

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert G. Hoskins R5246

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State of Tennessee Monroe County: Circuit Court: SS

On this 13 day of November 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Charles F Keith one of the Circuit Judges of the Tennessee, now sitting, Robert G Hoskins, a resident of said County of Monroe, aged about seventy-five years, (He has no record of his age and does not know of it precisely,) 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 was born in Birmingham, England, in what year he is unable to say. When called into service he was living in South Carolina, he cannot remember the name of the District. He enlisted at Dorchester Town, about 25 miles from Charleston, under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter], and Captain William Alexander. He enlisted during the war. He marched by said officers, in the year 1781 he thinks, to Blufort [sic, Beaufort] beyond Ebenezer, and there was stationed a few weeks, and from thence came on back to bacon bridge [Bacons Bridge] and there staid some time and there had a severe battle with the British and Tories under General Winn and Burdough a Hessian, he thinks. In this engagement Sumter was victorious. From bakon bridge [sic] they marched to Moncks Corner where the British set the church on fire; and Colonel Lee of the light horse took the clothing and baggage of the British. His Captain separated from General Sumter and was engaged in skirmishes, and ranged the country against the Tories & British until the close of the war: – Shortly before which, however, he was taken sick with fron [? sic flux?] and ague at Dorchester where he lay some time – a month or two. When able to travel he went on to Bacon bridge where General Greene was lying, and the General gave him a permit to draw his rations, (signed by General Armong he thinks,) till he got on to Lancaster in Pennsylvania. He started own and at Mc Lenburg [sic, Mecklenburg County] North Carolina he met with his Captain Alexander, whose company was discharged and of whom he got his discharge, which is long since lost. How long the discharge was for he does not know, and is not exactly able to say how long he served. But so well as he can state not less than eight months. He went on into Henry County Virginia and remained with Colonel Callaway 2 or 3 years from there went to York South Carolina and lived 3 years, then went to Lincoln County North Carolina and lived there till 5 years ago when he moved to said County of Monroe where he now lives. He was severely wounded in the battle at bacon bridge but not disabled. –

He is acquainted with William Ainsworth, James Ainsworth, Thomas Anderson, Quentin Starret his neighbors at present who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He always served as a private of Infantry. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no one whose testimony he can procure to testify to his service.

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.

There is no clergyman in his immediate neighborhood. He lives 12 miles from the minister to whose congregation he belonged, and with him his acquaintance is not sufficiently to enable said Minister to certify for him: he therefore substitutes Preston Starret Esquire & John Henderson Esquire

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court date above

S/ John B. Lipton, Clk

S/ Robert G. Hoskins, X his mark

[Preston Sterritt and John Henderson gave the East standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Monroe County: Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Robert G Hoskins and made oath that he is the identical individual who made the foregoing Declaration and to which he offers the following amendment. He states that just previous to the service mentioned in the foregoing Declaration he was in the militia service for a tour of three months, and which he did not mention, not knowing he would be allowed anything for it. It was in the month of November or December he thinks 1780, he volunteered against the British and Tories while living in Rutherford County North Carolina, under Captain Cowan, who went under command of Colonel Morgan. He marched under said Captain from Rutherford Courthouse down to Chester in South Carolina; and were marched about from place to place, until they heard that Tarleton was about to lay siege to the Cowpens. They then marched on and joined Colonel Morgan at the cross roads called the Cowpens. He was in the battle at the Cowpens, and soon [indecipherable word] ordered off with other troops to York – skirmished about for some time after Tories: and in a heavy skirmish on Cooper River and Pon Pon , (where Colonel Washington & Colonel Hayne lived) in which he was wounded. He was then under his Captain and Major Frazier. From there he was marched to a place in South Carolina which he forgets and his time expired. In this tour he served three months. He got a discharge which is long since lost; – he received it from Captain Cowan. A few days after applicant's time was out for the three months tour, he went into service as stated in his Original Declaration, under Captain William Alexander who was under General Sumter. His impression has been that he enlisted, and if for any time he does not remember, but thinks during the war. He was marched under said Alexander from where he went into service, (which place he does not remember) through York District, crossing Broad River; through Spartanburg – they had been in service when they went under command of General Sumter a month or 2, and continued under him some months he supposes, and was scouting part of the time – 2 or 3 companies together after British & Tories, part of the time under a Major Frazier. Was stationed a while at Blufort [Beaufort] with Marion. He was in the battle at Bacons bridge and Moncks Corner, and in skirmishes. And the routes they took he is unable to detail. It was in this service that he received the wound (which is mentioned in the [word written over and indecipherable] page) between Cooper River & Pond Pond. The wound disabled him a time, and when he gets cold of facts him yet. He thinks that is the reason he got a discharge; or at any rate the liberty to draw rations till he got to Lancaster in Pennsylvania. The loan prevented his going further than

Colonel Callaway's in Virginia – He was in service he is convinced this time 8 months at least – in all 11 months. The time of most of the men in his company was out before he quit them. From the loss of memory applicant cannot state any better than he has done the circumstances of his service and particularly as to the order in which events occurred his memory has failed He was always a private.

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of May 1835 before me

S/ Wm Bayless, JP

S/ Robert G Hoskins, X his mark