

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard B. Hooper S16418

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State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this twenty eighth day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County and State aforesaid now sitting Richard B Hooper, a resident of Captain Adams' district in said State and County, aged Seventy-four 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in Lunenburg Court house in Virginia, the place where he then resided, in the month of March 1776 with Captain James Johnson for two years in the Sixth Regiment of the Virginia Line of the Continental Army, and was under command of Captain Johnson and Colonel Christian & was marched to Williamsburg, where he was put under the Command of Colonels Mercer & Buckner & was marched to Burrell's Ferry [Burwell's Ferry] on James River, from thence to a Camp at Springfield, where he was taken sick and was furloughed home, where he remained bedridden about nine months, as soon as he recovered he returned to the Army at Georgetown (now DC) and was placed under the command of Captain Winn a recruiting officer, and was marched to Little York in Pennsylvania and was placed under command of Lieutenant Peter Garland, from York he marched to Lancaster where he was again placed under command of Captain Winn, and was stationed there as one of the Life Guard to Congress and afterwards moved with Congress to Little York where he remained until his time of service was out. That he served this Time of two years out as a private soldier as above stated. That no general officer being at York, he afterwards received his discharge from Colonel Davis at Chesterfield Court House Virginia, which discharge he has lost.

In March 1779 at Lunenburg Court House in Virginia he entered as a volunteer for six months under Captain Joseph Winn, and was marched to Halifax North Carolina, & was there put under the command of Colonel David Mason & Colonel Burrell, from Halifax was marched to Stono, South Carolina & was placed under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] of the Regulars, was marched from Stono to Charleston with some prisoners as a guard. From Charleston he was ordered up to Camden, and was discharged at Camden having served Six months as Second Sergeant, received his discharge from Joseph Winn, does not recollect whether it was in writing or not, if it was it is lost.

In February 1781 at Halifax Court House Virginia he volunteered for three months under Captain William Dowson [probably intended to be "William Dawson"] & was under the command of Colonel Cocke & General Green [presumably Nathanael Greene], and marched to Guilford North Carolina and was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] and had six balls

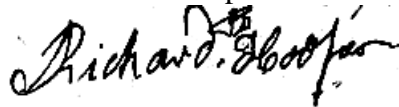
shot through his close at that battle. From Guilford he was ordered with the wounded to Colonel Peter Perkins on Dan River, and was there discharged after having served 3 months as Second Sergeant. It is possible his name is entered on the rolls as Richard instead of Richard B.

He served altogether two years and nine months. Two years as a private and nine months as a Second Sergeant.

1. Was born in Lunenburg County in the State of Virginia in May 1755 or 1758 does not recollect which.
2. He does not know that there is any record of his age, as the book was lost by his father.
3. When called into service he lived in Lunenburg County Virginia. Since the Revolutionary War, to wit in 1782 or 1783 he removed to Surry County North Carolina and in 1799 he removed to Greenville [district] South Carolina, remained to years and then removed to Pendleton (South Carolina) remained there until about the year 1820 when he removed to Franklin County Georgia where he has resided ever since.
4. He enlisted for two years & was a volunteer for nine months.
5. Has stated the names in the body of his declaration.
6. Has also stated in the body as above that he received discharges which are lost.
7. Is known to Matthew W Vandiver a preacher of the Gospel and to Thomas Farmer in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his having served as a soldier of the Revolution. Does not know of any person living by whom he can prove his services.

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 of any State within his knowledge or belief.

S/ Richard B Hooper



Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first aforesaid

S/ Thomas King, JIC

[Matthew W Vandiver, a clergyman, and Thomas Farmer gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Georgia County of Franklin: SS

On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Inferior Court of the County and state aforesaid, now acting for ordinary purposes Richard B Hooper who has heretofore subscribed and sworn to the original Declaration to which this is attached and who being duly sworn on his oath saith. That by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his Service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades. Viz.

In 1776 he served under Captain Johnson. He served fifteen months as a private soldier under enlistment for two years & the reason he did not serve the other nine months was because he was disabled by sickness & was out on furlough.

In 1779 he served six months under Captain Winn as Second Sergeant but had no warrant, in this tour he was a volunteer.

In 1781 He volunteered under Captain Dowson & served three months as second Sergeant.

For the above service he claims a pension, he served in a regularly embodied Corps called into service by Competent authority, and in no part of the time of his service was he engaged in any civil pursuit, but was in the field or in Garrison the whole time.

Does not know any person now in life by whom he can prove his Services, but can prove by Matthew B Hooper & James Hooper that he was in service in the Army of the Revolution.

S/ Richard Hooper

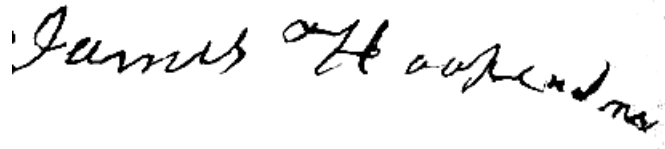
State of Georgia DeKalb County: SS

On this 19th day of July in the year 1833 personally appeared before me James W Reeve an Acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County, James Cooper¹ a resident of said County who being duly sworn according to Law on his oath saith That he knew Richard B Hooper of Franklin County in the state aforesaid (to whose application for a pension this is annexed) as an enlisted soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was on the Ground when said Richard enlisted at Lunenburg Court House Virginia under Captain James Johnson in the year 1776, and was also present at Chesterfield Court House in Virginia when said Richard was discharged I Colonel Davis in 1778. And deponent further saith that he saw & knew the said Richard at several different times in the actual service of the United States in the Virginia line between the time of his enlistment & discharge as aforesaid and deponent believes that the said Richard served fully as he states.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of July 1833

S/ James W Reeve, JP

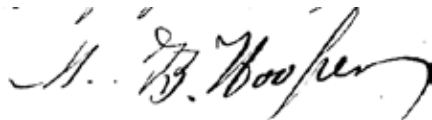
S/ James Hooper Senior



State of Georgia Franklin County: SS

Personally appeared in open Court Matthew B Hooper who being sworn according to Law on his oath saith That he knew the above applicant Richard B Hooper in the time of the Revolutionary War and knew him in service as an enlisted soldier, he knew when he joined the Army in March 1776 and his return home in April 1778, and it was always understood at the time, that he was regularly discharged from a two years tour of service, and it was always believed & understood in Lunenburg Virginia that he was a revolutionary soldier, and I believe he served fully as he states.

S/ M. B. Hooper



[date not shown]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant in the Virginia service for 24 months.]

¹ Probably the same man as James Hooper W4457