

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joseph Hackney S6973
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State of North Carolina, Chatham County: Superior Court of Law Fall Term A.D. 1832

On this 19th day of September A.D. 1832 Joseph Hackney he personally appeared in open Court for the Honorable the Judge of said Court now sitting, Joseph Hackney aged 80 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

That when the General Assembly were sitting in Halifax he thinks it was in the Year 1777 he received a commission as Captain in the N. C. militia which was sent to him by Col. Long of Halifax by Captain Denton who also brought a detachment of about 30 Men with instructions to take Colonel John Pyle Senior, Colonel John Pyle Jr. and Colonel Samuel Dark, in pursuance of his order he marched to the residence of Colonel John Pyle Sr. [could be Jr.] and captured him, he gave him up to Captain Denton who carried him to Halifax, he was employed in this service 11 days, he does not recollect by whom his commission was signed and has long since lost the same.

He was in no active service after the above transaction of which he can give any accurate definition until sometime in the year 1778 when a commission as Lieutenant was given him by Captain Roper [could be Rosser], he cannot recollect by whom it was signed and has long since lost the same, he joined Captain Roper's [could be Rosser's] Company of N. C. Mounted Militia at Pittsboro in Chatham County in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Griffis, he was employed with the troops in the Counties of Chatham, Moore, Randolph & Orange in subduing the Tories and guarding the Courts of Justice, after having served three months he was discharged at Pittsboro and if he ever received a written discharge but it is lost.

In a short time after his discharge as aforesaid he thinks in the same date [sic, year?] he volunteered his services in Captain Roper's Company as Lieutenant and marched into Moore & the adjoining counties operating against the Tories who under the Command of Colonel Fanning [David Fanning] had been quite formidable, he has no recollection of the time place or manner of his discharge, but has no [doubt] but what he served three months. He further states that in the year 1780 he Volunteered his services in the Mounted Militia and Joined the Company of Captain John Jones of Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham County at which place there was several other companies rendezvoused under the command of Captains Richardson, Cage Dark and others the Regiment was under the Command of Colonel Luttrell he Acted as Lieutenant in Captain Jones' Company and was engaged in

operations against the Tories in Chatham and the adjoining counties, he served six months under Captain Jones in the Capacity of Lieutenant and was discharged at the Barracks he thinks his discharge was signed by Captain Jones which is now lost, he does not recollect whether he acted on the authority of his former commission or without one altogether, when he was discharged he drew the pay of a Lieutenant, he does not recollect by whom he was discharged.

On Christmas Day 1780 he received a commission as Captain in the N. C. militia it was handed to him by Col. Luttrell but he does not recollect by whom it was signed he took the command of a Company in Colonel Luttrell's Regiment at the Barracks in Chatham County, Henry Underwood was his Lieutenant and William Pearce his Ensign, in the last of January 1781 Colonel Luttrell marched Southwardly with all his Regiment except the Command of this deponent who were left at the Barracks to guard the same and the artifices who were there and such prisoners as were occasionally placed in his charge, he continued in this Command until the 19th of February in 1781 when himself and the whole of his company were made prisoners by a body of Tories under the Command of Colonel Pyle, he was immediately taken to Hillsboro and thrown into prison and placed in Irons on the 27th of the same month, he was paroled by Major Campbell but instead of paroling him as Captain they acted under the impression that he was a Major and paroled him as such whereupon he returned to his home in Chatham County where he remained until the 25th of July 1781 when he was exchanged for a Major Dugan as he was informed. He further states that on the first day of August 1781 he Volunteered his services as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina Mounted Militia and joined the company of Captain Joseph Roper [Rosser?] at Pittsboro and joined the company at Pittsboro and served a three months Tour of duty in scouring the County of Chatham and those adjacent thereto in search of Tories, in this expedition they killed a celebrated Tory Captain Walker in Moore County, he was discharged at Pittsboro his discharge was written and handed to him by his Captain but is unable to say by whom it was signed and has long since lost the same is now lost.

