

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hawkins S4310

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State of Ohio, County of Washington: SS

On this twenty ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared before Joseph Barker one of the Associate Judges of said County at his Hawkins' own house in Union Township in said County Thomas Hawkins, Aged seventy-four years, next December, who from Rheumatic Pains and other infirmities has been rendered unable to walk or ride any distance for six years past, therefore unable to appear in Open Court, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated,

That in the year 1776 or 1777 when the British had possession of New York an express came to Loudon [Loudoun] County Virginia where I then resided for troops for the service & there was a call for volunteers, I belonging to a Volunteer Company commanded by Captain James Radican, the names of the Lieutenant & Ensign I do not recollect. I volunteered for six months. I had my choice to stand my draft in the Militia for eighteen months or volunteer for six months and marched to the West against the Indians, & I chose the latter, we rendezvoused at Cotocton Meeting house [Catoctin Meeting House?] on the first day of September we then marched under said Captain Radican to Fort Pitt where Colonel Gibson [John Gibson] Commanded, after some short stay we were ordered down the Ohio River to Fort Henry where Wheeling now stands, where the company was stationed as he thinks about three weeks, and then were marched up Wheeling Creek, about six miles to the Forks where there was a Fort called Shepards Fort [Shepherd's Fort], where we remained until our term of service expired which was on the first of March following. We were in no Battle during the six months Tour: but when we were descending the Ohio River to Fort Henry, we stopped at a place called Log Town to cook our breakfast & while doing so, about eighteen men were standing round the fire, when five Indians fired upon them and killed one man & shot another through the wrist, who was sent back to Pittsburgh & joined us no more.

In the latter part of the year 1781, I was drafted from the Militia of Loudoun County Virginia for two months, I joined the Company of Captain Richard Spurr of said County, we joined our Company near Gum Spring Meeting House, the men joining the company promiscuously [?]<sup>1</sup>,--we then marched to Hampton near the Mouth of James River. I do not

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remember our Lieutenant or Ensign but Colonel George West marched with us to Hampton, we were employed in keeping guard and erecting the fortifications until Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781], we were then ordered to guard the British Prisoners to Fredericktown in Maryland, we went with them as far as Noland's Ferry, where I was dismissed & returned home, I believe I served more than two months, but I cannot remember particulars, I never had a discharge, was always dismissed by word-of-mouth. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, he thinks he has two half-brothers in Virginia and a brother-in-law in Ohio who were in the service with him, but knows not particularly where they reside.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State, but says that his name was inscribed on the pension roll of the agency of Ohio, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1821, but was stricken off on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November the same year.<sup>2</sup>

S/ Thomas Hawkins, X his Mark

Attest

Joseph Barker

Isaac French

Question Where were you born

Answer I was born in Charles County Maryland in the year 58 – he has no record of his Age.

Question Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War

Answer. I lived in Loudoun County Virginia several years I then removed to Monongahela County, from thence to Wood County, where I resided about twenty years then came to the State of Ohio Washington County where I have since and now reside for the last 7 years.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution, Answer. There being no clergyman residing in the Township, he states the names of John Hawkins, \_\_\_\_\_ who can testify as to his age and their belief of his revolutionary services

[John Hawkins and Isaac French gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]

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<sup>2</sup> No earlier application for a pension is included among the documentation in this file