

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hopson R5223

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State of North Carolina Wake County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1841

The Declaration of Benjamin Hopson made on oath in Open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Peace now in session, in order to obtain a pension, for a tour of three months services performed by him in the War of the Revolution in the Militia of this State, in the year 1782 and who is now of the age of eighty-five years or thereabouts. Deposeth and saith that he did perform a three months tour of Service as a drafted militia Soldier in the Service of the State of North Carolina in the War of the Revolution in the year 1782, that he was drafted from the County of Wake and entered or joined in the Company that was drafted from this County, Wake, with others under Captain Briant and Captain Bledsoe and I soon after joined the troops at Hillsboro in Orange County N. C. and was mustered there and joined the other troops and from thence was marched with the troops and Captains aforesaid to the town of Salisbury to head quarters and was all there under General Butler and Colonel Farmer – where they were stationed. That he performed his three months tour of Service faithfully and satisfactorily to the approbation of his Officers and was by them honorably discharged, at Salisbury at the termination of his said three months services and then returned home to his place of residence in said County where he has ever since resided, that from the great length of time since then he has lost or mislaid his discharge as he did not think it material to preserve it and that the officers under whom he served and nearly all his fellow Soldiers are now deceased.

That he now makes application to the General Government under the Acts of Congress made & provided for the Services of the militia according to the Term of the Service performed in the War of the Revolution, – and further he saith not –

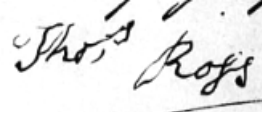
Sworn to, and subscribed in open Court, it being a Court of Record on this 15th day of February 1841.

S/ Benjamin Hopson, X his mark

S/ A. Williams, CC

[John Hayes and John M Fleming gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Wake County: This day came Thomas Ross<sup>1</sup> Before me John Hayes one of the Justices of the Peace for said County and maketh oath that he has none Benjamin Hopson before he was grown and he has resided in the County aforesaid ever since and that the said Hopson did serve with him a three months Tower [tour] in the Revolutionary war under General Butler, Colonel Williams, Major Armstrong and Captain Briant – and went out with him and were both discharged at one time, Sworn to and subscribed to this 2nd day of April 1838.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos Ross". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

State of North Carolina Wake County

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned, Aron Roberts<sup>2</sup> and being duly sworn according to law deposed and saith that he was and still is well acquainted with Benjamin Hopson of the County and State aforesaid and have been for about eighty years and he was drafted in the Revolutionary War about the date of 1781 for a three month Tower and fell in with and joined the Troops at Hillsboro in Orange County North Carolina under Captain Breant and Captain Bledsoe Colonel Farmer and General Butler and then marched to Salisbury to head quarters and then there remained and thereabouts in the Service until we were honorably discharged by his officers for the three months Tower in the Militia and then returned home to Wake County where he has resided ever since and further states that himself and the said Benjamin Hopson was messmates together in the Army of the Revolutionary War in the Militia &c. Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 14th day of October 1840.

S/ Aron Roberts, X his mark

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<sup>1</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Ross S4126](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Aron Roberts S7430](#)