

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hopkins S31140

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State of Kentucky Adair County Court Sgt.

January Term 1834

On this 7th day of January 1834 personally appeared before the worshipful County Court in and for the County of Adair State of Kentucky now sitting William Hopkins a resident of the County of Adair aforesaid and State of Kentucky 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 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States on the 25th day of March 1777 for three years in the State of Virginia in the County then called Dunmore (now Shennandore [Shenandoah]) under Captain William Fields [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Captain Reuben Field], his Lieutenant was by the name of Holms he does not recollect his Christian name he was marched on to Williamsburg when he was transferred to Captain Crump's [probably Abner Crump's] Company – and attached to Colonel Allison's [probably Lt. Col. John Allison of the 1st State Regt. of Troops] Regiment General Muhlenburg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade though he cannot positively state whether his enlistment was in the Continental or State line he was then young and does not certainly recollect but he most positively states that he was enlisted in the manner before stated and he further states that after he remained at Williamsburg sometime he was marched on to Valley Forge where he remained during the winter and in the spring of 1778 he was marched on to West Point under the same officers where he remained for some time was marched to New Jersey & other places and wintered at West Point in the early part of the summer 1779 he was marched on towards Stony Point and was stationed for a short time & was soon thereafter Joined to General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Command and in the month of July 1779 was marched on to Stony Point under the Command of General Wayne when the battle of Stony Point was fought [July 16, 1779], in which Battle this declarant was in he was then marched to various places in the State of Jersey New York and Pennsylvania until towards winter when he was marched on to Baskinridge in the State of Jersey near Brunswick where he remained until towards the spring of 1780 when he was marched on to Fredericksburg State of Virginia where he was Honorably discharged by Colonel Allison having served out the full term of his enlistment which discharge he has lost. He has no documentary Evidence of his Service having lost his discharge as before stated, but that the services was performed under the officers before mentioned with an embodied Poor called into Service by Competent authority that he was either in the field or in Garrison & for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any Civil Pursuit and for which service he claims a pension. He further states

that he can prove his enlistment service and discharge by its Solomon Prewith [Solomon Prewitt] Sr. and John Scott of Cumberland County State of Kentucky whose affidavits he has procured and is hereto annexed bearing date the 3rd day of January 1834 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.

1. Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Frederick County State of Virginia in the year 1862.

2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it

Answer. I have no record of my age but I was born at the time and place above stated agreeable to the information of my parents which I believe to be true

3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the

Revolutionary war and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in Dunmore County (now Shenandoah County State of Virginia) when I enlisted and that was my home until sometime after I was discharged when I moved to the State of North Carolina Chatham County where I lived until the year 1810 when I moved to Union County State of South Carolina where I lived a short time then moved to Wilson County State of Tennessee where I lived about 2 years then moved to the State of Kentucky Adair County where I lived a few months when I moved to Wayne County Kentucky from there back to Adair County where I now live

4. How were you called into service were you Drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer. I enlisted for the term of service for which I claim a pension I never was drafted or a Substitute or a volunteer other than as I have stated.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you Served such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the General Circumstances of your service.

Answer. I was in General Muhlenberg's Brigade the whole of the time of service though not always under his immediate Command he was not with General Wayne at Stony point I was at other times detached off but always considered I belonged to his Brigade Colonel Allison was my Colonel I have no distinct recollection of having been joined to any militia regiments the General Circumstances of my service I have given in the body of this declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer. I received a discharge in writing from Colonel Allison which I have lost.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer. I am well acquainted with Mr. John Stolls, Mr. George Breeding, Sr., & George Breeding, Jr., Ezekiel Turner, George Turner and indeed all the neighbors round about and all of whom I have no doubt was the well of my character for veracity and their belief that I served as a Soldier of the Revolution if they were here but I lived near 15 miles from this place and none of my neighbors are in town except Mr. Stolls he further states that there is no clergyman in town and therefore cannot procure the Certificate of one. Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Hopkins, X his Mark

[John Stolls [could be John Stotts] gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County: SS

On this 3rd day of January 1834 personally came before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Solomon Prewitt Senior a resident of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky aged 86 years who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with William Hopkins now a Citizen of Adair County Kentucky and has been from the time of said Hopkins' nativity he said Hopkins being a near relation of this affiant's, he states that said Hopkins is upwards of 70 years of age, and he knows that said Hopkins enlisted in the Continental or state line in the war of the Revolution for three years under Captain William Fields & was marched on to Williamsburg and there put into Captain Crump's Company Colonel Allison's Regiment and he knows that said Hopkins served out his full Term and was Honorably discharged he states that said Hopkins enlisted in the state of Virginia in the year 1777, that he knew him while in service and after the close of the war. Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Solomon Prewitt, Sr.,¹ X his Mark

Also, the affidavit of John Scott a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 74 years who being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with the said William Hopkins mentioned by Solomon Prewitt Senior in his deposition above he knew said Hopkins before the Revolution, while in service and since and knows he said Hopkins did enlist for 3 years in the Continental or State Service of the United States that he was in Colonel Allison's Regiment, and that said Hopkins served out his full term and was honorably discharged. Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Scott,² X his Mark

[p 4: His final pay voucher for \$16.44 is dated November 18, 1849.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

¹ [Solomon Prewitt \(Prewett, Pruitt\) W1315](#)

² [John Scott W3046](#)