

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Willoughby Hook [Hooks] S1533

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State of Tennessee Blount County Circuit: Second Judicial Circuit Court July Term 1832

On this 8th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Honorable Circuit Court of the County and State and Circuit aforesaid now sitting Willoughby Hooks [sic] a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged eighty-two years as he believes, 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated – That he enlisted in the North Carolina line, in Rowan County North Carolina under Captain Gilly Lewis, and was mustered into service in Lexington then in Rowan County, in Colonel Hogan's [James Hogun's] Command, for one-year, Rendezvoused near Halifax Town, in Halifax County North Carolina where Captain John Baker (of the Continental line as applicant now thinks) took command of the Companies: there was a Lieutenant Fawns [possibly William Fawn] and Sergeant Fisher belonging to the Company, we then marched to Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, from thence we were marched to join General Washington's headquarters, and when within eight miles of head quarters as this applicant understood, we received orders to go to North River to work on forts, and were marched to West Point & there remained until winter came, on when we were marched to Philadelphia to winter quarters – while at West Point we were generally employed in fortifying and laboring on the place – the British made a feint attack upon the place, but soon withdrew, without any serious effect, – Applicant cannot remember the year in which he enlisted but thinks it was some time after the battle of Guilford, because about the time of that battle, applicant in a company of about 60 under Captain Hardy Griffin, had volunteered for three months, to fight & subdue the Tories & marched into the lower parts of the State of North Carolina & there boat the swamps and hunted out the Tories and in that Campaign took and destroyed about 200 Tories as well as he recollects, and about the expiration of the term of three months was honorably discharged = In the Spring of the year we left Philadelphia and were marched back to Halifax North Carolina under command of Colonel Robert Mebane who took

command of us about the time we left Philadelphia, and on reaching Halifax Court House North Carolina we were honorably discharged having served out the term of enlistment. Applicant never received one cent of pay in any way for his services, and never authorized any person to receive anything due to him but has been told that Captain Baker receive some pay for the company though this applicant does not know anything of that. Applicant has lost his discharges, and has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services. He left North Carolina about fourteen years ago and came to Cocke County Tennessee where he lived about 3 years and then removed to Blount County Tennessee where he now lives –

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the date first above written.

S/ Daniel D Foute [?], Clk

S/ Willoughby Hooks, X his mark

[Joseph Van Pelt, a clergyman, and Alexander Stewart gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 15: letter dated April 22, 1833 from the Commissioner of pensions in which he states that the Secretary of State of North Carolina finds that Willoughby Hook enlisted in Captain Baker's company on the 20th June 1778 for 9 months only. I do not see the certificate from the North Carolina Secretary of State in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for 11 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]