

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hooker R20384

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State of Georgia    }  
Richmond County }    Court of Common Pleas  
City of Augusta    }            City of Augusta

On this Twenty Sixth day of March In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven — Personally appeared, in open Court the same being a Court of Record by the Legislature of the State aforesaid Established in and for said City, John Hooker a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged Sixty Six years and being duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provissions made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

To wit That he the said John Hooker enlisted for the term of Three years in the year 1778 in the State of Virginia in the Company of Capt John B Ashe attached to the fourth Regiment of United States Infantry commanded by Col Armstrong which term he served out & immediately after again enlisted in Capt Powels Company of Artilery attached to Col Hogans Regiment & where he served to the end of the war and was finally discharged at Bacons Bridge on Ashley River South Carolina. [See endnote.] During this time of Service was in several Battles, and at Camden So. Ca. [either Battle of Camden on 16 Aug 1780 or Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden on 25 Apr 1781] received a slight sabre wound in the head, at the Battle of Guilford Court House North Carolina [15 Mar 1781] he received a musket or other small Ball in the ankle – at Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781] received a musket or other small Ball in the hip which brought him down & while down was run over by a Dragoons horse which trod on & Broke his Collar Bone, at the same battle but previous to receiving the wound in the hip a large Ball passed over his right instep & disabled him, the upper part of the foot being Torn off by the force of the Ball & much injury done to the ankle & Bones of the foot & Leg, and in the same Battle lost his right Thumb in wheeling the Carriage of the gun, by having it mashed off — That he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the roll of any state except Virginia & North Carolina and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That untill recently he has been able by the Labor of his own hands to support himself & a large family & did not conceive it consistent with his oath on enlisting to receive a support or pension from his Country while he was able to Maintain himself, but from the circumstances of his having been several times severely wounded and his age renders him now almost incapable of Labouring.

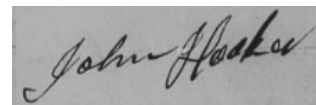
And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by Gift Sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provissions of an act of Congress entitled, “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval Service of the United States in the revolutionary war,” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor hath any person in Trust for me any property or securities Contracts or debts due to me nor have I any Income other than what is contained in a Schedule hereunto annexed & by me subscribed.

Schedule

212 acres of Land in South Carolina unfit for Cultivation & of no value to me having offered it at 12½ cts pr acre without being able to effect a sale.

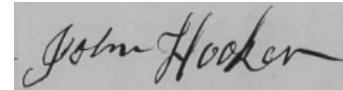
Sworn to & Schedule Subscribed in open

Court this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1827



State of Georgia } For the purpose of Obtaining the benefit of an act for the relief of  
Richmond County } certain surviving officers & soldiers of the army of the Revolution, approved on  
the fifteenth of May 1828, I John Hooker of Magees district in the County & State  
aforesaid do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the army of the revolution for &  
during the war and continued in its service untill its termination at which period I was a musician in  
Captain John B Ashs company & was transferred to Captain Powells & afterward back again to Capt Ashs  
company both of the fourth regiment of the South Carolina Line [see endnote]; I also declare that I have  
no recollection of ever having received a certificate entitling me to any reward mentioned in the form  
prescribed under the resolution of Congress passed 15<sup>th</sup> May 1778 unless the same was mentioned in my  
discharge which I have long since lost

And I further declare, that I was not on the fifteenth day of March 1828 on the pension List of the  
United States



Georgia }  
Richmond County } Personally appeared before me William Jackson a publick Notary for said County  
& State duly admitted & Sworn, James Morgan [pension application S1704] who  
being sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Hooker during the war & served with him in the army  
of Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina. the applicant John Hooker was then a drummer  
Boy & deponant knows him to have been in the service for upwards of nine month, that after peace was  
restored he saw Hooker shew his discharge to deponants Captain whose name was John McCool [Fairfield  
Regiment of SC Militia] who in presence of Deponant (who could not read) said that Hookers discharge  
was right

Sworn to before me this second day of July 1828

James hisXmark Morgan

State of Georgia }  
Richmond County } Personally appeared before me Dabney Berry one of the Judges of the Inferior  
Court of the County & State aforesaid, George Smith aged according to his own belief Ninety five years,  
and being Sworn saith that during the time he served in the Army of the United States in the war of the  
revolution he this deponant was personally & well acquainted with John Hooker also Soldier in the  
revolutionary war & that he knows the said John Hooker did serve in the army of the United States within  
his knowledge for the Term of nine months & more against the Common Enemy.

Sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1828

George hisGmark Smith

NOTE: A card in the file bears the note "Evidence insufficient." None of the officers listed in Hooker's  
first declaration appears to have served in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment. In 1778 John Baptiste Ashe was a  
Captain in the 6<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment. Col. James Armstrong commanded the 4<sup>th</sup> NC Regiment. There was no  
Col. Hogan in 1781. I could not find a Captain Powel or Powell in the artillery of any state. There was a  
4<sup>th</sup> South Carolina Regiment (Artillery), but it was captured at Charleston on 12 May 1780 and ceased to  
exist.