

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hopson S7004

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1837

On this the 26th day of May 1837 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting William Hopson, a resident citizen of the aforesaid County in the 83rd year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

1. This Declarant sets forth upon his said oath, that on or about the first day of May 1780 he was drafted for a three months Tour of duty in the militia in the United States Service and as private was attached to a Company of Dragoons of which Mark Patterson was Captain.

Rendezvoused in the Town of Hillsboro in the County aforesaid where we were joined by other Companies of militia. From the Town of Hillsboro we were marched to the South, crossed Haw River at Clark's Ford – thence to Pittsboro, thence to Cross Creek (where Fayetteville now stands) thence to Grassy Island on Pedee [River] – where we were stationed some time – thence to Drowning Creek – thence some distance towards Georgetown in South Carolina. At Drowning Creek we were stationed some weeks. After we returned to Cross Creek, we were discharged by Captain Patterson and returned home. This tour this Declarant proves by John Dolley¹ whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

2. This Declarant further states upon his said oath, that sometime in the spring of the next year, to wit, 1781, and about the 20th of April, he was again drafted into the Service of the United States, for a three months Tour of duty in the militia, and as private of Dragoons was attached to the Company of Dragoons, under the command of Captain Benjamin Herndon, Zachariah Herndon Lieutenant – Rendezvoused at North East Bridge – & was there put under

¹ [John Dolley S6802](#)

Colonel Malmedy thence with other Companies was marched to big Lime Stone [Limestone] – thence towards Wilmington, which town was then in the possession of the British troops under Lord Cornwallis. We had returned to the North East when the British left Wilmington and marched to the Roanoke [River] – we remained in this section of the State to awe the Tories till our Tour expired, at which time we were at the North East Bridge, and were there regularly discharged by Captain Herndon, and returned home, Sometime in July, the 20th he thinks. This Tour this Declarant proves by the affidavits of Thomas Marcum² and Aquilla Herndon, whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

This Declarant further states that he was born in the County of Wake, in the State aforesaid, sometime in the month of March 1755.

That he has no record of his age,

That he was living in the County of Wake during the war of the Revolution.

That about 40 years ago, he moved into Orange [County] and has been living there ever since.

That when he entered the Service he was drafted.

That he was acquainted with Colonel Malmedy – Colonel Moore, Colonel Thaxton [James Thackston], Colonel Mebane, General Butler and others.

That he received a discharge for each of his tours of service.

That the first he received from Captain Patterson.

That the second he received from Captain Herndon.

That they are now both lost.

That the reason he did not apply earlier for a pension was that he did not know of any living witness of his Revolutionary Services, till after the last February Term – he there for applies makes Declaration at the present Term, it being the first since the has procured proof.

That he is known in his neighborhood to the Honorable William Montgomery, and Thomas Clancy Esquire. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ J. Taylor, Clerk

S/ William Hopson, X his mark

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 14th day of March 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Thomas Marcum a resident of Orange aforesaid now in the 85th year of his age, and an United States pensioner who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the war of the Revolution he lived neighbor to and was well acquainted with William Hopson, a resident of said County and now an applicant for a pension. This affiant very well remembers that said William Hopson was in a tour as private in the militia in the United States Service in a company of militia under the Command of Captain Benjamin Herndon. This tour was in the Spring of 1781, and a three month tour – said Hobson this affiant says was a good Whig and served the United States faithfully in the War of the Revolution – though this affiant at this distant day is not enabled from his recollection the state but the one tour which he has stated above.

S/ Thomas Marcum, X his mark

² [Thomas Marcum W9540](#)

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 14th day of March, 1837 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid John Dolley a resident of said County, now in the 84th year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the war of the Revolution, he knew William Hopson of said County now an applicant for a pension, and remembers that in the spring of 1780, there was a company of Dragoons under Captain Mark Patterson that rendezvoused in the town of Hillsboro preparatory to setting out on the performance of a tour of duty in the militia – and remembers that said William Hopson was a private of Dragoons in said Company – the length of this tour this affiant understood and believes was a 3 month tour.

This affiant has understood said William Hobson served another tour of in Captain Herndon's Company and said Hopson as this affiant has always understood was a man of truth & veracity and served the United States in the War of the Revolution.

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

[fn p. 14: William Montgomery and Thomas Clancy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 6: On July 21, 1855 in Orange County North Carolina, Thomas D. Oldham filed a statement as the Guardian of William Henry H. Hobson stating that said William H. H. Hobson is the minor heir of William Hopson a revolutionary war pensioner; that said manner is 14 years 11 months and 6 days old.]

[facts in file: the veteran died March 2, 1846; he was survived by a son William Henry Harrison Hopson; in 1855, Harriet Ann Eliza Andrus refer to William Henry Harrison Hopson as her son.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina cavalry/militia.]