

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Achilles Hoskins S1218

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky

Henry County Sct.

On this 2nd day of April 1833 personally in open court, before the Honorable Samuel Todd Judge of the Henry circuit court, which court is now sitting – Achillis Hoskins a resident of the county of Henry and state of Kentucky aged seventy one years in February last past – 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 the 7th 1832. that he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service in the month of July 1780 under Capt [Joseph] Scott & Col. John Green & Col Samuel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] & that he continued in the service until November 1781 when he was discharged. That he entered the army for the term of eighteen months – a private in the Virginia state troops & served in a company of musketmen. That he entered the service in the following manner. The Division of militia to which he belonged before he entered the service were to stand a Draft or send a man & that the division gave him \$5000 in old continental paper to go into the army & serve the eighteen months – which term of 18 months he did serve – except a few days he having been discharged about two weeks before the eighteen months expired. That he resided in the county of King & queen in the state of Virginia when he entered the service and joined the army at Chesterfield court house from which place we marched to McKeys Mills, where he first seed Lafayette [sic: Lafayette, who was not there until June 1781]. From thence to Petersburg & remained there until December. Gen'l. Stuban [sic: Baron von Steuben] was there & was inspector general. At this place a regiment of men was chosen by stuban to go to south corolina. That he was one of them. That his Capt was named Benton [more likely William Bentley], & the Cols. were John Green & Samuel Haws. that he does not recollect the No. of the Regiment. That the troops selected by stuban left Petersburg in December 1780 – he remember that they crossed Dan river on chirstmass day. The regement marched to the Cheraw Hills in South Carolina near Pedee river [sic: Pee Dee River]. when the regement joined the army commanded by Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at the place a company was selected to go to Georgetown & that he was of the company – the company was commanded by Captain [John] Anderson & lieutenant Seldan [sic: Samuel Selden] – but before we reached Georgetown an express came that Genl Green was retreating – the company then returned & joined Green at Guilford court house from which place the army marched to Halifax court house in virginia & was there joind by some Virginia militia & then returned to Guilford in North Carolina. This was in march 1781. That about this time there was a battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], but that he was not in the Battle he having been left at Speedwells Mills [on Troublesome Creek in present Rockingham County] with others, to guard the Baggage. to which place Green retreated after the Battle. After the Battle, he was transfered into an artilery company, commanded by Capt. Whitehead Coleman & from thence went to Virginia & at Petersburg his company was attached to Genl. Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens's] Brigade of militia & marched to various places in Virginia for some time to the Mobbin Hill [sic: Malvern Hill 15 mi SE of Richmond] where we remained sometime from whence he was marched to York & that he was at the seige & taking of Cornwallis – this was in October [19th] 1781. after the surrender of cornwallis he went to Fredricksburg [sic: Fredericksburg] with the prisners – from thence to Richmond – Thence to Cumberland court house where he was discharged by leitenant Brooks in writing in Nov. 1781. That when he entered the army he got a certificate for 1000 lb of tobacco – after he was discharged he went to Richmond & obtained a certificate

for his pay – which papers have long since been lost. That he never received any pay except the \$5000 in paper which was not worth any thing. he states he was born in February 1762 in King & Queen county Virginia & that he never had any record of his age and only states that he was born in feb. 1762 from information which he received from his family. That he left Virginia in 1793 & came to Kentucky where he has resided ever since & has resided in the same place ever since 1798 in Henry County. That he is well known in his present neighborhood to Rev'd John Jones & E P Thomas who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no other persons except Joseph Minor [pension application R7260] & James Hoskins [S1219] who can testify to his service.

He further states that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but that according to the best of his recollection he served not less than seventeen months & a half as a private & for such service he claims a pension He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity whatever except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
[signed] Achilis Hoskins

NOTE:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following:
Archele's. Hoskins/ age 18/ height 5 8¼/ joiner/ born and residing in King and Queen County/ black hair/ hazel eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 2 Apr 1833 James Hoskins deposed that he was born in 1758, that he was to be married about the time Achilis Hoskins entered service but "hastened the wedding that the said Achillis might be present," and that they had been neighbors for the previous 15 years.