

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hopper R5221

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The State of Indiana Scott County SS

On this 12th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Jabes Reeve Probate Judge and Judge of the Probate Court of the County of Scott aforesaid now sitting (being a court of record) William Hopper a resident of Scott County aforesaid aged sixty-seven years the 21 day of November 1831, who first being 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.

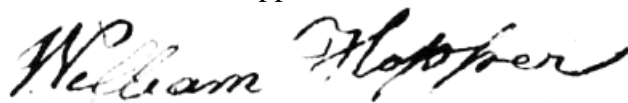
That he entered the service of the United States sometime in the year 1781, was drafted for three months in a company of militia commanded by Captain Hardin of Caswell County in the State of North Carolina who was under the command of Colonel William Moore [William Moore[, of the __Regiment of the North Carolina line under General Butler [John Butler], at which time he resided in Caswell County North Carolina aforesaid, and was in no battles during this tour, he was marched from thence through Orange County to Chatham County to Ramseys Mills on Deep River and remained there until his three months tour had nearly expired he was then marched to Hillsboro & discharged by Captain Hardin, which discharge is lost. Afterwards & sometime in the year 1781 he volunteered in a company of horse commanded by Captain Mullin and Lieutenant or Ensign Murphy (not certain which) for two months with his horse and accoutrements (which was to be allowed a three month tour in consequence of his furnishing his horse) he was then under the command of Colonel William Moore & General Butler, he with others was called upon this tour for the purpose of retaking of Governor Burke¹ of North Carolina (who was taken by the Tories at Hillsboro North Carolina) and marched towards Wilmington for that purpose, but before we reached there by about 30 miles we came to the enemy and had a small skirmish in which there was but little damage done by either party, he then was marched to Marsh Castle on raft Swamp and while there he and 13 others were ordered

¹ Governor Thomas Burke was captured by Colonel David Fanning and his company of Tory militia on September 12, 1781. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hillsborough.html

out on an express to carry letters & communications from General Butler to Colonel Brown, who was then on Cape Fear River below Cross Creek, which duty & express they performed, he then returned to Marsh Castle, and was then marched to Baldwin's Marsh² and the night that they arrived at said last named Marsh, they had a severe battle with the British and was able to maintain their ground, in which engagement he and all his messmates except one lost their horses, and had to perform the balance of their tour on foot, the main body of the Army was then marched back to Colonel Brown's on Cape Fear River but his company did not join the Army until they reached Cape Fear he then was marched across the River and up to Cross Creek, thence to Blufords bridge on a River called North East River (he thinks) and while there he received the word of the surrender of Cornwallis, he was then marched to a place by the name of Black River (he thinks) and there left the Army & returned home and after returning home he received a written discharge from Colonel Moore, this last tour he served upwards of two months and was entitled to and did receive a discharge for a three month tour as aforesaid, and further that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person (except John Burnside³ of this County) whose testimony he could procure, who can testify to his services – he was born in Culpeper County Virginia on the 21st day of November 1764 as he is informed and believes, and that he has no record of his age, he was living in Caswell County North Carolina when called into the service, and remained in Caswell County North Carolina sometime afterwards, he then removed to Madison County Kentucky and has resided in Kentucky ever since until about two years since, he then removed to Scott County Indiana where he now resides; he was once drafted and once he volunteered into the service of the United States as he has stated in his declaration, he recollects Colonel Robert Mayben (who was killed by the Tories near Hillsboro North Carolina) Major Wilkinson of the Army, Elisha Evans⁴ was a Sergeant in the horse company to which he belonged –

He received a discharge from Captain Hardin also one from Colonel William Moore which discharges are long since lost, he states that John Burnside & William Davis of his neighborhood are acquainted with him and he believes can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution &c –
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 the agency of any State, as this is his first and only application ever made for a pension &c. –

S/ William Hopper



Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Ward, Clerk

[John Burnside & William Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

² Sometime in September 1781 there was a skirmish normally referred to as the skirmish at Brown March or Baldwin's old field. http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brown_marsh.html

³ [John Burnside S16333](#)

⁴ [Elisha Evans S6830](#)