

EMANUEL COUNTY. On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty Eight, personally appeared in Open Court, being the Superior Court in and for the County of Emanuel aforesaid and a Court of Record made Such by the Judiciary Act of Georgia passed the sixteenth day of February seventeen hundred and ninety nine, which said Superior Court proceeds according to the Common Laws with a Jurisdiction instituted in amount and the highest court known to the laws and Constitution of Georgia, Keeping a record of its proceedings and has the power to fine and Imprison with unlimited Jurisdiction be (both?) civil and criminal, WILLIAM HOOKS, a resident in said County, 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 provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the Eighteenth of March Eighteen hundred and Twenty, that he, the said WILLIAM HOOKS Enlisted for the Term of one year first and at the Expiration thereof, he, the said WILLIAM HOOKS, enlisted again with the same Company for the term of three years Longer, the day and years of his enlistments he Cannot recollect in the State of Maryland in the Company Commanded by Captain Abraham Kilpatrick in the regiment commanded by Colonel John Neville in the line of the State of Virginia on the Southern Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until a short time before the fall and Surrender of Charlestown in the State of South Carolina, when he was discharged from the service in the City of Charleston aforesaid, in the State of South Carolina, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension Except the present, that his Name is not on the roll of any State Except the State of Georgia and that the following are the reasons for his not making earlier application for a pension: first that the ... (next page) ... Said WILLIAM HOOKS was living in an obscure part of Georgia and a very ignorant and illiterate (sic) man, and so soon as he learnt that a pension could be obtained, he tried to get one and did not apply previous to eighteen hundred and twenty five when he found a person who wrote a declaration for him and had sworn to it and sent it on to the war department of the united States, but it was returned as being informal and that he has not been able to get a person since who could and would draft for him a declaration and in pursuance of the Act of the first May eighteen hundred and twenty, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the united States on the eighteenth day of March in the Year Eighteen hundred and eighteen, 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 Eighteenth day of March Eighteen hundred and Eighteen, 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, may incur, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed .. and and (sic) I do further swear that my occupation or trade is that of a shoe maker, but my eyesight has so failed me as not to allow me to pursue my trade, and I have a wife named ABCILLA HOOKS, who is sixty one years of age, and unable to contribute to her support, and I and my wife are living with one of my sons who has to support me and my wife, and I have not sold or disposed of any of my property since the Eighteenth day of March Eighteen hundred and eighteen.

WILLIAM (his X mark) HOOKS

Sworn to and declared, on the sixteenth day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and twenty eighth, in Open Court before me.

WILLIAM SCHLEY, Judge, Middle Dist. Georgia.

A SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY OF WILLIAM HOOKS

One mare worth about Sixty dollars, half dozen Knives and forks fifty cents, four setting chairs one dollar, one bread tray twenty five cents, two pails fifty cents, two piggins (pig pens?) twenty five cents, two tubs (sic) one dollar, one cow and calf eight dollars, making in all the sum of seventy one dollars and fifty cents.

WILLIAM (his X mark) HOOKS

WM. SCHLEY, Judge

M.D., Ga. (Middle District, Georgia).

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act, entitled, "An Act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution", approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I, WILLIAM HOOKS of the County of Emanuel in the State of Georgia, Do solemnly Swear that I was a soldier in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution under Abraham Kilpatrick, Capt., in the eighth Virginia Regiment Commanded by Abraham Bowman, that afterwards I was attached to the fourth Virginia Regiment commanded by John Nevil [Neville], that I was then attached to the second Virginia Regiment in the company commanded by Abraham Kilpatrick, John Nevil [Neville], Colonel, that I was discharged at Charlestown, the company then commanded by James Curry, about two weeks before the surrender of that place by Gen. Lincoln. I afterwards was in the militia at Gates's defeat; on my retreat from there, I was taken prisoner by the Tories who robed [robbed] me of my discharge.

WILLIAM (his X mark) HOOKS

Sworn to before me this 26th day of November, 1830.

