

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to David Hopkins VAS1598

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

United States Loan Office

State of Virginia July 6, 1792 [? last digit unclear]

I do hereby Certify that in a "Return of Specie due the Officers of the Virginia Line on account of Subsistence for 1782 & 1783" under the signature of Joseph Howell Jr. Acting Pay Master General of the United States, that David Hopkins is reported to have been a Major in the said Line, and entitled to the sum of two hundred & two dollars & 40/90ths specie for Subsistence during the year 1782 & 1783 as appears on the files of this Office.

S/ Jno. Hopkins, Commissioner

I Certify that on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1785 – I adjusted and settled an Account in the name of David Hopkins as a Major of Dragoons annexed to the Quota of Virginia in which the Pay agreeable to that grade was allowed from J[text too faint to discern] 1<sup>st</sup> 1782 to November 15<sup>th</sup> 1783 and Certificates Issued for the balance due on the Accounts of those respective Years & for the Commutation.

S/ Aw Dunscomb, late [Andrew Dunscomb]  
Commissioner of Accounts  
in Virginia

Richmond July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1792

Dr. Sir

From the whole of the Certificates produced by Major Hopkins, I am clearly of opinion that he is entitled to the Bounty in Lands from this State.

I am  
Dr. Sir  
Your Obedient Serve  
S/ James Wood

*James Wood*

1<sup>st</sup> July 1792

I do certify that David Hopkins Esquire was and Officer in the Cavalry & served until the end of the War, he was Promoted to the Rank of Major, and I think served in the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Cavalry in the line of this State.

6<sup>th</sup> July 1792

S/ James Wood, late BG

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*6<sup>th</sup> July 1792*

*James Wood. Lt. Col.*

[another file]

This may certify that I knew & well recollect Mr. David Hopkins going with our Troops to Canada [Canada] & was with them under the command of General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] in the year 1775 – and afterwards got an appointment in the Horse Service in which he continued to the end of the war –

21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1808

S/ Henry Gaither (late Lieutenant Colonel Commandant United States Army)

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*21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 1808*

*Henry Gaither (late Lieut. Col. Commandant) United States Army*

A warrant for 5333 1/3 acres of land issued the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1792 to David Hopkins for his service as a major in the Continental line for the war.

S/ C. Blagrove, Clk

Land Office  
September 28, 1808

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#) ] Fredericksburg City Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the Delegates of the Virginia Assembled [sic] – The Petition of Major David Hopkins –

Sheweth that he Entered into the Service of his Country Early in 1775 and has since January 1777 bore the Commissions of Captain and Major the Cavalry Raised for the Defense of the United States – viz. in the 4<sup>th</sup> Regiment as Captain until the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1781, at and since that Date the Rank of Major in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of Light Dragoons annexed to this State and part of its Quota – that previous to his Entering into the Army he resided in the State of Maryland but as he is in the Continental Line of Virginia the State of Maryland will not grant him the Bounty of Land. He therefore prays that he may be considered by this Honorable Assembly in Every Respect as Other Officers of the Line Citizens of this State.  
Fredericksburg 20<sup>th</sup> October 1783

[Reverse]  
Hopkins's Petition  
November 5<sup>th</sup> 1783  
Referred to Propositions  
(rejected)