

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hope S18033

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Virginia Hanover County To wit

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before William Wingfield Junior, Benjamin Wingfield, Hudson M Wingfield & P H Price the court of the County of Hanover now sitting John Oh a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the forks of Hanover near the place called Taylorsville on the 5 day of December 1760. That he has seen a record of his age in his father's Bible, but he does not know where it is. That when entered into service he lived in the same neighborhood, and that ever since he has lived in the same County, but soon after the Revolution, he moved into the upper end of the County, where he resides at this time, that he was drafted into the militia service whenever he served, that having been put on the muster roll at sixteen, and living in a part of the country from which there were most frequent drafts of militia of any in the state, and having served many terms, at a very early age, his recollection is not very distinct as to the incidents and circumstances of each particular tour, that as well as he remembers the first tour of duty he performed was in the spring of the year 1777 or 78, that David Richardson was his Captain, that he marched to Williamsburg, and served at a place called the New Barracks, That while there, they were exercised in sham fighting, that there were no regulars there; and he does not recollect the [paper damaged and word indecipherable] of regiments of militia, or their officers, that the next tour, he marched under Bullock into the same region of country, that he does not remember the date, that he does not recollect the names of any officers engaged in this tour, nor the number and style of the regiments, that, the troops were driven from Williamsburg by the British, that, the next morning a party of volunteers of whom he was one, marched back to town and skirmished with the enemy. That after 13 fires, the party retired, that after rejoining the main body, they crossed York River at Ruffin's ferry, and he was detached to secure the boats to prevent the enemy passing the River, That he marched thence up York River, for some distance thence to King & Queen Court House to Hanover town, and from Hanover town to Richmond, and thence back to Williamsburg, that his recollection is very indistinct of the order of his subsequent services, that officers commanding, and the circumstances attending them, that the most remarkable passage in his services which he remembers is Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion, that he does not recollect the company officers in that tour, but the Regiment was commanded by Colonel William Dandridge, that the troops were at Chickahominy Creek when it was announced that the British were at Proper's , that this report was found to be faults, and the

next day he marched to Richmond, that upon getting on shoal hill, he saw the smoke of the Tobacco burned at Manchester, that he crossed the James River at Westham, and marched to cabin point, where he was discharged, that he does not remember any of the officers in Continental service during this expedition, or any militia officers except Dandridge, that he can remember nothing material relating to his services until he was called for with the whole of the militia on the occasion of Cornwallis's invasion, that the troops rendezvoused at Hanover Court House, that William Anderson (old field) was Captain, James Lawrence Lieutenant & William Tinsley in some, that he marched by Hanover town & Fraser's ferry to Ware Church in Gloucester where he joined the Army commanded by Marquis de Lafayette, that he marched thence to Sowell's old field where they made fortifications, that while at that place, there was a skirmish between the Grenadiers and 8 party of British, that he remained at this place till the capitulation of the enemy, that after the troops marched out of Gloucester town, he took off Colonel Tarleton's saddle, that there was some French troops in the same encampment with him, he does not recollect that there were any Continentals they are, that he has seen General Lafayette and that his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Campbell, and that he was discharged at Gloucester town, that, he thinks that he served 7 or 8 tours, and as private always and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me.

S/ William Wingfield, JP

S/ John Hope



Charles Thompson

Virginia Louisa County to wit

On this 8th day of February 1833 personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Strong¹ a Citizen of said County and a credible person as appears to me, who being first duly sworn depose that he has known Captain John Oh for many years, who now [indecipherable word] for a pension, that said Hope served one Tour of 3 months in the militia in the Revolutionary war under Captain John Nailor in which said Tour this affiant also served.

Given under my hand the day and year above mentioned.

S/ Thomas Poindexter

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State of Virginia Hanover County: SS

Be it known that before me Charles Thompson Jr. a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared John Williams² a citizen of said County and as appears to me a credible person, and made oath in due form of law, that in the time of the Revolution he lived near to and was well acquainted with John Hope of said County, who now makes application for a pension; that he was never in the same company with said Hope, but he very well knows that he was often in service in the militia of Hanover, during the war; and particularly, that at the

¹ [John Strong S7594](#)

² [John Williams S6413](#)

siege of York said Hope was in service and was stationed on the Gloucester sure, though not being in the same Corps, he does not know said Hope's officers.

