

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hooke (Hook) W10112

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State of Indiana Monroe County Declaration for a Pension

On this the 20th day of November in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned Stephen P. Seall one of the Associate Judges of the Circuit Court of said County of Monroe being a court of record, composed of a President and two Associate Judges, George Hook a resident of said County aged eighty-three years in October last past who being 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 to wit.

He has no record of his age nor does he know whether any exists or if any ever did what has become of it. He was born in the year of our Lord 1751 or thereabouts as near as he can recollect and from information of his father and other relatives and friends in he has confidence. He states that from old age, a severe attack of apoplexy and the consequent loss of memory his statement must be very imperfect. The imperfection of his statement is attributable alone to his loss of memory and not to any designed to impose upon and deceive. About eight years ago he had the above mentioned disease (apoplexy) which continued to afflict him for some months, during a great part of which time he suffered greatly. For some time after this he could not recollect anything – not his neighbors' faces, nor even the faces of his grandchildren in the neighborhood. His memory is not now so bad but he cannot now recollect the names of any of his Officers, nor of his messmates with whom he served.

1st Tour. In the year of our Lord 1776 or thereabouts is his best impression he cannot be positive, at what season of the year he has forgotten in the County of Guilford North Carolina (his having gone there on a visit from Augusta Virginia where he had till then resided) he enlisted as a regular private Soldier in a company of Infantry in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line. He cannot recollect the name of a single Officer. He continued in the Army until perhaps near the end of the time for which he enlisted being one year. He rendezvoused in Guilford aforesaid the name of the place he has forgotten and was marched to Charlestown and served there after the Battle of Sullivan's Island. He was marched through Virginia Pennsylvania & New Jersey. He was in the Battle of Princeton

(2T) Before the expiration of the year which by this enlistment he was engaged to serve he enlisted again to serve during the War, by the consent and approbation of his Officers. At what place he enlisted his second time he cannot state he thinks it was either at New Jersey or at

Winter Quarters at Valley Forge. He cannot State the number of his Regiment in which he served in said (this) service unless it was the said 4th Regiment. He was marched in a great many expeditions during this service, but cannot state the rivers crossed and places and towns through which he marched nor any circumstances which could be material in substantiating his claim. He was during this Service mainly marching or stationed in the above named states. He served more but at least two years in this service under said two enlistments.

He was discharged from this enlistment before the end of the War under the following circumstances. At Valley Forge he applied to his Captain for a furlough as he thought, and the Officers made out a furlough for him as he supposed. He put it up in a hurry in his pocket book without looking at it, after traveling some distance on his journey home discovered that his Officers had given him a discharge from the service. After discovering that he had unexpectedly received a Discharge, he showed it to a Captain of the Army and told him it was a mistake he supposed, the Captain gave it to him & told him to do as he pleased. On this account it was that he thought it his duty to serve again which he preferred to do in the militia of Virginia in which service after remaining some time at home he entered and continued to the end of the War. At York River he killed a British officer at the distance of near half a mile, first taking site at him and raising his rifle in the air above him. At the firing of his gun the British officer fell and he afterwards ascertained died. In turn this declarant had discharged at him and was hit with a canister shot passing through his hat and grazing his head. After the war & from thence he lived in Augusta County up to the year 1801, then removed to Fleming (now) County Kentucky, and then removed to Monroe. He lived in Fleming County Kentucky up to 1830 & since and now lives in our said County of Monroe Indiana, where he has resided upwards of 4 years.

He perhaps received some pay and some County whilst in the service he cannot state how much, but none since.

Besides John Campbell 2nd to whom he is known & who has personal knowledge of his services he is known to John Umstead, James Juvenall, John Fife and many others old acquaintances who knew him in Kentucky.

In answer more directly to the questions prescribed by the War Department he states as to the:

1st Interrogatory. That he was born in the year 1750 or thereabouts.

2nd. He has no record of his age, and if any exist knows not where it is.

3rd. When he entered into the service he lived in Guilford County North Carolina and since the Revolutionary War has lived in Augusta County Virginia, Fleming County Kentucky and Monroe County Indiana.

4th. He was called into service as stated by enlistment.

5th. He cannot state the names of any of his officers, nor of the Officers with whom he was acquainted.

6. His Discharge he kept for some time and supposes it was worn out in his pocket gradually by carrying it with him. He never received a commission whilst in any of said services.

