

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hopkins S41650

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James Hopkins aged seventy-one years deposeth and saith – That in the year of our Lord 1775 he enlisted as a private soldier in the first Company of Regular troops in the second Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops – said Company at the time of said enlistment was commanded by Captain George Johnson and said Regiment by Colonel William Woodford – This deponent served as a private soldier in the said company something more than two years, and was then honorably discharged – This deponent enlisted a second time into said Company then under the command of Captain Peyton Harrison, either for the term of two or three years, which of said terms this deponent has forgotten – This deponent was drafted and taken as a Marine on board the Six and twenty Gun Ship called the *Jolly Tar*,¹ then in the naval service of the United States, and commanded by Captain John Harris, before his second term of enlistment expired –

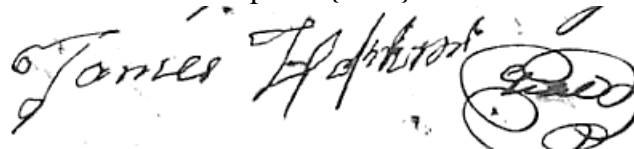
This deponent performed his duty as a Marine on board said ship for about six weeks, when said ship was taken by the British frigate *Jason*² and carried into New York, where this deponent was put on board the prison Ship called the old Jersey and there detained as a prisoner of war till the peace was established. This deponent received a certificate of discharge, after the close of the war, which he sold to some man in Richmond in the State of Virginia – This deponent lost the first discharge which he received as aforesaid during the war – This deponent has no evidence within his power to prove his services aforesaid, except the accompanying deposition signed by William Rhodes who served a part of the war of the Revolution in the same company with this deponent.

This deponent has been a Citizen of the United States ever since the Revolution, and is now a Resident Citizen of Champaign County in the State of Ohio – this deponent has never had any pension allowed him by the United States, and is now in reduced and indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Attest J. R. Parish

April 13th, 1818

S/ James Hopkins {Seal}




¹ <http://www.awiatsea.com/Privateers/J/Jolly%20Tar%20Maryland%20Ship%20%5bHarrison%5d.html>

² The Jason took the Jolly Tar September 28, 1782

William Rhodes aged seventy-three years deposeth and saith, that he enlisted into the first company of Regular troops in the Second Regiment of the Virginia line of Continental troops sometime in the year of our Lord 1775, and that this deponent, served in said company as a private soldier for nearly two years after said enlistment – This deponent further saith that James Hopkins whose deposition has this day been taken before the Honorable Orris Parish, was also a private soldier during all of the time aforesaid, in the Company aforesaid. The aforesaid Company at the time of this deponent's enlistment was commanded by Captain George Johnson, and the Regiment aforesaid was commanded by Colonel William Woodford, and further this deponent saith not.

S/ William Rhodes



[Attested in Champaign County of Ohio April 13, 1818]

State of Ohio Clarke County SS: Clarke Court of Common Pleas of the Term of August in the year of our Lord 1820

On this 15th day of August 1820, personally appeared in open court the same being a court of record expressly made such by the Constitution and Laws of said state, James Hopkins aged seventy-two years resident in said County, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows – That he entered the Service of the United States in the first Company commanded by Captain George Johnston in the second Regiment commanded by Colonel William Woodford in the Virginia line of Continental troops in September 1775 and served in the same Company and Regiment for nearly two years. This declarant afterwards performed other services and served as a Marine on board the Ship called the "Jolly Tar" and was taken by the British Frigate called the "Jason" and carried into New York and detained a prisoner of war on board a British prison ship as stated in his Original declaration of the 13th day of April 1818 to which with the accompanying affidavit of William Rhodes, he refers for further proof of his services – And I the said James Hopkins 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: necessary bedding & clothing excepted

S/ James Hopkins

Schedule	
One Cow and calf worth perhaps	\$15.00
two sheep	5.00
One horse 23 years old	10.00
Due from Andrew Edgar on account	<u>13.00</u>
	\$43.00
Due from Mrs. Isenberger on account	<u>13.50</u>

\$56.50

The declarant has also a note on Andrew and James Bowman for \$60, a very doubtful value, Andrew having left this country and James having no visible property. This declarant is a farmer by occupation but is unable from age and infirmity to perform any labor of consequence, and would be totally unable to support himself by all of the exertions he is capable of if deprived of his pension. He has received a pension Certificate from the War office of the United States dated the 27th day of September 1819 and Numbered 14,923 – he has no family to support

S/ James Hopkins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 13th, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]