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of February 1833 before me
S/ Charles Thompson, JP

S/ John Williams



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State of Virginia Hanover County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Hope, who being duly sworn, depose and 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 – For one year and two months I served as a private in the infantry and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn and subscribed this 24th day of June 1833 before me
S/ William Wingfield, JP

S/ John Hope

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State of Virginia Hanover County: SS

On this 24th day of March 1834 personally appeared before me William Wingfield a Justice of the peace in and for said County John Hope and being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That as formerly alleged he was drafted in all his tours, and was each time a private of infantry. That as to the first tour as formerly stated, he recollects no further particulars, – That his second tour, was not as formerly stated, on the Bullock, but under Naylor, Captain, Lieutenant not recollected and John Strong Sergeant marched from Hanover to Williamsburg in the winter season and continued to serve there till discharged – served in Garrison and recollects that when wood was brought in it was distributed regularly like rations, Mathews he thinks was Colonel, and Nelson commanded – recollects no other regiments nor any event of note. That the tour formally set forth as the second was in fact the third, and that he recollects no additional particulars of that tour, except that one Thom Higgason was orderly – That he cannot recollect the order of his two tours under Captains Sandford and Beenum – that both tours of duty were performed in the earlier part of the War (the year not recollected) in guarding Williamsburg and the surrounding Country – that his tour under Sandford was in the spring, and that under Beenum in the summer season. Mathews he thinks was Colonel in both tours and Nelson was General – it was said that the enemy were in our waters, and they were frequently marched and counter marched in the neighborhood – was in no battle and recollects no officers or troops either regular or militia in one of these tours he recollects that some of the men knew made on account of being kept after the term of their draft had expired and that Colonel Mathews quelled them – That the next tour he recollects with distinctiveness was the tour of Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion – that he now recollects that Bob Dandridge was Captain, and that when it was announced, as formerly stated, that the enemy were at Proper's, Capt. Dandridge proposed to his brothers the

[indecipherable word]³, to ride his horse and see whether the report were correct – That he now thinks he was not discharged at Cabin Point as formerly stated, for he recollects of crossing the River at Shirley's hundred, and one Atkinson killing a very large Cat fish – That they marched to Williamsburg and he was there discharged. That he recollects no event of note relating to this tour other than those stated, except that he reached Charles City Court House a short time after a party stationed there had been betrayed, and slaughtered, and he saw blood and hair on the walls. That he now recollects, that he served a tour in the spring of '81 in Phillips'[William Phillips] invasion – John Anderson was his Captain and he remembers no company officers except a Sergeant John Bullock [paper damaged by a large ink blot and text missing] he thinks again Colonel and Nelson General – marched [paper damaged by a large ink blot and text missing] North side of James River and was near, when [paper damaged by a large ink blot and text missing] at Warwick was fired on by the enemy, and burned – That his Captain complained of being sick and returned home, and it was generally supposed that he feigned sickness for fear of being in an engagement. That after marching a good deal, backward and forward in the country he was discharged at Williamsburg – that he cannot recollect any troops either regular or militia then in service, in particular, though there were many of both kinds – that he was in no battle and can recollect no event of note – That his last tour was as formerly stated that he can recollect no additional particulars. 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, For one year and two months I served as private in the infantry that the tours were generally of two months and that he served in all at least 14 months That he remembers to have served under Captains Richardson, Bullock, Naylor, Beenum, Sandford and Anderson but cannot recall the names of the others, that he received many discharges, but not considering them of any value, he did not preserve them. That Doctor Archibald Anderson, Thomas Price Senior, Paul T Doswell and Thomas Doswell, Samuel and Walter Crew are persons who can testify as to his character and the reputation of having served in the revolution. John Williams & John Strong the only person he knows of who is personally cognizant of his services, and that he has no documentary evidence.

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 or territory.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Hope

[Charles Talley, a clergyman, and Thomas Price gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service.]