

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hobbs S7034

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State of North Carolina County of Sampson: SS

On this 20th day of November 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before David Davidson, Henry Godwin & William McKoy Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of Sampson, now Sitting, William Hobbs a resident in the County of Sampson and State of North Carolina aged ninety years, 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 under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated – He States that he was born about the year 1742 – he states that his age was recorded in a Bible belonging to his Sister – and that the belief on which it was recorded got torn out & lost. He states that he was born in Hertford County North Carolina and that he removed to Duplin (now Sampson) at the age of about 16 – that he lived in Duplin (now Sampson) on Great Coharie at the Time he entered the Service, and has resided there ever since the Revolutionary War and still resides there. He states he first volunteered under a militia Captain (viz.) Richard Clinton, a Resident of Duplin for three months. He states he does not remember the names of his inferior Officers, he states they marched from Duplin to Moore's Creek New Hanover County and arrived there a few days after the Battle of Moore's Creek from there we traversed the County of New Hanover in search of the Tories – he states that from there they crossed the Cape Fear River and went into Brunswick County where they joined General Rutledge and after their three months expired they were Discharged and came home. He states He again volunteered under the same Captain Richard Clinton other [another] three months when they marched from Duplin to New Hanover and had several skirmishes with the British in the neighborhood of Wilmington and at the expiration of three months was discharged and came home. He states that he was then drafted and put under a Militia Captain Thomas Page, he does not recollect the name of any of the inferior officers except the first Sergeant which was Joseph Davidson. He states that they embodied at Elizabeth in Bladen County from there they marched

to Fayetteville North Carolina and from there to Cheraw South Carolina on the River Pedee he states that the Town of Cheraw was burned before they arrived there – he states while stationed on Pedee River they had several prisoners to guard and at one time about one hundred. He understood about the time he left there that fifty of them were to be sent to Halifax under the care of a militia Captain whom he knew whose name was Thomas Devane he states that when his Time was expired three months, that he received a written Discharge from Captain Page and thought he had it still in his possession until a short time since he has made diligent search for it but cannot find it among his papers and knows not what has become of it. He states that he knows it was in his possession a few years ago.

He states that after his return from South Carolina he again Volunteered for three months under the same Captain Richard Clinton that they marched from Duplin to the Big Bridge in New Hanover ten miles from Wilmington North Carolina and were entrenched there some time and the British occupied the other side of the River. He states that while serving under Clinton he became acquainted with a Militia Captain Jonathan Tayloe [Jonathan Taylor?], & James Love a Captain of horse who was killed at Matt's near Wilmington shortly afterwards – He states that he served altogether twelve months – he states that he has no documentary evidence of his service. He states that he expects to prove part of his service by Simon Hobbs. He states that there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood. He states that he is known to Bedredon Caraway and John Sellers in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution. 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.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Hobbs, S his mark

[Bedredon Caraway and John sellers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina County of Sampson: SS

On this 20th day of November 1832 personally in Open Court before David Dawson, Henry Godwin & William McKoy justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Sampson now sitting Simon Hobbs a resident of Sampson County North Carolina aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn according to law, Deposeth and Saith as follows – He states that William Hobbs the present Applicant served with him in the Revolutionary War – he states that they served together under Captain Richard Clinton five weeks and I believe he served much more in North Carolina.

He further states that they were both drafted, and that he Simon Hobbs hired a Substitute, but that William Hobbs the Present Applicant went to the South, that his Captain's name was Thomas Page. He states that he was absent 3 months and then returned to Duplin County (now Sampson).

S/ Simon Hobbs, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]