

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hawkins S6960

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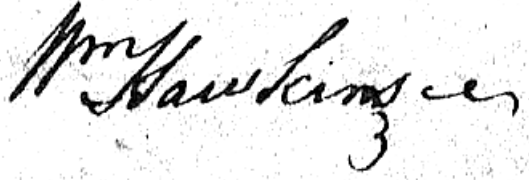
State of Virginia Mason County: to wit

On this fourth day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Mason now sitting William Hawkins a resident of the banks of the Ohio River in the County of Mason and State of Virginia aged sixty-eight years last June 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers – and also under the following detailed circumstances – and served as herein stated – He was born on the 30th day of June in the year 1764 in the County of Rockbridge State of Virginia – his first tour of duty was in the capacity of a pack-horse man for the Army under the command of General McIntosh who in the fall of 1778 marched against the North-western Indians – his then extreme youth prevents his recollecting the precise day or even month upon which that tour of Duty was performed – in the fall of 1780 Colonel George Skillern at the town of Fincastle Botetourt County Virginia called for volunteers he volunteered under Captain James Robinson and under his command marched through the Country ordered by the rivers Dan and Smith crossing both to old Hosier town North Carolina where Major Campbell met and took the Command of the Company in which he was – marched through Salem to the Yadkin River, crossed it to Salisbury from there to Fifers [probably Phifer's] in the State of North Carolina. Joined the Army under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at or near a place called Ran Sower's [probably Ramsour's] Mill from thence marched to Salisbury North Carolina – from thence to Guilford Courthouse in February 1781 was discharged the written evidence of which is lost – returned to Botetourt – in August 1781 became a substitute for one Robert Harvey in a Company commanded by one Captain John Galaway [John Galloway] rendezvoused at Burrill's mill 2 ½ miles below Williamsburg Virginia Joined a Regiment of riflemen commanded by Colonel Samuel Lewis marched to Yorktown Virginia there joined the Army under General Washington there continued and participated in the siege and capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] after the consummation of which as one of the Guards went with the English prisoners 100 miles towards Winchester but before reaching that place received from Major Patrick Lockhart a written discharge which he has since lost he has no documentary Evidence whatever and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – 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 whatever.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm Hawkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Hawkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Andrew Waggener, and Isaac Newman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Mason County: to wit

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid the within named William Hawkins who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age as well as a hurt upon his head which was received many years ago and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service nor to the particular days that he entered or left the service upon but he is positive that the services by him rendered to his country as detailed in the within declaration exceeded the period of 6 months though it did not amount to 9 months and for 6 months service I claim a pension. Given under my hand the 2nd day of April 1833

S/ Wm Hawkins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]