

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hopson [Hobson] VAS1607

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 15th day of March 1783, in the name of Nathaniel Terry,¹ as a Captain of Infantry for £553 .1.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

To Wit pay as Lieutenant from first January 77 to 26th of November 79 and as Captain from 27 November 79 to 31st December 1781

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
30th day of April 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 1st day of March 1784, in the name of Joseph Hobson [sic], as a Lieutenant of infantry for £97.10.8, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: Sct.

I Joseph Ligon² formerly of Halifax County Virginia do hereby certify that I am now and have been for a great number of years personally acquainted with Colonel Nathaniel Terry who was also formerly of the same County and who now resides in Todd County in the State of Kentucky. I do further certify that I knew the said Nathaniel Terry before the revolutionary war

¹ [Nathaniel Terry W3054](#)

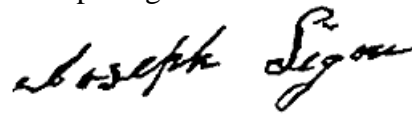
² [Joseph Ligon S132](#)

and that during the continuance thereof he was absent from home and that I was [indecipherably faint word or words] and believed that he was in the service and that he was a prisoner at the conclusion of the war and I continue in that belief. After the war was over we resided for many years in the same County in Virginia & I do further certify that I have personally known the said Colonel Terry since his removal to the state of Kentucky and that he now resides in Todd County of said state. He is a gentleman of high character [several indecipherably faint words] credit all to be given to any statement or certificate made by him & I also certify that I knew Joseph Hopson about the commencement of the revolutionary war, he was also a resident of said County of Halifax State of Virginia and that it was [indecipherable word] reported at the time that he and the said Nathaniel Terry entered into the revolutionary war [the image of this document as posted online cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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I also certify that I am now and have been for many years in the receipt of a pension from the United States for a wound received in the right shoulder at the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] which disabled my right arm. Given under my hand this 21st of March 1835

S/ Joseph Ligon



[pp 10-11; split image document]

State of Kentucky Fayette County: Sct.

I Robert Innes of the County of Fayette & State of Kentucky do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with Colonel Joseph Hopson deceased late of Christian County Kentucky. I became acquainted with the said Joseph Hopson in 1797 in the County of Henry & State of Virginia where I also became acquainted with his wife's sister whom I afterwards married. I then lived in the County of Franklin & State of Virginia which joins the County of Henry aforesaid. From that time until 1819 Joseph Hopson & myself were very intimately acquainted [indecipherable word] each other. In 1811 the said Joseph Hopson moved to the West & I afterwards twice visited him where he lived in Christian County & State of Kentucky & have since had satisfactory evidence that said Joseph Hopson is dead & that he left his son Henry Hopson his residuary legatee

do further certify that I have

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him in that County in company with his old associates & have heard him acknowledged by many of them as an old Revolutionary Soldier – and always heard it said by him that he was a Lieutenant in Morgan's Regiment –

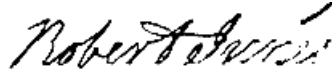
I do further certify that I was well acquainted with Colonel Nathaniel Terry when he lived in Halifax County Virginia & have been at his residence since he moved to Todd County Kentucky – And I do further certify that the said Terry & Hopson were always very intimate & fond of each other & always spoke freely to each other upon their services in the revolution. And that said Terry is a man of advanced age & was & is still a man of respectability – and I have understood is now drawing a pension for his revolutionary services from the government.

And I do further certify that his son Henry Hopson above named is now residing in Fayette County a near neighbor to me & is a Doctor of Medicine & that I have known him from a child

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was admitted to record in Christian County Kentucky this 13th day of April 1835

S/ Robert Innes



[pp 18-19: split image]

Report upon the claim of Henry Hopson heir & Residuary Legatee of
Joseph Hopson deceased a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line, for
bounty Land for his services

To the Governor

Sir

The facts, in this case are that Joseph Hopson (who is believed to be the Joseph
Hobson named in the Journal of the Council and in the auditor's certificates herein after referred
to (see the two documents filed marked No. 6) was Lieutenant in the 7th Virginia Regiment from
the first of the year 1776 to the last of the year 1778, and perhaps longer, and served three years
– (C Affidavit of Nathaniel Terry, who was a Captain in the said 7th Virginia Regiment – the
Council Journal of November 15, 1776, and the auditor's certificate with the note endorsed on it.)
– That he received on the first of March 1784 a certificate for £97.10.8 the balance of his full pay
for services prior to the first of May 1782: [several words too faint to discern] the precise time of
service, for which this pay was received cannot be ascertained, is that his account was settled,
have been lost or mislaid (see Auditor's certificate & note endorsed on it.)

Respectfully submitted

John H Smith, Commissioner &c

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The deposition of Nathaniel Terry taken the [paper compromised and text illegible] day
of February 1835 who being in the 80th year of age & duly sworn deposeseth & saith that he knew
Lieutenant Joseph Hopson of the 7th Virginia Continental Regiment at the time he first joined the
Army which was at the commencement of the year 1776 and that the company was commanded
by Captain Nath. Cocke [Nathaniel Cocke] under whom he said Terry enlisted as a private
soldier and was shortly after appointed a Lieutenant and was promoted to be a Captain and
commanded a company at the siege of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina which ended
with the surrender of Charleston on May 12, 1780] when he was taken a prisoner, paroled &
never exchanged – And this deponent further states that [several words too faint to discern] saw
Lieutenant Hobson while in service and knew him to be in the regular service of the 7th Virginia
Regiment in & during the years 76, 77 and 78 and whether he continued in service or was a
supernumerary, this deponent is unable to say.

S/ Nathl Terry



[Attested February 23rd 1835 in Todd County Kentucky]

[pp 24-27: split images of the petition filed by Henry Hopson—the images are so compromised by the way they are posted online that I have not attempted to transcribe them. If anyone has transcriptions of them which they are willing to allow us to post in this database, please send them to us.]

Henry Hopson