant, furnishing the correct data relative to David Hopkins, you are advised that in the papers on file in this Bureau it is stated that David Hopkins was a Captain of the 3rd South Carolina Regiment, and served 5 years, to the end of the War; and a Warrant numbered 2216, for 300 acres of bounty land on account of his service as Captain of South Carolina troops, was issued June 2, 1838, for the benefit of Sarah Hopkins and other heirs, whose names are not stated.

David Hopkins died prior to July 1836, but there are no particulars of service and no dates of birth or death given...."

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to David Hopkins
Audited Account No. 3748

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 49 Book N dated January 17, 1785 “delivered to Mr. David Hopkins this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of One Hundred and fifteen Pounds Sterling for Duty done in the Militia in 1781 and 1782 and for Waggon Hire in 1781 as per Account Audited”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

Pay to Francis Bremar or Order the within Amount
S/ David Hopkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Hopkins", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box.

[p 7: Printed form of Indent No. 351 Book O dated April 18, 1785 “delivered to Mr. David Hopkins this our INDENTED CERTIFICATE for the Sum of Three Hundred and Twenty two pounds fourteen Shillings and three pence farthing Sterling, Duty done in the Militia and two horses lost in 1780 and 1781 per account Audited”]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

Broad River May 23, 1785

Gentn..

Pay Thomas Lehre or Order the Principal & Interest of the within Indent full Value
Received
S/ D^d Hopkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. Hopkins", written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The signature is enclosed in a rectangular box.

Witnesses S/ Charles Sims,

The Commissioners of the Treasury
of South Carolina

S/ Jeremiah Kingsley

[Note: I believe it is possible that there are two different men by the name of “David Hopkins” both of whom served in South Carolina during the Revolutionary War: one who served first in the South Carolina Continental line as a Captain and later as a Lt. Col. in the South Carolina militia and the other who served as a Captain in the South Carolina militia.]