

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Hanks R4570

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North Carolina Lincoln County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Sessions 1832

On this 1st day of November personally appeared in Open Court before the Court now sitting Richard Hanks a resident in the County of Lincoln & State of North Carolina aged seventy-one 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated –

Richard Hanks swears that from information received of his father that he was born in the County of Amelia State of Virginia that he was sixteen years of age when he entered the service, he has no record of his age – he has lived in Lincoln County North Carolina ever since the War – served in Guilford North Carolina when called into service – volunteered – Was in the battle of Guilford – He received a discharge from Colonel Lopp and lost after he came to Lincoln County

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Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

Test S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ Richard Hanks, X his mark

[Hugh Quin, a clergyman, and Ford Johnston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: December 11th, 1833

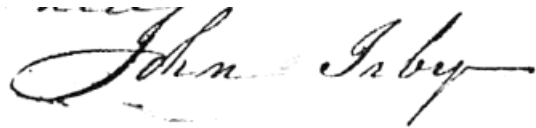
This day personally appeared before me Jacob Plank, one of the subscribing Justices of the peace for said County John Irby<sup>1</sup> and on his oath saith that he the said John Irby saw Richard Hanks on the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord 1781 at the Guilford Battle and also that he the said Richard Hanks was a light horseman on the morning of said Battle. Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Jacob Plank, JP

S/ John Irby

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<sup>1</sup> [John Irby W5003](#)



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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: SS

Richard Hanks of the County and State aforesaid amends his declaration and maketh oath that he volunteered in the militia cavalry service, the July preceding the Guilford battle, under Captain Lopp (who pressed a horse from his father and gave him a ticket for the horse to be paid after the War) that he remained in service until the July following – the object of the service he was engaged in was to suppress the Tories, after joining Captain Lopp, they scouted through the Western Counties of said State, and had a skirmish with the Tories near Salem North Carolina at a place called the hollows, where Captain Lopp was promoted to the Colonelcy and Captain Botenhammer placed in command, who continued scouting, as before under Lopp, until the Guilford Battle when they were engaged, his company was ordered to engage the British at the left wing – after the Battle they pursued the British Army and continued to scout about there and in the country through which they marched and in July was discharged after a service of 12 months his discharge he has lost he volunteered for no particular term of service, as Captain Lopp under whom he volunteered procured all he could to volunteer their object being to keep down the Tories with whom were some British, he does not know the superior officers under whom he served but thinks that General Pickens ordered Lopp to raise his troop for the before named objects. The Tories committed great depredations and was necessary to suppress them when doing any mischief and to intimidate them and [2 indecipherable words]. Sworn to and subscribed the 21st day of July 1834.

S/ Richard Hanks, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: This day personally appeared Richard Hanks before me Andrew Hoyle one of the Justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that he was born in the County of Amelia State of Virginia in the year 1763 – date not known. That he is now 72 years of age that he removed to Guilford County North Carolina (now Randolph County) where he joined the Army of the Revolution in the Service of the United States as a volunteer Horseman in July 1780 under Captain Lopp & Lieutenant Bodenhamer [Bodenheimer] Lopp afterwards promoted to Colonel & Bodenheimer to Captain and rendezvoused near deep River in Guilford County in the latter part of July 1780 – from thence they marched to Rowan County then to Anson County in order to keep the Tories and outliers in subjection on the adjacent Counties until the winter & early part of 1781 when Lord Cornwallis marched through try on now Lincoln County, they still under the command of Colonel Lopp were marched by General Pickens to Guilford County 10 or 15 days before the Battle of Guilford and that he was accordingly marched under General Pickens to the said Battle of Guilford, that on the morning of the 15 March 1781, where they halted he saw and conversed with Captain John Irby, that he fought in said Battle and afterwards pursued the British until near a quiet the Virginia line Still under General Pickens and Colonel Lopp, and afterwards returned to Guilford County and was engaged scouting about in Stokes, Rowan & Ensign during the time we had a small engagement with a party of Tories at the Hollows on the Yadkin [River] and continued under said Lopp until the last of July 1781 having been engaged in the service of the United

States twelve months. That he then received a discharge from the said Colonel Lopp which said discharge has been long since lost, not supposing it to be of any service, and that soon after the revolution he removed to this Lincoln County, where he resided ever since and continues to reside, and that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his Services except one Captain John Irby now a Pensioner.

By whom he can prove that he was in the Battle of Guilford, and with whom he has been acquainted ever since having both lived in Lincoln County for near or quite 40 years and that his name is not now nor never has been on any pension roll whatever, and that he relinquishes his claim to any pension law except the one of the 7th of June 1832 – and further says that his Father furnished him with a horse in the service for which he received a ticket or bill on the public, but to his knowledge never received any compensation for him, – that he entered the service in his 17th year.

Sworn to and subscribed at Hoysville, this 8th day of August 1835 before me.

S/ And. Hoyl, JP

S/ Richard Hanks, X his mark

State of North Carolina Lincoln County August the 8th 1835

Questions propounded by Andrew Hoyle Esquire to Richard Hanks applicant

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

Ans. In Amelia County Virginia in the year 1763 – day & month not known

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

Ans. I have no record in my possession & know nothing more than my Father told me.

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?

Ans. I was living in Guilford County North Carolina when I entered the service, after the revolution I removed to Lincoln County where I now reside, and resided there ever since.

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?

Ans. I volunteered.

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.

Ans. General Pickens, Colonel Lopp Regiment not recollected I first rendezvoused in Guilford County, then for 5 or 6 months in Anson & adjacent Counties in order to keep the Tories in subjection, then to the Battle of Guilford, and lastly in Stokes, Anson etc.

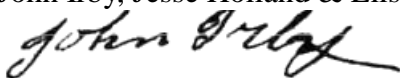
6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge of Colonel Lopp which is lost not supposing it to be of any service

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.

Ans. John Irby, Elijah Weathers, David Jenkins & Jesse Holland

[John Irby, Jesse Holland & Elisha Weathers gave the standard supporting affidavit.



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[fn p. 5: On December 31, 1851 in Gaston County North Carolina, Martha Holland filed a power of attorney in which she states she is the daughter of Richard Hanks who made application for a pension under the 1832 act.]

[fn p. 8: On July 22, 1853, in Gaston County North Carolina, Eve E Hanks filed a power of attorney in which she states she is the widow of Richard Hanks.]