

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hook (Hooke) S39713

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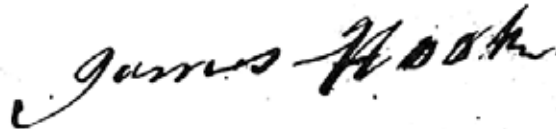
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Pennsylvania Green County: SS

Before me one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid, personally appeared James Hook who upon his solemn oath, & affirmation depose & saith, That in the fall seventy-six he was appointed a Captain in the Regiment raised by Colonel Crawford [William Crawford ?] the 13th Virginia Regiment, that he served on the Western frontier until the summer of 77 when he was ordered to head quarters (at Trenton) where the Command of the Regiment [indecipherable word]¹ on Colonel Russell [William Russell], that he was in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] & Germantown [October 4, 1777], that he served in the Revolutionary War from November 1776 till June 1778 – at which time he left the service by the consent of his commanding Officer (Colonel Broadhead) [Daniel Brodhead] this deponent further saith: that he is old & poor & needs the aid of his Country for his support. Sworn & subscribed before me the 5th day of October A.D. 1818

S/ David Gray

S/ James Hook



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Green County: SS

Before me personally came James Seals Esquire who being duly sworn doth depose & say that in October 1776 Captain James Hook was a Captain enlisting men for the service of the United States in what is now Green County, that when he raised his Company he marched to Wheeling Fort, from thence as I understood, he was ordered to the eastward; He did not return home from the Eastward until the summer of 1778 – further this deponent saith not.

Sworn & subscribed before me September 20th, 1819

S/ David Gray

S/ James Seals²

¹  [the attempt to spell "descended" ?]

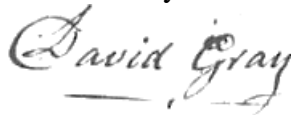
² FPA W3117



I David Gray one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Greene in the State of Pennsylvania do Certify to all whom it may concern that from my own personal knowledge I knew James Hook when he got his appointment as a Captain in the service of our country in the month of October 1776 and saw him enlisting several of the men of which his Company was composed of that Captain Hook was stationed with his Company in the spring of the year 1777 at a frontier Fort called Jackson's Fort on ten mile Creek now Greene County, that he marched with his Company in the summer of 1777 to Wheeling Fort on the Ohio River and after being at Wheeling sometime was by some orders taken to the eastward and that in the summer say in the month of June 1778 he Captain Hook returned home to his family. I also have known the above deponent's Joseph Gwyne and James Seals nearly forty years and can safely certify that they are both credible man and of good standing in our County and good faith and credit is due to their word much more their oath.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September 1819

S/ David Gray



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Pennsylvania Green County: SS

On this __ day of June 1821 personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas for the County of green in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (being a Court of Record) in open Court James Hook of said County and being duly sworn according to law on his solemn oath did depose and say, that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows, to wit, as a Captain [in] the 13th Virginia Regiment, that he was a Captain on the frontiers in 1775 – but was Commissioned a Captain in the said 13th Virginia Regiment in the summer or fall of the year 1776 and was stationed for some time at Wheeling and guarded some powder at Pittsburgh in the spring of 1777, and under orders to that purpose marched to the State of New Jersey to Head Quarters. He served in the said Regiment under the command of Colonel Crawford till his resignation and afterwards under Colonel Russell who succeeded Crawford was marched back to Pittsburgh in 1778 where he was under the command of Colonel Brodhead until he quit the service in the fall or latter part of the year 1778. I do also 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. I do also swear that to the best of my knowledge I am about seventy-two years of age was formally a farmer and afterwards a merchant by occupation that my family consists of a wife about fifty-six years old that I am very unhealthy and wholly incapable of labor or any kind of business – that I was in the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. I do also 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 resided out of the same and that

all the property, use and claims to which I am entitled are contained in the following schedule which also contains a statement of some among many debts which I owe – My services are stated in my original application under a certificate placing me on the pension List Pennsylvania Agency dated 26th of October 1819 No. 15.657 was granted.

Schedule of the property of James Hook

	<i>on cents</i>
1. Horse 18 years old valued	20.00
1. Cow 16 years old	8.00
a broken Dish	5.00
old Cupboard	5.00
2. broken Kettle	3.00
3. old buckets & a churn	1.50
one axe	1.00
2. pots and bake oven	4.00
1. Tea kettle & pair and iron	5.00
old tong & 2 pot trammels	3.00
3. old candlesticks & 6 old chains	2.50
2. Subs made of cut barrels	.50
Sugar box & 7 plates	1.00
2 basons	.50
a dish 3 saucers & 5 tea cups	0.75
a putter tea pot 20 years old & old adge	0.25
a hammer. Quarts. 4 cups. 2 canisters	1.00
a small box. brush & tin potato reel & wheel	1.50
an old stick to gauge and 2 beds & bedding	25.00
	\$ 88.50

*James Hook owes a judgment to Thomas Slater
Executor of several hundred Dollars – to Elin Williams four
hundred pounds and a number of large debts –*