In a very short time after his discharge as aforesaid he Volunteered his services and was appointed a commissary in the Regiment of N. C. militia under the Command of Colonel Griffis and acted principally for the company commanded by Captain Tavner Marsh, he was discharged in Chatham County after having served three months he has no recollection that he received a written discharge upon this occasion. He further states that he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove the particulars of his service.

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 or Territory in the Union.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Hackney, X his mark

[George Gee and Nathan Stedman, both residents of Chatham County give the standards certification in support of the application.]

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State of North Carolina Chatham County: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Joseph Hackney who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

For two months and thirteen days I served as a Captain for fifteen months I served as a Lieutenant for three months I served as a Commissary in the War of the Revolution in the North Carolina Militia and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of June A.D. 1833

S/ A. G. Hinton, JP

S/ Joseph Hackney, H his mark

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

Personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Bias Rodgers¹ aged 78 years who after being duly sworn according to Law Deposeh and saith that during the War of the Revolution he resided in Chatham County and was well acquainted with Joseph Hackney of said County that he frequently mustered under said Hackney who was acting as a Captain in the Militia at that time that he understood and believes that Captain acting was often in actual service in the War of the Revolution Yet this deponent was never in the service with him.

S/ Bias Rodgers, B his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of June 1833.

S/ John Lasater, JP

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 13th day of August in the Year of our Board 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Abner Lasater² aged 79 years and upwards who after being duly sworn according to Law deposeh and saith that during the war of the Revolution he was a soldier and recollects distinctly that Joseph Hackney who is now present was acting as an officer in the war he thinks as a Lieutenant he was a short time under the command of him in Chatham County and went under his command to Hillsboro to take prisoners and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Abner Lasater, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date above written.

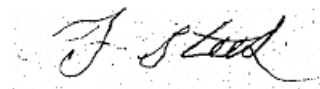
S/ Jno. T. Brooks, JP

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 17th day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Thomas Steel³ aged 70 years and upwards who after being duly sworn according to law deposeh & saith that he was well acquainted with Joseph Hackney who is now present that he is confident that he was an active and zealous Whig during the War of the Revolution that he often saw him in the actual service in Chatham and Orange Counties acting and officiating as an officer he understood and believes as a Lieutenant and further this Deponent saith not.

S/ T. Steel

S/ C. Lutterloh, JP



State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate in said County John Fooshee⁴ who after being duly sworn according to Law deposeh and saith that during the war of the Revolution he resided in Chatham County and was frequently in the service that he was well acquainted with Joseph Hackney that he saw him performing the duties of a Captain at Luttrell's Barracks that he served for three months as a commissary in a company of Militia in which this deponent was Lieutenant and Tavner Marsh Captain he understood and believes that Captain Hackney was an active and zealous Whig and he frequently saw him in the service and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Fooshee, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

¹ Sic, [Bias Rogers R8960](#)

² [Abner Lasater \(Lassiter\) S7134](#)

³ [Thomas Steel S7603](#)

⁴ [John Fooshee S8511](#)

S/ Jacob Hadley, JP

State of North Carolina, Chatham County

On this 24th day of August A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Magistrate for the County aforesaid John Dorsett aged 72 years and upwards, who after being duly sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that in the winter of 1780 he was a Soldier on duty at Luttrell's Barracks in Chatham County that he recollects distinctly that Joseph Hackney of the County and State aforesaid was at the same Station acting and officiating as a Captain he recollects that when Colonel Luttrell marched Southwardly, Captain Hackney was left with some troops to defend the Barracks he recollects that Captain Hackney was acting for some months as a Lieutenant before he was stationed at the Barracks either in the Company of Captain Jones or Captain Cage. This deponent remembers well that said Joseph Hackney was considered an active and zealous Whig during the war and since that time he had sustained a fair and unimpeachable character this deponent was well acquainted with him during the War and & be and further this deponent saith not.

S/ John Dorsett, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date above written.

S/ A. Fleming, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$248 33 per annum commencing March 4th 1831, Fort 15 months service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia and 2 months 13 days service as a Captain in the North Carolina militia.]