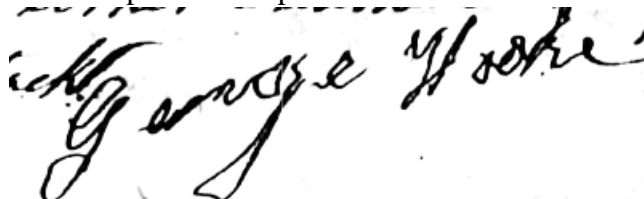
7th. He has already stated the names of those to whom he is known.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows of and he knows of no persons whose evidence he can procure of a personal knowledge of his services except the said James Campbell 2nd. 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 as he knows of. He states that from old age and infirmity he is not able to attend Court and has no hope of ever being

able. He states that there is no clergyman convenient whose certificate he could procure as prescribed by the War Department.

He states that although by reason of his old age and said deceased and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service nor the names and circumstances nor to dates other than the year mentioned as that in which his services began yet he swears that he is clear in his memory and swears positively that he served much more but at least two years in the service of the United States in an embodied Corps called into service by competent authority; that he was either in the field or garrison and was not during said time employed in any civil pursuit.

He states that the reason why he did not ask for a pension under the former Acts of Congress was that he had tolerable share of land & other property until about the time of his coming to this date about the time of the passing of the Act under which he now claims & he was not informed of the present or last Act until recently. It was not his design to have a pension whilst he had property and was able to work, but has been reduced to apply on account of being afflicted, and of his family consisting of himself two old revolutionary females and one son who is heavily Hurthened [sic?] to maintain them. He cannot state how long he was in the militia service nor described the tours or except that he thinks he was mainly in Virginia during said service either stationed or employed in expeditions to points of expected attack.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Hook". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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I John Campbell 2nd¹ of the said County of Monroe residing in the same neighborhood with George Hook who has sworn and subscribed to the foregoing declaration do certify that I am upwards of seventy-six years of age. That I am now and have been for some years receiving a pension from the United States for services as a soldier in the War of the revolution. That I enlisted myself of the 14th day of February 1776 in Augusta County Virginia as a regular soldier in the 8th Regiment of the Virginia line. Myself and the said George Hook had been brought up together in said County of Augusta Virginia. Whilst growing up we had lived a long time in the same house. Perhaps 2 or 3 years before my enlistment the said George Hook left home and went as I am and was then informed and believed & still believe to North Carolina. I rendezvoused in Staunton and after being there a few days marched down to Williamsburg, there being two Companies of us my own commanded by Dd Stephenson [David Stephenson] & the other by Captain John Hays. At Williamsburg our two Companies were separated – my Company put in the 8th and Hays in the 9th. The 8th was commanded by Colonel Muhlenberg and the 9th By Colonel Mathis. At the Valley Forge having gone into Winter Quarters Lieutenant James Hook (who started out a Sergeant and was promoted) a brother to said George Hook (and Lieutenant of our Company) informed me that George Hook aforesaid was in the Army and told me where I could find him. After considerable search I found him. He was acting as a Sergeant and informed me that he had previously enlisted in North Carolina in the County of Guilford. He was in the 4th Regiment of the line of North Carolina. I was from this

¹ [John Campbell S35824](#)

