

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hopper Ward S38457

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Transcribed by Will Graves

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

At a Superior Court of Law continued and held for Fluvanna County [Virginia] on Wednesday the 27th day of May in the year 1818

This day Hopper Ward aged sixty-three years resident of said County 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 on or about the __ day of __ 1777, that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Samuel Woodson in the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews and of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment, that he served as a soldier aforesaid two years and then entered for during the War, and was then taken prisoner at Charleston [May 12, 1780] and got no discharge, that he is in reduced circumstances and needs the aid of his Country for support which fact aforesaid as respects said service was supported by the testimony of William Denton¹ a witness sworn in open Court. And it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that said Hopper Ward served in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid against the common enemy for at least the term of two years and upwards, 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 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", the same is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War
[attested by John Timberlake, Jr., clerk]

State of Virginia Fluvanna County to wit: on the 29th day of August 1820 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 Law of said State, Hopper Ward aged 65 years resident in said County who being first duly sworn, according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he entered the service of the United States as a private Soldier in the War of the revolution on or about the __ day of __ 1777; that he belonged to a Company commanded by Captain Samuel Woodson in the 9th Regiment commanded by Colonel Mathews, and of the Virginia line, on the Continental establishment, that he served as a Soldier aforesaid for two years and then entered for during the war and was then taken prisoner at Charleston & got no discharge. 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, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to

¹ FPA S39431

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 & by me subscribed to wit; one table, one safe, 8 pewter plates, one pewter dish, one pewter basin, half dozen cups & saucers, one salt stand, one pepper box, one glass tumbler, 3 Black bottles, 2 mugs, 2 ticklers, 2 water pails, one pine chest, one other pewter dish, one spinning wheel, one meal sifter, one coffee pot, one tray, one jug, 3 case knives & forks, one pot & pot hooks, 3 hoes, one Dutch oven & 4 pewter spoons. The said declarant further states that he is by occupation a common laborer, which he is illy able to pursue by reason of age and in consequence of being afflicted with the Rheumatism – That his family consists of a Wife aged about fifty-two years, who is also much afflicted with the Rheumatism, Also a son who has had his back broken for at least 5 years who are capable but in a very small degree of contributing to their support, this declarant further states that the number of the Original Certificate is 15911

S/ Hopper Ward, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 29th day of August 1820 before me John H Cocke presiding Justice of the said court.

S/ John H. Cocke

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 27, 1818 for two-year service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[Note: Leon Harris points out that Hooper Ward gave an affidavit in support of John Bradshaw's (S15760) application for a pension in which Ward gives a more detailed description of his own services than he gave in his application. Leon's transcription of Bradshaw's application was posted in this database 1/2/12.]

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Addendum to Hopper Ward S38457

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. 28 Dec 2022.

[From [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#).]

The memorial of Hopper Ward a Soldier of the Revolution praying, that all bounty lands, scrip, or other pay which may be due him for services rendered in the War of the Revolution be promptly granted

This memorialist represents that in the early part of the war, he enlisted in the Continental Virginia line, under Capt Samuel Woodson for two years and was attached to the 9th Regiment commanded by Col Fleming [Thomas Fleming BLWt409-400], that he was marched to the eastern shore of Virginia, where he thinks both the above named officers resigned and came home, at any rate, he was then put under the command of Capt. Nathaniel Morris [Nathaniel G Morris S36178] in Col. or General Matthews's [George Mathews VAS520] Regiment or [undeciphered] Still as well as he recollects the 9th and was marched to Philadelphia and various other places in the northern States. This memorialist was then detailed to nurse and attend the sick at Morris Town [Morristown] N. J. where he remain in that capacity for two or three months, during which time the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] was faught; in which battle col or Gen'l Matthews and the residue of the companions were nearly all taken prisoners by the British. Shortly after that battle, this memorialist joined the army at Valley forge where it took of winter quarters, he was then attached as well as he recollects to the 5th Regiment, but cannot remember by whom commanded. he remained at Valley Forge until the expiration of his enlistment as above stated, and was there discharged – he then returned home to the County of Goochland, where he remained but a short time before he enlisted under Joseph Payne [W18693] a recruiting officer, for the balance of the war. he was then ordered to Williamsburg where he was attached to Captain Mennis's [sic: Minnis] company, and marched through North Carolina to Charleston in South Carolina, at which place he joined Gen'l [Benjamin] Lincoln, who was shortly after besieged by the British. The seage continued several weeks, but Gen'l. Lincoln finding it useless to hold out longer, was compeled with his whole army to capitulate to the British Commander [12 May 1780]. From that time this memorialist remained prisoner until the close of the war; having served altogether as well as he recollects about seven years; counting up to the end of the war.

This memorialist is under the impression that he was under the command of Col Parker [Richard Parker BLWt525-500], during the siege of Charleston, but cannot be positive, that officer was shot on the ramparts and fell in a few feet of this memorialist – he thinks he received discharges, but they were either lost or mislaid; He knows of no person now living who served with him, he is now eighty three years of age, resides in the County of Fluvanna and has resided there for the space of twenty seven years & previous thereto he resided in the County of Goochland. On his first enlistment he was promised 200 acres of land (as well as he recolelcts) besides other bounty – on his last 300 acres. none of which has ever been received by him. He is now receiving from the U.S. a pension of \$90 per annum under the law of Congress of the 18th March 1818. He hopes that full justice will be done him, & prays that the pay, either in land, scrip or money, which may be due him for services rendered as aforesaid, be paid over to his friend John L Winn, who is hereby constituted and appointed his lawful attorney to apply for and receive the same, and to present and execute the necessary and proper receipts therefor. Given under my hand & seal this 16th day of March 1837.

Hopper hisXmark Ward

Fluvanna County To wit. George Holeman a resident of the County aforesaid, but formerly of the County of Goochland now aged seventy one years; This day [8 Dec 1837] personally appeared before me John Winn a Justice of the peace for the said County of Fluvanna and made Oath, That he has known the above named Hopper Ward for the space of about fifty years. That he always understood the said Ward enlisted and served in Capt. Woodsons Company as he states in the foregoing memorial. That a brother of his, William Holeman, was an Ensign in the same company and died in service, That after the said Ward

had served out the two years to the north as he states, he understood he next enlisted for the southern campaign and marched with Capt. Minnis, a relation of this affiants to Charleston SC where he was taken prisoner, That from his intimate acquaintance with said Ward, ever since the War, and the incidents he relates, he fully believes he was a Soldier of the revolution, and served as he stated, and that he has always been reputed and believed, both in Goochland and this County (Fluvanna) where he at present resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution.

[signed] Geo. Holeman