

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Nathan Hawkins S30457

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State of Kentucky Mercer County:

On this the 10th day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Lanty Holman a Justice of the peace and Judge of the Mercer County Court Nathan Hawkins aged 70 years a Revolutionary Soldier whose age and infirmity prevents his attending in court as he is very infirm on account of having the gravel and a weakness in his back who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. I Nathan Hawkins do hereby state on oath that I am now in the 70th year of my age and that I was born in Spotsylvania County State of Virginia on the 4th day of May 1763 where I was raised and where I resided when the Revolutionary War commenced and I was called into the service of my County as follows viz.. In the month of February or March 1781 I was drafted in Captain John White's company of Major Armistead's Battalion on a tower [tour] of two months (the Colonel's name not recollected) and our company marched to Cabbin Point [Cabin Point] where I was stationed during my time and I was honorably discharged after having served out my full time of two months and twelve days over. I then returned home to the County of Spotsylvania Virginia and in the month of June 1781 in said County I volunteered in Captain Thomas Miners [Thomas Minor's] Company of Colonel Matthews Regiment (Major's name not recollected) in my company marched and retreated between Williamsburg and Richmond as Lord Cornwallis advanced into Virginia and we were at Colonel Sandridge's and at page Town and was discharged at Byrd's Ordinary after having served out my full time of two months and six days over I then returned home to said County and in the month of September 1781 in said County I was drafted in Captain John Tankersley's company of Major Hardeman Battalion of Colonel Meriwethers [probably Thomas Meriwether's] Regiment of General Stephens [Edward Stevens'] Brigade we marched to Deep Spring camp near Williamsburg and from thence to the New Barracks above Williamsburg and from thence to Little York about 10 days before Lord Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] and I aided in the siege and was wounded in the left shoulder by a cannon shot and on the next day I was discharged from service on account of my inability to serve. I returned home and as soon as I was able I returned and joined the Army near Page Town and served out the balance of my term and was honorably discharged on the last day of October or the first November 1781 having served in this Tower two months and I returned home and in the same County and in the month of February 1782 I volunteered in Captain John Carter's Company for two months and was marched to Fredericksburg for the purpose of guarding some British prisoners and was stationed there some time and we then marched the Prisoners up to Winchester

where I was discharged having served in this Tower two months, having performed in the whole eight months and eighteen days of actual service in the Revolutionary War. I am now a resident citizen of Mercer County and State of Kentucky where I have resided since the year 1794 – where I first removed to this State, I further state that I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person now living whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service in the Army of Revolution having long since lost or mislaid my discharges and I hereby relinquish all claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I am not now a pensioner of the United States or of any State. Witness my hand and seal this June 10th 1833.

S/ Nathan Hawkins Snr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nathan Hawkins Snr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

[James Holman, Martin C Duncan, a clergyman, and Robert McAfee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.65 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months and 18 days in the Virginia militia.]