

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hawkins S10796

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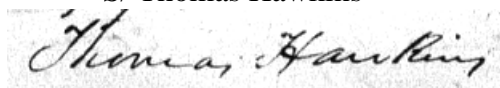
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[Alabama, Conecuh County]

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act entitled "An act for the relief of Certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15 May 1828 – I Thomas Hawkins of the County of Conecuh in the State of Alabama do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the war and continued in its service until its Termination at which period I was a private in Captain George Avery's<sup>1</sup> Company in the Regiment of the Continental Line Commanded by General Thomas Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon<sup>2</sup>] in the State of South Carolina and I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates for the award of \$80 to which I was entitled under a resolution of Congress passed the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1778 – And I further declare – that I was not on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States, nor ever before of said List.

Witness my hand this first day of June 1831

S/ Thomas Hawkins<sup>3</sup>



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The State of Alabama, Conecuh County

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March [no year given] personally appeared before me Henry F. Stones Judge of the County Court for Conecuh County Thomas Hawkins a resident of Conecuh County and State of Alabama aged ninety years the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January last who being duly sworn according to laws doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

<sup>1</sup> It is possible that the officer to whom veteran refers in his applications for a pension was George Aubrey, as there are records of such an officer serving in the SC militia under Col. Thomas Brandon. The file contains abstracts of pay records from the SC Comptroller's Office listing payments made to a Lt. and Capt. George Aubrey for services under Brandon. See pp 21-23 of the file. These pay records also cover payments made to Lt. Chandler Aubrey.

<sup>2</sup> Colonel Thomas Brandon was a militia officer in South Carolina and to my knowledge never held a commission as an officer in the South Carolina Continental line.

<sup>3</sup> This signature is in the same handwriting as the balance of the document. That leads me to believe that it is not the actual signature of the applicant since subsequent documents were signed by him by his making his mark instead of signing his signature.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated:

I entered into the service of the United States under General Branan [sic, Thomas Brandon] in Union District South Carolina at the first fight at Sulivans [sic, Sullivan's Island, June 28, 1776] when Lee [Charles Lee] & Moultrie [William Moultrie] had command and possession of the fort and my Captain's name was Madry [? could be Mackey].

I was born in the state of Virginia the name of the County I do not recollect nor do I recollect in what year I was born. I now understand from my parents that the record of my age was destroyed but from the best information I could gather from them I am now near ninety years of age.

When called into service I lived in Union District South Carolina since which time I have lived in the State of Georgia & at present reside in Conecuh County, Alabama.

I served as a substitute for William Rogers before we reached Sullivan's Island or fort Moultrie; the fight was won & we were ordered to return to the waters of the Tiger [sic, Tyger] River.

At the battle of Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] my captain's name was George Avery<sup>4</sup> and the army was under the command of Lacy [sic, Edward Lacey], Campbell [William Campbell] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland]. I fought in the battles at the fish dam ford [Fish Dam Ford, November 9, 1780] under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] & eight Days after we had another fight at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] Hill on Tyger River, Sumter commanding the Americans & Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton] the British.

I was at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] under General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] & Howard [John Eager Howard].

I was at the battles or skirmishes at the siege of ninety six [May 22-June 19, 1781] under General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] & was with Greene when he was compelled to retreat before Rawdon [Lord Rawdon].

I never received any discharge from the army. I never deserted.

I Thomas Hawkins hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

S/ Thomas Hawkins, X his mark

Attest: S/ Alexander Perryman

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid made before me

S/ Henry F. Stones, Judge of C. C. C. C. [County Court of Conecuh County]

[Charles Salter, a clergyman, gave a supporting affidavit.]

[p 45: On March 25, 1831, Susannah Bergamy gave testimony in Washington County Georgia that Thomas Hawkins served in the Revolutionary War in South Carolina under Captain George Avary [sic] in General Branning [sic] Regiment in the Regular service. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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The State of Alabama, County of Conecuh

On this fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared Thomas Hawkins in open court a resident of said Conecuh County

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<sup>4</sup> No officer of that name is known to have participated in the battle at Kings Mountain, nor is George Aubrey listed under any sources with which I am familiar as having been at Kings Mountain.

and State of Alabama of ninety three years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth make on his oath the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he volunteered in the service of the United States in May 1776 in the company commanded by Capt George Avery, Chandler Avery being Lieutenant. He resided at this time of volunteering in Union District State of South Carolina and was in the service near a year before he was in any battle—the first being the battle at Kings Mountain, South Carolina. Colonels Lacey, Campbell and Cleveland commanding.

