

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hoskins S38044

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Virginia, County of Pittsylvania Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County of Pittsylvania aforesaid Thomas Hoskins resident in the said County aged Seventy-five 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 May 1820. That he the said Thomas Hoskins enlisted for the term of two years Shortly after the Commencement of the Revolutionary war (the precise time not now recollected) in the County of Lunenburg and State of Virginia in a company commanded by Captain afterwards Major James Johnson in the Sixth Regiment commanded by Colonel Buckner [Mordecai Buckner] and afterwards by Colonel Hendricks [Lieutenant Colonel James Hendricks] in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of the time for which he enlisted when he was discharged at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania. 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 Virginia and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension; until lately he was enabled by his labor to procure a subsistence for himself and wife and he was unwilling to become a Pensioner of the Government whilst his health and strength enable him to live Comfortably. That the only material change in his property since the 18th of March 1818 is, that at, and subsequent to that time he was possessed of a tract of land lying in the County of Pittsylvania, that he was indebted by Judgments to David Pannill in the sum of four hundred dollars or thereabout who sued out against him a *Capias ad Satisfaciendum* by virtue of which he was about to be put in Jail and he was compelled to surrender his land to procure his release, that the land was sold by the Sheriff of Pittsylvania and did not sail for enough to pay the said debt and costs. –

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, the said Thomas Hoskins moreover made the following oath, 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, to wit,

2 Beds containing about 40 lbs feathers (both), 1 pot, 1 oven, 1 cast iron tea kettle, 4 knives, 4 forks, 4 plates, 1 Dish, 1 coffee pot, 3 or 4 Cups & saucers, 1 ax, 1 hoe, 4 chairs, 1 table, 1 box, 1 looking glass and a few Fowls.

That my wife is the only member of my family, that my occupation has been that of a Waggoner, but from age and unable longer to pursue that calling.

S/ Tho. Hoskins

[The court valued the property as listed in the schedule as not exceeding \$30.]

At a Court continued & held for the County of Pittsylvania aforesaid the 18th day of March 1829, Thomas Hoskins who came into court on the 17th day of September 1827 and made a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. This day came again into Court and being duly sworn did in addition to his said former declaration make the following. That his enlistment referred to in his said declaration was to the best of his recollection in the year 1777 and that he was in the battles of the White Plains [October 28, 1776] & Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. The said Thomas Hoskins moreover made oath that he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property Securities, Contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than, two beds & furniture, one small pine cupboard, one poll ax, one hilling hoe, one small pine table, four sitting chairs, one spinning wheel, one pair cards, one tea kettle, one pot, one skillet & one Dutch oven, all very indifferent, six earthen plates, one dish, three bowls, two glass tumblers, four old pewter spoons, one pine box, one looking glass, two or three old knives & forks, one washing to of, 2 piggins, one looking glass, one S ad Iron, one water can, one coffee pot, one bread tray, one tin sugar dish, one tin pepper box and one shovel.

[The above is acknowledged by the clerk of court by certificate dated January 5, 1830 in which the clerk states that the value of the property exhibited did not exceed \$30.]

[Facts in file: a note in the file indicates that the veteran died February 11, 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 11th, 1830, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]