

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hanks R4568

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State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS

On this 18th day of December 1834 personally appeared before me James Martin one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid James Hanks aged seventy-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in consequence of having been afflicted with the Rheumatic pains for many years he is rendered incapable of attending the County or Superior Court and that he is scarcely able to walk, and that he resides about twenty-five miles from the courthouse. He further says on his oath as aforesaid that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, nor the different periods, that according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the time and at the different periods mentioned below and under the following named officers (to wit). He entered the Military service of the United States in the County of Lincoln North Carolina in June 1776 in Captain Robert Alexander's Company of Infantry and was marched to Magahhas [?] fort after the Cherokee Indians and remained there one month and then was marched back to Lincoln and there dismissed by his Captain verbally having served a term of not less than six weeks at this time.

He further states that he went to Charleston in South Carolina with his wagon and team in December 1778, and while there was pressed into the service of the United States again by Lieutenant William Lord, and had to haul some of the sick soldiers to head quarters to the White House on Savannah River and there we joined General Rutherford, who commanded the American troops. The British lay at a place called the Two Sisters [Two Sisters Ferry] on the other side of the River, in the State of Georgia, remained at headquarters one month and then was discharged by General Rutherford in writing but have lost the discharge, & then returned to Charleston making a term while there in going and returning of not less than six weeks at this time.

He volunteered in Lincoln County North Carolina in August 1783 in Captain Russell's

company of Infantry and was marched to head quarters near Charleston South Carolina and joined General Green [Nathanael Greene] while the British lay in Charleston, Colonel Washington and Colonel Henry Leigh [sic, Henry Lee] was at head quarters, he remained there under Captain Russell a term of not less than three months and was discharged in writing by Captain Russell, but have lost the discharge, Immediately after being discharged he was pressed into the service again by Captain Alexander Brevard who acted as Quarter Master remained in Charleston several weeks and was then marched home to Lincoln (he hauled the captain's baggage) and was there dismissed by Captain Brevard making a term of not less than two months and six days that he served under Captain Brevard. He next volunteered under Colonel William Grimes in Lincoln in April 1784 after the Tories and served six weeks at this time and was dismissed without a discharge. He was drafted in the first of July 1784 by General Davidson and Captain Micajah Lewis, he remained in Lincoln a while and then was marched to Salisbury and from there to Moons Creek on Dan River, and remained there until the last of November and then received a written discharge from General Davidson (which I have lost) making a tour of not less than five months he served at this time – and making in all the service rendered in the militia of the United States in the Revolutionary War a term of not less than fourteen months, two weeks and six days.

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Virginia in Dinwiddie County in 1759.

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

Answer. No, I have kept my age from the statement of my parents gave made.

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

Answer. In Lincoln County North Carolina, and since the War I lived a few years in Surry County North Carolina and then removed into Wilkes County where I now live

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

Answer. This question is already answered in the above declaration

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

Answer. The Regular officers were General Green, General Rutherford, Colonel Washington, Colonel Leigh, Captain Brevard and Captain Lewis and further I do not recollect.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. This is already answered in the above declaration the discharges there stated I have lost.

7<sup>th</sup> 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. – Reverend Thomas Douglass, John Sparks, Esquire, & Jack Lyon I could also mention a number of more if necessary.

He further states he has no further evidence of his services and 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 any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/ James Martin, JP

S/ James Hanks, X his mark

[Thomas Douglass, aged 84, a clergyman, and John Sparks, Esquire, aged 82, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Wilkes County: SS

On this 28th day of July 1835 personally appeared before me James Martin one of the acting Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, James Hanks, and made oath in due form of law, in addition to the affidavit he made before me on the 18th day of December 1834, who deposeth and saith that the amount of services as set forth in his former declaration, he did perform to the United States in the Revolutionary War, but having no papers to show the precise time said services was rendered, and the length of time since, and the consequent loss of memory by old age, he cannot swear positively to the dates but by more reflection, and Historical accounts, and the best information he can get, he finds he was mistaken in his former declaration as to the dates some of his services was rendered, one reason which convinces him he was mistaken is that the tour he served under General Davidson was stated to have been in July 1784 and history with other accounts shows that General Davidson was killed before the battle at Guilford Court house North Carolina in March 1781 – but he still believes and feels confident that he entered the service of the United States as before stated in June 1776 in Lincoln County North Carolina in Captain Robert Alexander's Company of Infantry and was marched to Magahhas Fort after the Cherokee Indians, and remained there one month at least, and was then marched back to Lincoln County and dismissed by his Captain without a written discharge making a term of not less than 6 weeks he served at that time. –

He went to Charleston with his wagon and team in December 1777 (instead of 1778) he believes, and while there he should have stated before he was drafted into the service of the United States by Lieutenant William Lord and made to do duty with them under his command, the Lieutenant also took his wagon and team and employed it in hauling the sick soldiers to head quarters at the White House on Savannah River in South Carolina (it was his wagon and team he should have stated in his former affidavit that was employed into the service and himself drafted) General Rutherford joined them at headquarters, the British lay at a place called the Two Sisters on the Georgia side of the River, he remained at headquarters one month and done duty under General Rutherford (his wagon and team was employed in hauling beef from the slaughter guard to the Army) he was there discharged by the General in writing which he has lost, making a term from the time he was drafted at Charleston of not less than five weeks, he was one week returning to Charleston, making in all a term of not less than six weeks at that time. –

He volunteered in Lincoln County North Carolina in Captain Russell's Company of Infantry he now thinks in November 1779 (instead of August 1783) and was marched to head quarters near Charleston South Carolina and joined General Green, while the British lay in or near Charleston. Colonel Washington and Colonel Henry Leigh was at head quarters, he remained there under Captain Russell a term of not less than 3 months, and then received a written discharge from the Captain which he has lost – Immediately after being discharged he was drafted into the service again by Captain Alexander Brevard (and his wagon and team having hauled a load of provisions to head quarters it was that which the Captain impressed into the service and hauled his baggage home) a Captain acted as quarter master and remained at headquarters several weeks, the Captain then marched home to Lincoln County North Carolina and dismissed him without a discharge in writing, making a term of not less than two months and

six days, he served at that time – He volunteered under Colonel William Grimes in Lincoln County North Carolina in May 1780 (instead of April 1784) and was engaged in pursuing the Tories and served not less than six weeks at that time, and was dismissed by the Colonel verbally.

In a few days after he was dismissed by Colonel Grimes he was drafted by General Davidson and Captain Micajah Lewis (this he is confident; [word obliterated ] have been from the circumstance of General Davidson having been killed before the battle of Guilford) in July or August 1780, he remained in Lincoln a while and then was marched to Salisbury North Carolina and from there to Moons Creek on Dan River, he remained there until the last of December or some time in first of January, and received a written Discharge from General Davidson which he has lost, making a term of not less than five months he served at that time, and making in all the service he rendered to the United States as a Militia man in the Revolutionary War a term of not less than fourteen months two weeks and six days.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written  
S/ James Martin, JP

S/ James Hanks, X his mark