S/ James Hook

Sworn and subscribed in Open Court this 19th of June 1821

S/ Wm T. Hays, Prothy

Greene County Pennsylvania: SS

Before me David Gray Esquire one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Joseph Gwinn of said County who being duly sworn doth depose and say that the first time he saw Captain James Hook after he entered the service was in August 1777 at a place called Grimes Park in Pennsylvania about 20 miles from Philadelphia at which place he said Captain Hook with his Company attached to the

thirteenth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell marching to meet the enemy at Brandywine. This deponent was ordered off with some sick men of the Regiment to the hospital in Philadelphia in consequence of which he was neither in the Battle of Brandywine or Germantown, but after the Battle of Germantown he saw many of Captain Hooke's men who were his acquaintances & told this deponent that Captain Hook commanded them both in Brandywine & Germantown Battle; further this deponent saith not –

Sworn & subscribed before me September 20, 1819

S/ David Gray

S/ Joseph Gwyne



[Facts in file: Veteran died January 23, 1824; Daniel Hook, son of the veteran, was alive in 1845; there is no other family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing October 4, 1818, for service as a Captain for one year and 6 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

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

[Note: the first 6 pages in this 15 page file are either illegibly faint as posted online or have been posted in split images rendering reading them too difficult to warrant the time and effort to transcribe them—also, from what I can make out of those pages, they are the memorial of the heirs signed by their attorney.]

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Green County in Pennsylvania: Sct.

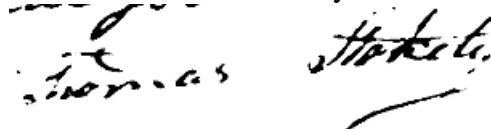
On the 14th day of November in the year 1822, Personally came into open Court of Common Pleas for said County of Green, Thomas Stokely Late a Captain of one of the Ranging Companies, for the Defense of the frontiers of Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh)

And after Being duly sworn Depose and saith that he said deponent, was acquainted with Captain James Hook who was and Officer of the Thirteenth Regiment of Virginia in the Revolutionary War upon the Continental Establishment of the Army of the United States, Raised and Organized in the year 1776 and 1777. And I do verily Believe that the said Captain James Hook Continued to serve in the Continental Line until he was dismissed from Service, said Deponent also well recollects that after the Territorial Dispute between Virginia and Pennsylvania was ended, and Green County was established in the South West corner of Pennsylvania, that said James Hook was duly Elected High Sheriff of said County of Green, as said deponent believes from a sense of the service of said James Hook in the Revolutionary War –

This Deponent being Taken a prisoner by the Indians in August in the year 1781 Below the mouth of great Miami [River] and by the Indians conveyed to Detroit [several words interlined and illegible]. And by them set over Lake Eary [Lake Erie] to Niagary [Niagara], And from there over Lake Ontario And down the Saint Lawrence River to Montréal and Québec, And from thence sent by sea round to New York City, And their Exchanged in January 1783. From

which time to this time said James Hook has been and now is a residentor [sic?] Near to where Waynsburgh [Waynesburg] Seat of Justice of Green now is, And that during this Deponent whole acquaintance the said James Hook had been generally esteemed according to said deponent's Belief as a Good and respectable cizen [citizen]; and as a Gentlemen of real Good caractor [character]

S/ Thomas Stokely³



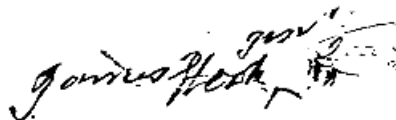
Sworn & subscribed in Open Court this 14th of November 1822
[Name of the attesting magistrate is illegible]

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Pennsylvania Greene County SS

Personally came Captain James Hook aged seventy-three years before me a Justice of the peace in and for said County and on his solemn oath did depose and [say] that he served some years previously to the year 1776 as a Militia Captain in the State of Virginia, that in 1776 he was appointed and commissioned a Captain of the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment, and as soon as he had recruited a company which was done in the same year he was attached to the thirteenth Virginia Regiment – remained with the Regiment until the fall of 1778 at which time agreeably to a General Order Colonel Brodhead was to have gone with his Regiment on to the Western frontier, he being at that time Commandant of the 13th Virginia Regiment, Colonel Brodhead pursued his march westward as far as Fort Pitt where he halted for a while, deponent continued his march westward, where his Family resided, by the entire approbation of Colonel Brodhead, deponent continued in Command on the Western frontier until the close of the war fighting against the common enemy, never was re-attached to the State line after he joined the Continental line in 1776 always considered himself in the Continental Service, deponent was in many skirmishes both in the Eastern part of the continent in the Western, never was in but to General engagements, Brandywine and Germantown.

S/ James Hook, Jr.[? of Sr.]



[Attested in Green County Pennsylvania November 23, 1822.]

Pennsylvania Fayette County

I do Certify that I was acquainted with Captain James Hook of Green County Pennsylvania in the time of the revolutionary war and do know that he was a Captain of the thirteenth Virginia Regiment in the Continental line in the years of 1776, '77 and '78, at what time Captain Hook left the service I do not know but am well convinced that he never was transferred to the state line after he entered the Continental service.

S/ Uriah Springer,⁴
late Captain in the Virginia line

³ [Thomas Stokely W4079](#)

⁴ [Uriah Springer R10017](#)

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26 November 1822