

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joseph Hawkins S4322

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State of Tennessee, Jackson County

On this 1st day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court Before the Circuit Court for the County of Jackson now siting in the town of Gainesboroug [sic] Joseph Hawkins a Resident of the County of Jackson State of Tennessee aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on is oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as Herein stated. In the year 1781 there was a call for men to go against the Cherokee Indians applicant volunteered as a private soldier under Captain James McFarland. This Regiment was commanded by ~~Major White~~ Colo. McDowell and served this tour of two months was discharge and Returned Home to His Father's Residence in Burk [sic, Burke] County North Carolina where he then Resided with His Father. There was after His Return Home another call for men to go against the Tories and British. Applicant volunteered under his Former Captain McFarland under the command of Major White and His Former Colo. McDowell. Believes this was August or the first part of September 1781. General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] was our general. I marched from Burke County near the Court House to a widow Ward's about Eight miles distant from Sherrels Ford [sic, Sherrill's Ford]¹ on the Catawba River where the Regiment Rendezvoused, we was then marched to Wilmington North Carolina and Kept about their until the place was Evacuated by the British, we was then marched and encamped near the town we had some fighting with the Enemy's picket guard and the Tories, But nothing like a general engagement. While lying and watching about one of our men was Killed in one of our skirmishes and I understood from a Deserter that came

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/sherrills-fd.htm>

in to us that we Had Killed seven of the British in our skirmishes in the swamps and about Bluford's Bridge. I enlisted for three months But served four months this tour. I was discharged by Colonel McDowell cannot with certainty state the time But know it was soon after we Heard that Cornwallis was taken there was another call for men to go against the Indians. I volunteered again under Captain Nicholas Hale am not certain But Believe Colonel Sevias [sic, Sevier?] Commanded the Regiment we Rendezvoused on the North of Holston River and was kept about there until a peace was made with the Indians was then discharged and I went home was out this tour two months as well as I now Recollect.

There was another call for men to go against the Indians again and I substituted in the place of Hugh Woods who was Drafted we Rendezvoused at what was called the Head of Catawba River under Colonel Joseph McDowell and marched to the Cherokee Nation Believes it was upon the waters of Tennessee River or Hiwassee [River] we had no general engagement with the Indians when we could find them our orders was to pursue and destroyed them in this way we killed some Indians by shooting at them while in pursuit after them and destroyed some of their Towns, Cannot say with certainty the length of time I served this tour before I was discharged by Colonel McDowell we had to wait some time at the place of rendezvous for the men to collect before we was marched from that place and the great distance we had to March and that in a wilderness mountainous Country am satisfied I served two months this tour. In all I served 10 months. Applicant has no Documentary Evidence to show his service, not knowing that they would be of any use to him his discharges have long been lost and he knows of no person whose Testimony He can procure who can testify to his service.

He Hereby Relinquishes Every claim 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.

Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department

1 Where and in what year were you Born.

Answer. My parents informed me that I was Born in the State of Maryland in about seven miles of Baltimore in the year 1765 on the 7th day of June.

2nd I have the Record of my age in my Bible at Home taken from my Father's Record out of His Bible.

3rd I Resided in Burke County North Carolina where I first Enlisted in the service of the United States, lived with my Father was young But By leave and Encouragement of my Father went to fight for my Country. I continued to live with my Father after the war was over until I got Married then continued to Reside in Burke County North Carolina until the year 1806. I then moved and settled in Jackson County Tennessee where I now Reside.

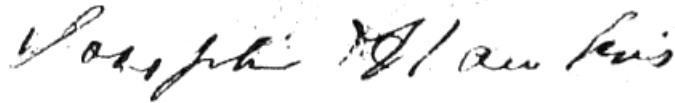
4th I went as a volunteer to serve the three first tours of Duty. I went as a substitute in the place of Hugh Woods to serve the fourth tour

5th Colonel McDowell was my Col. And General Rutherford by General the tours I served about Wilmington I was under Colonel McDowell Every time I was in service.

6th did my discharge was given me by Colonel McDowell not knowing they would be of any use to me took no care of them there is an impression on my mind that I left them as useless papers with Fedvick [?] Stiff in Burke County North Carolina and have wrote to him on that subject But can get no information and am satisfied they have been long since lost.

7th Jobe Morgan Esqr. William Gray Esqr and John Loftis is my neighbors in Jackson County and Colonel Henry McKinney not far from me in Overton County all within my present neighborhood and well acquainted with me can testify as to my veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ Joseph Hawkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Hawkins". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James T. Quales, Clerk

[Jonas Griffith, a clergyman, and William Gray gave the standard supporting affidavit. Gray also gave an affidavit that he had heard John Stafford, a revolutionary soldier, say that applicant served in the Revolutionary War and was in the army at the same time as Stafford.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]