

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of James Hawkins S37991

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At a Court of Monthly Session held for Fluvanna County on monday the 26th day of July 1819. This day James Hawkins resident of this County aged about fifty six years personally appeared in Court and made the following declaration on oath. That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or one thousand seven hundred and eighty that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Bohanan [sic: Ambrose Bohannan] of the [blank] Regiment commanded by Colonel Haws [sic: Samuel Hawes] of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment that he served as a Soldier aforesaid two years and quit the service in consequence of being discharged, which discharge is lost or mislaid. that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support, which fact as respects said service was supported by the testimony of John Maddox [pension application S38183]. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the said James Hawkins served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common Enemy for the Term of two years aforesaid and that he is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and has therefore a just claim to a Pension in the manner prescribed by and 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” the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

State of Virginia }
Fluvanna County to wit } On the twenty fourth day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County proceeding according to the course of the common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount keeping a record of its proceedings and expressly made a Court of Record by the Laws of the said state James Hawkins aged about fifty seven years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said James Hawkins enlisted for the Term of two years on the [blank] day of [blank] in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or one thousand seven hundred and eighty in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Capt. Bohanan in the regiment commanded by Colonel Haws in the line of the State of Virginia on the continental establishment that he continued to serve until [blank] when he was discharged from the said service in [blank] in the state of Virginia which discharge is lost or mislaid. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the testimony of John Maddox who has heretofor given his testimony and Major Elias Langham [S41747]. Whereupon the said Elias Langhorn being sworn saith that he was well acquainted with the said James Hawkins as a Soldier in the Revolutionary War in the first regiment of Artillery of the Virginia line on the continental establishment that being a coloured man he was taken as a waiter to Major Chrogham [sic: William Croghan] that the length of time he served as a soldier as aforesaid he does not know but by reference to the Land Office of Richmond he finds that a warrant issued to said Hawkins for one hundred acres of Land Numbered one thousand nine hundred and twenty five dated twenty first day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty three in consideration of his service for three years as a private in the Virginia line on the continental establishment that he knows the said James Hawkins the present applicant is the same James Hawkins who he knew in the service as aforesaid the said Major Elias Langham further states that he himself served as a Lieutenant in the first regiment of the Artillery in the Virginia line on the continental establishment. And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish

it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 to wit one pot one skillet Two axes two hoes and one drawing knife. The said declarant further states that he is by occupation a common labourer which he is illy able to pursue by reason of age and infirmity and by reason of his having had the misfortune to have one of his legs broken three times which occasioned it to be very crooked and considerably shorter than the other – and that he has no family

James Hawkins

NOTE: On the pension certificate is written, “Died 21 Jany 1824.”