J. L. RAIFORD, J. P.

[\[SUPERIMPOSED Notes: – NO. 38035 – NOT ALLOWED ACT 1828\]](#)

Before me, John L. Raiford, a Justice of the Peace in the County of Emanuel in the State of Georgia, personally came this day SEVEREN WALEA and BENJAMIN SHEVARD, of the said county, who did severally make oath that WILLIAM HOOKS, by whom the foregoing oath was made, is generally reputed and believed to have been a soldier in the Army of the Revolution, in manner therein stated.

SEVEREN WALEA

BENJ. SHEVARD

Sworn to before me, this 26th November, 1830.

J. L. RAIFORD, J.P.

I, ROBERT HIGDON, Deputy Clerk of the Superior Court of the County of Emanuel in the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that JOHN L. RAIFORD before whom the foregoing affidavits were sworn, was at the time acting as Justice of the Peace and duly empowered to administer oaths –

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court, this twenty seventh day of November in the year eighteen hundred and thirty.

ROBERT HIGDON, Dep. Clk. (Seal)

I, JOHN CHASON, Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County of Emanuel in the State of Georgia, do hereby certify it appears to the Satisfaction of the Court, that the said WILLIAM HOOKS did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceeding (sic) declaration against the common Enemy for the Term of nine months under one engagement, on the Continental establishment. I also certify, that the foregoing oath and the schedule thereto annexed are truly copied from the records of the said Court, and I do further certify, that it is the opinion of said Court, that the total amount, in value of the property exhibited (sic) in the aforesaid Schedule, is seventy one dollars and fifty cents.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private Seal thus not being any seal of office, on this Eighteenth day of October Eighteen hundred and Twenty eight.

JOHN CHASON, Clerk, S.C. (Seal)

Another "stray" page, which appears to be an unsigned letter written on behalf of William Hooks:

EMANUEL COUNTY, GEORGIA Nov. 26th, 1830

By the letter of instructions sent by the department to Mr. Hooks it says- "Each officer claiming under the Act will transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury a declaration according to the forms hereunto annexed, marked A, and each non-commissioned officer, musician and Private according to the form marked B."

The form A is all that was received. If the statement sent is not such as the department will not receive (for each of form) you will please allow Mr. Hooks a chance by sending blank form B ---

Next is a typewritten letter, dated July 8, 1924, from Ruth Blair, Secretary, Department of Archives and History, State of Georgia, Lucian Lamar Knight, State Historian and Director, Atlanta, Ga., as follows:

Mrs. P. A. Spence,

Wytheville, Va.

Dear Mrs. Spence:

Yours of the 2nd instant addressed to our State Librarian and referred to this Department.

I have examined Georgia's Roster of the Revolution and our three volumes of Revolutionary records, and I find only one mention of William Hooks. This shows him to have been a resident of Emanuel County, Georgia, and a Revolutionary pensioner in 1835.** If you will write to the Pension Department, Washington, D.C., you will be able to get not only a full report of his Revolutionary service but data concerning his family as well, for instance the names of his children, wife, etcetera (sic).

Assuring you of our pleasure in being of service, I am

Yours truly yours,
(Signed) Ruth Blair,
Secretary.

Next is a typewritten letter, dated August 9, 1924, signed by the Acting Commissioner of Pensions. It reads this way:

Mrs. P. A. Spence

Wytheville,

Va.

Madam:

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S. 38035, it appears that William Hooks enlisted in the State of Maryland (date not stated) and served as a private in Captain Abraham Kirkpatrick's [sic, Kilpatrick's] Company, Colonel Abraham Bowman's Virginia Regiment and in Captain James Curry's Company, Colonel John Neville's Virginia Regiment and was discharged about two weeks before the surrender of Charleston, South Carolina, having served four years.

He afterwards served in the Militia (officers not stated) at the Battle of Gates' Defeat, and on the retreat was captured by the Tories and robbed of his discharge.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1828, while a resident of Emanuel County, Georgia, aged seventy-two years.

In 1828, soldier referred to his wife, Abcilla aged sixty-one years, were living one of my sons, and a son whose name and age are not stated, and there is/are no further family data on file. (The words "is", and "on file" are stricken.

Respectfully,
(No Signature or Name),
Acting Commissioner