

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hawes W1766

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State of Kentucky Gallatin County Sct.

Be it known that on the 22nd day of October 1833 personally appeared before T. Blunt a Justice of the peace in and for Gallatin County Kentucky and one of the Judges of the Gallatin County Court Thomas Hawes a resident of the said County of Gallatin and State of Kentucky aged nearly ninety years who from bodily infirmity is unable to attend the proper court to make his declaration and who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Caroline County in the State of Virginia he did on the __ day of November 1775 [last digit unclear could be 1776]¹ he entered the service of the United States as a Captain of a militia Company at the call and under the control of Colonel Anthony Thorn [Anthony Thornton, Jr.]. He states that this tour was for three months and his Company was composed of men drafted for that period – that his Company rendezvoused at their Muster Ground in said County and by the order of Colonel Thorn he marched his said Company from there said place of rendezvous to Bulls Church in Caroline County Virginia where there was a quantity of Ammunition and other public Stores deposited and he was there kept stationed with his company by the order of his said Colonel to guard the said Stores during the whole period of his tour which he served out fully & faithfully as Captain as aforesaid and at the termination thereof he was relieved by another Company and he discharged his Company & returned home. He states that just before the war broke out he had been commissioned a Lieutenant by Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia] the British Governor of Virginia – That he did not receive any commission from the American Authorities – that he had continued to act as a Lieutenant of his Company until he was raised to the command thereof by Colonel Thorn.

He further states that in the early part of the month of April in the year 1776 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as Captain of a militia Company upon the call of Colonel Thorn upon another tour of three months – that his Company was called out for that period and he rendezvoused with them and nine other companies of Militia under Colonel Thorn at Head Lynch's Tavern in the said County of Caroline Virginia. That he was marched together with the other troops from there said place of rendezvous to Williamsburg

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Virginia and that he and his said Company together with others were there kept stationed as a Garrison for that place during the whole period of his said tour and at the expiration thereof he having fully and faithfully served out the same as Captain as of above named he was discharged by his Colonel & returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of July 1777 as well as he remembers he again entered the Service of the United States as Captain of a militia company which was called out by Colonel Thorn upon a tour of three months – that he rendezvoused with his Company at Todd's Tavern in Caroline County Virginia and by the order and direction of his said Colonel he marched his said Company to the Potomac [River] near to Colonel Stith's Regiment at a place called the round house and there kept stationed as a guard to the coast during his said tour. That his Company upon the occasion acted separately. That the British were troublesome in the vicinity of the large watercourses and were making frequent incursions into the Country and doing much mischief – that at the termination of his said tour having fully and faithfully served out the same he discharged his Company and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of February in the year 1779 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States a Captain of a militia company called out by Colonel Anthony Thorn upon a tour of three months and served as such during the whole of his tour – that he rendezvoused with his Company at Tilman's Tavern in Caroline County Virginia – that nine other Companies also rendezvoused at the same time & place and came under the command of Colonel Thorn the whole of which during this declarant and Company was marched by the said Colonel to Brockbridge, Louisa County Virginia at which place the said Regiment joined a large body of troops – That at the said place he this deponent was taken sick and was permitted to return at some point with his Company as a guard & Garrison therefore until his tour expired at the termination of which he discharged his Company and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of September in the year 1780 as well as he remembers he again entered the Service of the United States a Captain of the Militia Company which was called out by Colonel Lowry [Thomas Lowry] to guard a parcel of prisoners who had been taken in the state of North Carolina and had been brought to Virginia by Captain James Johnson – that he rendezvoused with his said Company at the Courthouse in Caroline County Virginia and by the order of his said Captain took the said prisoners in charge they being at the said place of Rendezvous and conducted them to Winchester Virginia he and his said Company acted as a guard for them – that the time for which his said company was called out was three months. That he continued with said company at Winchester as a guard for the said prisoners until their term of service expired and the said prisoners being then exchanged he marched his said Company back to Caroline County and there discharged them.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Joseph Jones of owing County Kentucky who was a near neighbor of his during the war.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Hawes, X his mark

Interrogatories put to the said applicant by the said Justice of the peace

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Essex County Virginia in the year 1744