That after the Battle at Kings Mountain he enlisted in a horse company under Captain George Avery—that he acted as Lieutenant but never received a commission. The company was under General Thomas Brandon. That he enlisted for three years in the horse Company above stated. That he was engaged in the battle at the fish dam Ford on Broad River under Colonel Sumter in which twenty two of the enemy were killed and there prisoners taken, eight days thereafter he was in the Battle at Blackstock's Hill on Tyger River in which Colonel Sumter was wounded. The next battle in which he was engaged was the Battle of Cowpens where the Company to which he belonged was under General Morgan and Colonel Pharr. The next Battle or Siege was at Ninety Six in which they were engaged near four weeks. The company was there under Colonel William Pharr and General Greene. That on the morning of the Battle at Eutaw Springs they took 50 or 60 prisoners and their Company under Captain Avery were ordered to guard them which was in the year 1781. He together with the Company to which he belonged were dismissed at Eutaw after the battle. He never received any final discharge. They were dismissed by General Greene.

That he was engaged five years during which time he was not at home but once and was not at home during the three years next preceding the battle at Eutaw. He states that his name was registered on the list of the state of South Carolina – that he saw it on the list or register some five or six years after the Revolution – at Granby South Carolina where the State House then was.

Answers to interrogations propounded by the Court<sup>5</sup>--

He was born on or about the tenth day of January AD 1751 - on the waters of Nottoway River in Virginia.

He has no record of his age - that it was recorded in a Bible - which was taken from him by the Tories during the revolution.

He was living in Union District South Carolina but removed from South Carolina to Georgia and from Georgia to Conecuh County, Alabama where he now lives.

He volunteered - He has already stated the names of the officers

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<sup>5</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

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

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

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?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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?

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.

He has stated that he acted as Lieutenant but was never commissioned and never received a discharge.

He states the names R. O Jackson, James Towlinson, Sr., Churchill Jones, J. V. Perryman, N. Stallworth, C. H. Stallworth-

He state that the reason that he has not received his pension before this he has heretofore made a declaration but from inattentiveness on informality his declaration has not been acted on.

He does not know any person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except this present and declared that his name is not on this pension roll of the agency of any state-

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

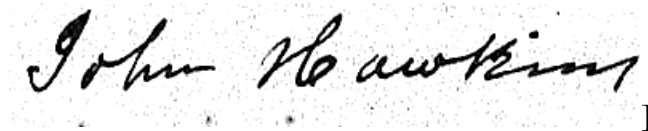
S/ Thomas Hawkins, X his mark

Attest: S/ Jno. D. Cary

[Charles P. Salter, clergyman, and Augustus L. Withering gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 34: Certificate dated October 30, 1844 from the South Carolina Comptroller General showing that on May 30, 1786 an Indent was issued to Thomas Hawkins for 65 pounds 11/5 for duty in Brandon's Regiment per audited account appearing in Indent Book X No. 2883. p 59: A similar certificate was issued by the Comptroller's Office August 16, 1844]

[p 54: on March 7, 1853 in Monroe County Alabama, John Hawkins gave testimony that he is the son of Thomas Hawkins deceased an applicant for a pension for his revolutionary services; that his father died in October 1849; that his mother married his father about 1790 and she died in 1803.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hawkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style typical of the early 19th century. The signature is positioned above a closing bracket "]" in the text block.

[p 6: John Hawkins, son of Thomas Hawkins, gave an affidavit dated August 8, 1853, in Monroe County, Alabama, that his father died in Lowndes County Alabama on October 5, 1849, that his wife and mother of affiant died in 1803, that his father died survived by the following children, Fanny Beckum, Calvin Hawkins, Stephen Hawkins, Willy Hawkins & Williams Hawkins and affiant. He signed his application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending October 5th, 1849 for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina cavalry.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>6</sup> relating to Thomas Hawkins  
Audited Account No. 3448

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<sup>6</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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[No.] 2883

No. 112

[Book] X

30 May 86 [1786]

Thomas Hawkins For Militia Duty in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment since the fall of  
Chs. Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's  
[Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] amounting to

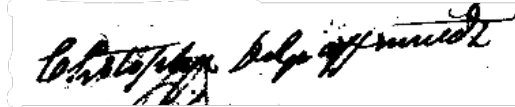
[old South Carolina] Currency £459.0.0

Sterling £65.11.5

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3: Restatement of the veteran's services as set forth above but in a slightly different format]

Received Columbia December 14<sup>th</sup> 1790 the Amount of the above Account from the  
Commissioners [of the] Treasury in an Indent No. 2883 Book X per Order  
£65.11.5 S/ Christopher DeGraffenreidt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher DeGraffenreidt", enclosed in a rectangular box.

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Gentlemen paid Thomas Franklin or Order all my Indents Belonging to me and this Receipt shall  
be your discharge for value received

October 15<sup>th</sup> 1790

S/ Thomas Hawkins, X his mark

To the Treasurers of South Carolina