

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hopwood S2324

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The State of Ohio – Fairfield County SS: Court of Common Pleas October Term 1832

On this the 31st day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County now sitting William Hopwood a resident of R Island Township in said County, aged Sixty-eight years the 9th day of February next, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement or declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated –

He was born & brought up in the County of Shenandoah County in the State of Virginia & shortly before the capture of Cornwallis he was drafted for two months and served in a company commanded by Captain George Prince [perhaps Evan Prince]. The Company was marched off with the Captain directly to York where General Washington was in command and was engaged in digging entrenchments and making fortifications at that place to prevent the escape of the enemy. He served out the two months before the capture of Cornwallis, and returned home. He was not home more than a week when he was again drafted for two months & served in a Company commanded by Captain Grooms, and served out the two months in guarding the prisoners taken at York, who were in barracks at Winchester in Virginia. He was discharged & went home. When his stepfather, David Profit, was drafted for two months, and he, this affiant went as a substitute for him. He served in the Company of Captain Fry. He was marched to Winchester, where he served out the term of two months in guarding the British prisoners at that place. He was discharged and returned home when he was again drafted for two months, and served in a company the names of the officers he has forgotten. They were again marched to Winchester to guard said prisoners, a part of the term he was engaged in taking a part of the prisoners to Shepherdstown, and when they returned they were discharged and went home. He did not serve the whole of the two months it lacked a little of the time a week or two. It was agreed that those who should go with the prisoners to Shepherdstown should on their return be discharged and that they were to have full credit for a term of up duty. He had no written discharges & cannot recollect the name of the Colonel stationed at Winchester. He was a small man but he cannot recollect his name. He recollects of men being under guard in consequence of entering the lines at night without the Countersign. He has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services.

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.

In answer to the interrogatories required to be put by the Court, he states that he was born in the County of Shenandoah as aforesaid as he believes the 9th February 1765 & remained in that County until he removed to the County of Fairfield aforesaid about twenty-six years ago, where he has ever since resided. He has no record of his age. He lived in Shenandoah County at each of the times when called into service. He has already stated the manner in which he was called into service & the services he rendered & the officers under whom he served to the best of his recollection. He received no written discharges & never had any to the best of his knowledge.

He would name him but on his acquaintances the Reverend Benjamin Caves & Mr. Isaac Hite who can testify to his standing & character – &c: &c.

Sworn and subscribed to this the day and year aforesaid

S/ William Hopwood, X his mark

Sworn to in open Court this 31st day of October 1832

S/ Hugh Boyle, Clk.

[Sosthenes McCabe [?], a clergyman, and Isaac Hite gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Isaac Hite
Sosthenes McCabe

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]