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have at home.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Caroline County Virginia when I was called into service where I continued to live till 1788 in then moved to Fayette County Kentucky & from thence to Woodford County Kentucky & from thence to Scott County Kentucky & from thence in about 1808 I moved to Gallatin County Kentucky where I have continued to reside ever since.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I stood my regular tours as a Captain and it looked upon myself as being drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect Generals Washington & Wayne [Anthony Wayne], also captains Coleman and Colonel Thorn & Lowery & Matthews – upon my first tour I was stationed with my Company at Bulls Church as a guard for some public Stores and there remained during my tour. Upon my second tour I was stationed at Williamsburg Virginia during the whole period of which was six months – upon my third tour I was stationed with my company at the round house on the Potomac River. Upon my fourth tour I was taken sick while on the march at Brock's bridge in Louisa County Virginia & was then detailed with my company to remain at that point and guard some public property – Upon my fifth tour I guarded some prisoners from Caroline County to Winchester Virginia & there kept stationed with my company till the expiration of my term of service

6th. Did you ever receive a commission and if so by whom was it signed and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received any commission during the revolution – a while before the war commenced Governor Dunmore commissioned me a Lieutenant that as soon as the war commenced I was raised to the command of my Company by my Colonel.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. I will name Benjamin Tiller & James Furnish

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Hawes, X his mark

[Benjamin Tiller, a clergyman, and James Furnish gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The deposition of John Garnett taken at his own house in Owen County Kentucky on the 28th day of December 1833 to be used on the part of Thomas Hawes late of Gallatin County Kentucky who departed this life the 24th day of October 1833 and who previous to his death had made his declaration in order to obtain a pension as an officer of the Revolution. This deponent being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath states and deposes that he resides in Owen County Kentucky and is now 82 years of age and upwards – that during the Revolutionary War he resided in King & Queen County Virginia and was well acquainted with the said Thomas Hawes who then lived in Caroline County Virginia about thirty miles distant from this deponent's

residence. This deponent states that he married a cousin of the said Hawes & that he well knows that the said Hawes did serve in the revolutionary war as a militia Captain having himself frequently seen him in the service as such and although he cannot state the number of tours performed by him as such yet he is confident from his knowledge of his services and his present recollection that he did not serve less than fifteen months during the whole of his services as Captain. He states that he heard him spoken of as a good and active officer and he has no doubt but that he served faithfully. This deponent further states that he is informed and believes that the said Hawes departed this life in Gallatin County on the 24th day of October 1833 leaving a widow by the name of Susanna Hawes with whom he is acquainted and who still survives.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

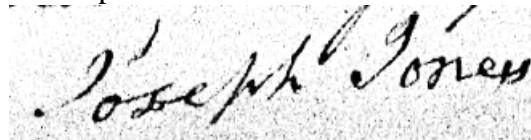
S/ John Garnett, X his mark

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The deposition of Joseph Jones² taken at his own house in Owen County Kentucky on the 27th day of December 1833 to be used on the behalf of Thomas Hawes late of Gallatin County Kentucky who departed this life on the 24th day of October 1833 and who prior to his death made his declaration in order to obtain a pension as an officer of the Revolution. This deponent being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath states and deposes that he is a resident of Owen County Kentucky and is the identical Joseph Jones of the said County who is on the pension roll of the United States as a soldier of the revolution under the act of the 7th of June 1832. He states that he was well acquainted with the said Thomas Hawes both resided in Caroline County during said War and this deponent knows that he performed a good deal of Service during said War as a militia Captain. This deponent recollects of seeing him in the service upon several tours as such having the Command of a Company. He cannot say how of or how many tours he actually performed but he was well acquainted with him and knows that he was an active officer and one that was much esteemed and he is confident from his recollection of his services that he did serve not less than 15 months. This deponent states, that the said Hawes died in Gallatin County Kentucky at and it Vance stage in October last he has been informed on the 24th day of that month leaving a widow by named Susanna Hawes who still survives and with whom this deponent is acquainted. This deponent states that about the time he made his declaration for a pension, the said Hawes was in such a condition in regard to his health that he could not procure his testimony although he was acquainted with the most of this deponent's services.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Joseph Jones

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Jones". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 10: On May 10, 1853 in Gallatin County Kentucky, Susannah Hawes, 80, filed for a widow's pension as the widow of Thomas Hawes; that she married him in February 1807 the precise day of the month she does not recollect and has no record evidence thereof; that her husband died

² [Joseph Jones W9079](#)

November 24, 183? [last digit obliterated and illegible]³. She signed her declaration with her mark.]

[p 12: Copy of a marriage bond dated February 17, 1807 issued in Gallatin County Kentucky to Thomas Hanis [sic?]⁴ and William Windslow conditioned upon the marriage of Thomas Haws [?]⁵ to Susannah Edmonson, widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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