

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Hooker R5198

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State of Illinois } On this 3rd[?] day of June 1834 personally appeared in open court before
Franklin County } Demsey Odam and Jeremiah Neal Esqrs Justice of the honourable County
commissioners court of Franklin County and State of Illinois John Hooker Resident of Franklin
County and state afforesaid Eighty three yeares who being first duely sworn according to law
doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of
congress pased June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served
as hearin stated

That he was drafted in the year 1779 in the spring for three months and hired Robert Hooker to
serve the tower under Capt Parriss or parish [sic: George Pearis] and That they Rendezvoused at
Pariss or parish fort [near present Pearisburg VA] on New River State of Virginia that he was
Station at the said fort three months as a guard against the Shawnee Indians he then returned
home and in the year 1779 in the fall or 1780 he Volunteered for three months under Capt
James Shelton Commanded by Colo. John Dillard that he was Rendezvoused at Colo. Lyons [sic:
James Lyon's] in Henry County State of Virginia that he was with the rest employed in guarding
against the Tories on and about Yadkin River North Carolina where he completed the last
mentioned Three months Tower as a Volunteer he then was discharged and returned home
he then Volunteered or was summoned as a guard to help guard the prisoners at the time [Gen.
Daniel] Morgan defeated Tarlton [sic: Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton] on broad River at a place caled
the cowpens South Carolina in the year 1781 [17 Jan] — that he helped Guard the prisoners
from there to Bedford County on James River State of Virginia he then returned home having
served about fifteen dayes. he then was called upon by Colo. John Dillard to guard delinquents
from Henry County to Pitsylvania County where the delinquents were delivered to a Regular
officer whose name he dont recollect This Tower he seved in Capt Peter Hastens [sic: Peter
Hairston's] compay he was imployed on this Tower about seven dayes. this he thinks was In the
year 1781 or 1782

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NOTE: On 15 June 1852 Jabez Hooker assigned power of attorney to pursue for himself and
other heirs any benefits due to John Hooker, who died on or about 8 Apr 1845. Those heirs were
listed as Jabez Hooker, Susan Hooker, and Elizabeth Hooker, the only surviving children of John
Hooker.