

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hankins S16404

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State of Kentucky County of Hopkins: SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of the County of Hopkins aforesaid John Hankins a resident in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-two years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he enlisted in Frederick County Virginia in the Army of the United States near the commencement of the Revolution (the precise date not recollected) with Captain John Langdon and served in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Edmundson in the Virginia line on Continental establishment – that Captain Langdon broke his leg and left the service, that he Hankins afterwards served in the company of Captain Yancy and then in that of Captain Terrell that he remained in Virginia during the term of his enlistment which was three years, was at Woodstock & Winchester, thence marched down the Rappahannock River to Falmouth, thence crossed said River & marched to Fredericksburg, was in the northern part of Virginia & on the borders of Maryland until he was finally discharged not far from Fredericksburg having served out his full time – he received a discharge but does not recollect who signed it – it was burnt with his house in Wilkes County in the State of North Carolina – that he resided in Frederick County Virginia at the time he enlisted.

That he afterwards enlisted in Culpeper County Virginia for during the war with Captain White of the Virginia line in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thorn joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] at Charlotte in North Carolina, marched thence to Camden, thence to the High Hills of Santee, thence to Guilford was in the battle at that place [March 15, 1781] – where the Americans were defeated, from thence marched to Richmond in Virginia from thence by the Bowling Green to Williamsburg, thence to York Town where he aided in capturing Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & his Army, after which he was discharged. He served during the siege in Colonel Southall's [perhaps James Southall's] Regiment – he received a discharge which was destroyed by fire at the same time his discharge for the three years enlistment was destroyed. That after the conclusion of peace he removed to Wilkes County North Carolina & resided there until he removed to this County.

That he has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Charles Brown and Barnabus Sisk of the County of Hopkins aforesaid whose depositions are hereunto annexed marked A & B.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any State.

S/ John Hankins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hankins". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured paper.

Kentucky Hopkins County: SS (A)

Charles Brown <sup>1</sup>a Soldier of the Revolution & pensioner of the United States now of the County & State aforesaid states that he was acquainted with John Hankins of said County & State prior to the Revolutionary War in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia where they (that is) the said Hankins & affiant resided – that he knows of his own knowledge that said Hankins was a Soldier in said War in the Virginia line – that he saw said Hankins in the Army for the first time at Charlotte in North Carolina then the Head Quarters of General Nathanael Greene – This affiant saw said Hankins again at the High Hills of Santee – This affiant does not recollect the names of Hankins' Officers – he saw Hankins again at Little York in Virginia he (Hankins) & this affiant aided in besieging that place & further this affiant saith not.

S/ Charles Brown, X his mark

[Attested August 11, 1832]

Kentucky Hopkins County: SS (B)

Barnabus Sisk aged sixty-three years now of the County of Hopkins in the State of Kentucky states that he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia – that he has known John Hankins now of the County first aforesaid from his earliest recollection and he knows said Hankins was a Soldier in the Revolution – that said Hankins served a long time in the Southern part of the United States but how long this affiant does not know – this affiant understood and believes said Hankins was at the capture of Lord Cornwallis' Army at York Town Virginia – This affiant further states that said Hankins had the misfortune to have his house burnt in North Carolina many years ago & this affiant understood and believes that said Hankins' discharge was consumed with the house and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Barnabus Sisk

[attested July 28, 1832]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for more than 3 years in the Virginia service.]

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<sup>1</sup> Perhaps the same man as [Charles Brown S35794](#)