

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hopewell S36591

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State of Kentucky Bullitt County & Circuit SS

On this 20th day of November 1818 before me Alfred Metcalf Circuit Judge in & for the fifth Judicial district in Kentucky & sole judge of the Bullitt circuit court in said district, personally appeared John Hopewell aged sixty-seven years, a resident in the County of Bullitt aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn made on his oath the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war;" That he the said John Hopewell enlisted in the State of Virginia in the spring of the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Charles Porterfield of the eleventh Regiment of the Virginia line, and was very soon drafted into Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] rifle Regiment in Captain Gabriel Long's Company, & continued to serve in said Corps or in the service of the United States until the spring of the year 1780 when he was regularly discharged in Frederick County Virginia, but his discharge is lost or destroyed by time or accident, that he was in the battles at the taking of Burgoyne [Battle of Bemis Heights or Saratoga II, October 7, 1777] and at Monmouth [June 28, 1778], that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & that he has no other evidence in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me this 20th of November 1818

S/ Alfred Metcalf

Charles Melton also made oath before me that he was acquainted with said John Hopewell in the year 1777, '78 & '79 and knows that said John was, during those years, a soldier in Morgan's rifle Regiment, that he is now in indigent & reduced circumstances & unable from age and infirmity to labor – Samuel Hopewell also made oath before me that said John is in indigent circumstances and unable from age and infirmity to labor.

Given under my hand this 20th day of November 1818

S/ Alfred Metcalf

State of Kentucky September Term 1820

John Hopewell a pensioner of the United States by certificate dated the 20th day of November 1818 at eight dollars per month came personally into this Court being a Court of Record and delivered a Schedule of his Estate which the court valued at \$91 and to which the said Hopewell made oath agreeably to law. Whereupon it is ordered that the said Schedule and oath be Recorded and certified viz.

On this 29th day of September 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of Record for Bullitt County by the Common Law and statute Law of this state John Hopewell aged 69 years residing in said County who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: He entered into Captain Porterfield's Company (which soon after was commanded by Captain Long) The Regiment or detachment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Morgan all of the Virginia line. He entered the Army on the ___ day of ___ in the year ___ and continued in the service for near 4 years. He was enlisted by Colonel Morgan himself near Winchester (Virginia) and discharged by said Colonel near the same place. The Number of his pension is ___ and the date of his original Application was the 20th day of November 1818. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz.: Two mares one of which is 15 years old, the other 14 years old valued to \$60. One Cow & Calf valued at \$9 or \$10. One bed valued to \$20, one axe valued to \$1. The Declarant is by occupation a farmer, his wife aged about 64 years, has ten children none of which Reside with him. Sworn to and declared on the 29th day of September 1820 before the Court aforesaid.

Signed

John Hopewell

[p 12: On December 1, 1825, the veteran applied in Sullivan County Indiana for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Kentucky agency to the Indiana agency stating that he has moved to Indiana with the intention of remaining there.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 20, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 12-page file

State of Indiana Monroe County: SS

It is ordered to be certified by the Clerk of the Probate Court that it has this day been proven to the satisfaction of said Probate Court now sitting within and for the County of Monroe in the State of Indiana by Henry Hopewell of Owen County in the State of Indiana

That John Hopewell deceased who is reputed and believed was a private Soldier in the Revolutionary War and served in the Virginia State Line or within the Continental Line. That he was a Citizen resident of Virginia at the time he the said John Hopewell agreed to serve as a soldier as before noted and that he engaged to serve as a soldier by enlistment "for the war" or for the space of ___ years. That said John Hopewell before his decease was a pensioner of the United States and was placed on the pension list Agency of the State of Kentucky and was by a transfer placed on the pension Agency of the State of Indiana before the period of his decease. That declarants does not recollect the County said John Hopewell lived in when he entered the service nor do he the [declarant] know under what officers he served and believes he was in the

Battle of Bunker Hill and served some years


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children his lawful Heirs. That the following all the names of the children of said John Hopewell deceased viz. Nancy who intermarried with Robert Colbert both of whom died in Sullivan County in the State of Indiana leaving several children their lawful heirs – Mary who intermarried with Abraham White of Vermillion County State of Indiana, Polly who intermarried with Henry Williamson both of whom died in Sullivan County Indiana leaving several children their heirs – William Hopewell of Jefferson County State of Kentucky, Samuel Hopewell who died in Jefferson County, Kentucky leaving several children, John Hopewell of Sullivan County Indiana, Henry Hopewell of Owen County Indiana, Lewis Hopewell of Sullivan County Indiana, Rebecca who intermarried with Joel James of Jackson County Indiana, Theadotia Catia who intermarried with Nathaniel Smith both of whom died in the County of __ state of __ leaving five daughters their heirs at law and that the said soldier John Hopewell died intestate in Sullivan County Indiana on the 6th of August in the year 1826 and that the testator Henry Hopewell before named is the identical Henry Hopewell named as one of the heirs children of said John Hopewell deceased and that Henry Hopewell and __ the aforesaid testator are respectable persons and entitled

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[power of attorney shown by split image which I have not attempted to transcribe. The power of attorney was executed on February 9, 1846 by Henry Hopewell

Henry Hopewell 

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