

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hawthorn R4774

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[fn p. 9]

A plea before the Honorable James Hall presiding Judge of the White Circuit Court State of Illinois on Wednesday the 19th day of October 1825.

This day Joseph Hawthorn came into Court and made the following declaration in order to be placed on the pension List which declaration is in these words

State of Illinois County of White: SS

On the 19th day of October 1825 personally appeared in Open Court being the Circuit Court for said County of White and a court of record Joseph Hawthorn resident in said County aged seventy years nearly who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 that he the said Joseph Hawthorn enlisted for the term of during the war as a volunteer a little more than one year before the end of the War of 81 (the exact day he cannot recollect further than it was immediately after the City of Charleston fell into the hands of the British) in the State of South Carolina in the company commanded by Captain John Pierson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Wynn [Richard Winn] in the line of the State of South Carolina on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the war when he was discharged from the service in the neighborhood of Charlestown in the State of South Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present and that his name is not on the roll of any state as a pensioner; and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension that until within a few years his family has been living about him and he was still able to do some work, but that they have since left him except his wife, one son who is at his own disposal and 80 granddaughter and he is now less able from his bodily decline to support himself; He further states that about a year ago he was desirous to apply for a pension but could find no one possessed of the forms of application until now. 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 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of

March 1818, and that I have not nor has 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 the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, that my occupation is that of a farmer that my family consists of myself & wife my son and my granddaughter, my age is 70 next July & my wife 53 the seventh day of November next – that we are both very infirm and that I am unable without the aid of charity to procure aged support – Schedule of Joseph Hawthorn's property

three cows and calves	\$21.00
two plows	12.00
one pair chains – one which & Clevis	3.00
one drawing knife & two chisels	1.00
household furniture	10.00
one ax	<u>.75</u>
no bonds notes or debts	\$47.75

S/ Joseph Hawthorn, H his mark

State of Illinois White County

On this 4th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of County Commissioners for said County of White now sitting, Joseph Hawthorn a resident of said White County & State aged 77 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the spring of 1779 under Captain John Pearson Lieutenant Joseph Oliver [?], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Wynn [John Winn], that he was a volunteer and resided in Fairfield County on Broad River South Carolina. That he marched from his place of residence down to Augusta Georgia where he joined General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] thence down to the Black Swamp, thence to Bacons Bridge, thence to Charleston and was engaged in the Battle of Stono General Lincoln commander of the Southern Army, Colonel Pulaski was engaged at the battle, that soon after the battle he was discharged having been in the service three months, the period for which he volunteered.

That he again entered the service in the month of July 1781 as a volunteer under Captain Thomas Parrot, Lieutenant Sam. Procter, Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Taylor Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Kirkland. That he resided as above and marched down to four holes where he joined General Henderson [William Henderson]. That he was stationed at that place some time and afterwards at Orangeburg, during the time he was stationed at Orangeburg he was sent across the Stono [River] scouting and in pursuit of Major sometimes called Black Bill Cunningham a Tory. That during this term of his service he was absent from service in May & June 1782 about four weeks. That he continued from the month of July 1781 until the last of December 1782 soon after Charleston was given up by the enemy – with the exception of about four weeks as above stated. That General Greene was commander of the southern Army during this period of service. That he recollects Colonel Washington & Colonel Lee of the Dragoons.

That he was born in the County of Monocou [sic, Monaghan?] Ireland on the 10th of July 1756 has no record of his age. That in Fairfield County after the war 10 years then he removed to Albert County Georgia [sic, Elbert County Georgia] resided there 10 years then to Henderson County Kentucky there 17 years, then to this County where he has since resided. That he cannot now recollect the names of any other officers or regiments with which he served except those mentioned above. That he has no documentary evidence never having received a written

discharge. That Robert Hawthorn will testify to his service and Peter Miller as to the knowledge of some part of it. That Hosea Pearce and Sydney North are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and will testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Joseph Hawthorn, X his mark

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Ja. Radcliff, Clerk

[Hosea Pearce & Sydney North gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

And on the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in Open court Robert Hawthorn¹ aged ___ years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say that he is well acquainted with Joseph Hawthorne that he served with him in the Revolutionary War for three months, that they entered the service together in the spring of 1779 under Captain John Pearson and Colonel John Winn's Regiment that they were at the battle of Stono and discharged soon after and he further declares that the said Joseph again entered the service in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Taylor in the month of July 1781 and that he the said Joseph continued in the service as he verily believes until the enemy gave up Charleston. He this deponent was in another Regiment during the last tour of service spoken of by said Joseph but he this deponent often saw said Joseph during said time and never knew of his being absent from service from the time he entered it in July 1781 until soon after the enemy gave up Charleston in December 1782 except about a month in the spring of that year. And further this deponent saith not.

S/ Robert Hawthorn, X his mark

and also on the day and year aforesaid personally appeared in open court Peter Miller aged 65 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and say he was born in the same neighborhood with Joseph Hawthorne that he this deponent knew said Joseph during the Revolutionary war & knew of his being in the service of the United States during a part of the War but cannot state with any degree of certainty the periods of his service or in what expeditions he was engaged and further the deponent saith not.

S/ Peter Miller

[fn p. 13: on February 18, 1852 in White County Illinois, Robert H Hawthorne, 47 the 10th day of September last, a resident of Benton County in the state of Tennessee, filed a claim stating he is the only son and child alive of Joseph Hawthorn and Francis Hawthorn both now deceased; that he makes this claim for the pension due his mother as a widow; that his father died in White County Illinois October 31, 1849; that his mother Francis Hawthorn died November 16 [no date stated]; that his parents were married prior to January 1, 1800 and he believes in the state of Georgia about the year 1796.]

[fn p. 23: on February 25, 1862 [could be 1852] in White County Illinois, John Vineyard, 77, testified that he was well acquainted with Frances Ellis afterwards Francis Hawthorn before her marriage with Joseph Hawthorn; that he knew Joseph Hawthorn in Elbert County Georgia; that he, affiant, went to Virginia and stayed until 1799; that when he returned he learned that Francis alias had married Joseph Hawthorn two or three years earlier.]

¹ FPA W23326

[facts in file: veteran and his wife were married in Elbert County, Ga., September 5, 1797; Frances Ellis Hawthorn, widow of the veteran died November 16, 1851 in White County Illinois; that their son Robert H Hawthorne was born September 10, 1804; in 1852, Margaret Fowler who was born June 17, 1786, stated that she was the daughter of Joseph Hawthorne by his first wife (unnamed).]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year and five months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]