

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hoskins VAS1615

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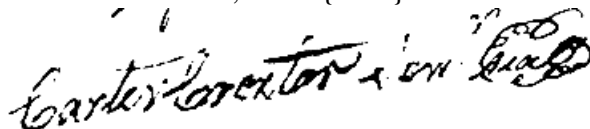
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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

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I Carter Croxton,<sup>1</sup> an old revolutionary soldier aged 73 years in March next, of the County of Essex State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was well acquainted [with] Robert Hoskins of the County of King & Queen and State aforesaid. That the said Robert Hoskins served in the revolutionary war for 3 years on the Continental establishment and, I believe, that he was a Lieutenant in said service but of this I am not positively certain. I believe that the said Hoskins served his country faithfully in whatever line of duty he may have been called upon to act. Given under my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833

S/ Carter Croxton, Senr. {Seal}



[Attested in Essex County Virginia December 16, 1833]

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I Stephen Ball<sup>2</sup> a Revolutionary soldier about 84 years of age of the County of Essex, & State of Virginia, do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Robert Hoskins, deceased, late of the County of King & Queen, & state aforesaid that it was commonly reported in the days of the revolution, and never contradicted that I recollect to have heard that the said Hoskins enlisted in the regular of his Country, for 3 years, in those days of trial & conflict – that he marched to Williamsburg from the County of King & Queen thence to the North, and shortly after the expiration of 3 years, returned to his native County; but in what year he enlisted, under whom, in what Regiment or in what capacity, whether as an officer or Soldier, he served, I do not recollect to have heard. Given under my hand and seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834.

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[Attested in Essex County Virginia January 27, 1834]

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<sup>1</sup> [Carter Croxton S9250](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Stephen Ball S17834](#)

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To John Floyd Esquire – Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The petition of John Bird and Matilda his wife who before marriage was Matilda Hoskins, Bird Hoskins and Catharine Faulkner in her own right and as administratrix of William B. Hoskins deceased which said Matilda Bird, Bird Hoskins, Catharine Faulkner and William B. Hoskins are the only heirs of Robert Hoskins late of the County of King & Queen, respectfully represent –

That by the affidavit of Alexander Shackelford an old revolutionary soldier of respectability and veracity hereto annexed marked A it appears that sometime in the early part of the year 1777 the said Robert Hoskins enlisted for the term of three years in a company commanded by Captain Henry Young of the first Virginia Regiment in the Continental line – that he continued the service as Sergeant, and about twelve months thereafter was promoted and commissioned Ensign and afterwards to a lieutenancy. They beg leave to refer particularly to said affidavit which shows the services rendered by said Hoskins and the time of his discharge and also the affidavits of Carter Croxton, Stephen Ball and George Schools three soldiers of the revolution [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point.]

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Hereto annexed going to strengthen and confirmed the statements of said Shackelford. Your Petitioners are advised that as the heirs of the said Robert Hoskins they are at this time entitled to compensation for the services rendered by him during the War of the Revolution as before stated, they therefore prays that a warrant for the quantity of land to which they are entitled may be granted them, and that they may receive such other compensation as they may be entitled to in consideration of the services rendered by their ancestor as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1834.

*John Bird  
Matilda Bird  
Bird Hoskins  
Catharine Faulkner  
in her own right  
and as Admrx of  
Wm B Hoskins  
decd*

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I Alexander Shackelford,<sup>3</sup> an old revolutionary Soldier, aged Seventy Five years in October next, of the County of King & Queen and State of Virginia do hereby certify that Robert Hoskins deceased late of the County and State aforesaid was a Sergeant in the Continental line, first Virginia Regiment; in Captain Henry Young's Company, and enlisted for the term of 3 years,

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<sup>3</sup> [Alexander Shackelford S7506](#)

about the last of January. In the first of February 1775 and in a few weeks thereafter marched to Williamsburg – thence to Valley Forge where he was promoted to Ensign about twelve months after leaving Williamsburg – Thence to Monmouth Court House & was in that battle [June 28, 1778] – Thence to Middlebrook at which place he made Lieutenant about six months after he received his first Commission – Thence to Stony Point, Kings Ferry and was also in that battle [July 16, 1779], and so on through a whole term of three years service & finally was regularly discharged at Petersburg or Fredericksburg – all of this I personally know, being in the said service with him. Given under my hand & seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1833.

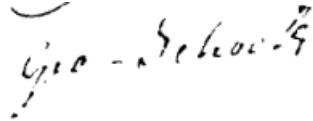
S/ Alexander Shackelford, X his mark

[Attested in King & Queen County December 21, 1833]

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I George Schools,<sup>4</sup> an old revolutionary Soldier about 74 years of age, of the County of King & Queen, and State of Virginia, do hereby testify that I was well acquainted with Robert Hoskins, deceased, late of the County & State aforesaid – that I received the impression in the days of the revolution that the said Robert Hoskins served as an officer in the Regular Service of that War, and that the impression still exists, but under whom, how long he served I have no impression. Given under my hand & Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 8<sup>th</sup>

S/ Geo. Schools



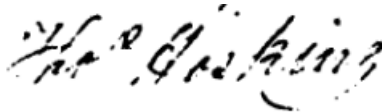
[Attested January 30, 1834]

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The affidavit of Thomas Hoskins aged fifty-four years taken before me Alexander Fleet a Justice of the peace in the County of King & Queen this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1834.

This affiant being first duly sworn saith that he was intimately acquainted from his youth with Robert Hoskins deceased late of King & Queen County, that it was a matter of general notoriety & generally believed in his neighborhood that the said Robert Hoskins served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war, but in what character, whether as an officer or private this affiant cannot remember to have heard – that he never heard any doubt of the fact of his service & he verily believes he did serve as stated above, that this affiant well remembers to have heard his father the late Colonel John Hoskins of King & Queen County say that he furnished the said Robert Hoskins with an excellent horse dashed called (Sorrell) at the time he entered the Army during the Revolution. This affiant states that he was 54 years old last October & further this affiant saith not.

S/ Thos. Hoskins



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<sup>4</sup> [George Schools S6057](#)