place marched to Smithfield, Suffolk, Portsmouth, thence to Norfolk thence back to Suffolk then through Halifax, Tarboro, Moncks Corner & to Charlestown, thence starting about the 7th of August to Savannah in Georgia. I was stationed for three months at Sunbury [Sunbury]. Thence marched to Virginia – [indecipherable word] up the country for health marched by Augusta, Mecklenburg [Counties] &c to Winchester in Virginia thence to Valley Forge our head quarters. I arrived at Valley Forge in October 1777 being shortly after the battle of Germantown. Here at Head quarters then I found George Hook. I stayed there until the 14th day of February 1778 and ten days longer. During the winter of 1777 and 1778 we (myself and said George Hook) were together at Head Quarters in the service. The name of the Colonel of the Regiment in which said George Hook served I have if ever I knew it forgotten. It seems that I ought to retain it but I do not. The Regiment in which said George Hook was stationed at Head Quarters during said winter of 1777 & 8 was the 4th Regiment. I left said George Hook in the said service stationed at Head Quarters at Valley Forge when I quit the service. After being discharged I went to his (said George Hook's) camp and he requested me to stay with him a while. I however departed from him leaving him there. About 2 or 3 years after I was discharged from the regular service as above said George Hook as I was then informed and have no doubt was in the Portsmouth Campaign in the militia of Virginia – he living at said time in Augusta County aforesaid Virginia aforesaid. I personally know that said George Hook started out in the service in said Campaign. I stayed at his house during his absence in the service which was either 2 or 3 months at least 2 months. The males of the family of Hooks being true Whigs were generally from home in the service & I staid with their women. In addition to the foregoing mentioned services said George Hook was in the service a tour to Georgetown and was in the Army and one of the Guard to take care of a portion of the prisoners to Winchester as I recollect well then to have been informed by Robert Douglas the Waggoner in Company with him upon their return. This tour to Yorktown was in the service in the militia of Virginia. Said George Hook must have been upon reflection in the service in said two tours at least six months (in said two militia tours). It may be possible that the militia corps in which he served in consequence of the capture of Cornwallis might have been dismissed before the end of three months. I was very intimately acquainted with said George Hook. I assisted him to remove from Virginia in 1801 and have much of the time since resided in the same neighborhood with him. When said Hook returned from said service his conversation and other circumstances, such is his bringing articles and appearances peculiar to the Camp & Army were such as [word partially obliterated and illegible] (from my observation) all who knew him, of his having been in the Army they were such as (without the knowledge personally which I had of his services) to establish for the said George Hook the undisputed reputation of having served in the Army of the Revolution. Both from my personal knowledge and his reputation he was a faithful and highly esteemed soldier.

In guarding the prisoners to Winchester said Hook and in waiting to deliver them to the other militia there they was & have been a considerable time after the capture and battle of York. It was about 200 miles or near as I know (never having traveled it directly) from York to Winchester. Said George also had a Brother in the service. Said George Hook was during his whole life since this depositions were developed, and excellent and exemplary man & citizen, doing everything as well as fighting like a philosopher, he was mild, and determined and brave. From my own knowledge and the circumstances I am well satisfied in the belief that said George Hook served altogether at least 2 years in the militia and regular service. Said George Hook was remarkable in his character for being consistent attached to the cause of the war, full being always ready to serve when needed and for a fondness for the Army.



The said George Hook further states that after reflection and conversation was said John Campbell 2nd whose memory appears remarkably good he said George Hook now recollects that in said militia of Virginia he served 2 tours in the summer & fall season of the year in which he served. He cannot state the date of the beginning and ending of each of said tours nor the links precisely of either nor the years, nor the names of any of the officers, but to the best of his recollection served as a private soldier at least 3 months in each tour. He feels the more confident that this impression is correct because he recollects that being somewhat in doubt whether he had done right (notwithstanding a Captain advised him to do as he did) he determined to make up for his lost time in the militia and recollects that he entered the tours for 3 months each time and he feels confident that he would not have left the service before the expiration of the period of his engagements unless the court to which he had belonged sooner disbanded. He recollects that under his said first enlistment he had nearly served out his. Of engagement being one year before he again enlisted to serve during the War as before stated. Say at least 8 months probably more. He then as before stated enlisted in the same service to serve during the war. He recollects he thinks that it was in the same Regiment that he served under the 2nd engagement (the 4th) he may be mistaken. He served under said 2nd enlistment at least one year and 4 months is his best impression, he thinks:

S/ George Hooke

[John Umstead and James Juvenall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that George Hook a Sergeant in Captain Nelson's Company of the 4th Regiment enlisted for the term of 3 years and was discharged on the 7th day of May 1778. The date of his enlistment is not stated on the rolls.

Given under my hand this 31st January 1835

S/ Wm Hill

[p 7: On February 19, 1841 in Monroe County Indiana, Jane Hook, 78 (March 17th she will be 79), widow of George Hook, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating she is the widow of George Hook, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him January 9, 1789; that he died March 7, 1835 at the age of 84; that they were married in Augusta County Virginia; that she remains his widow.]

[p 25: family record abstracted by the War Department:

Anne R. A. Hooke born September 26, 1789, married April 7, 1811 Gibson__

James Hooke: November 28, 1790, married April 4, 18__, Betsey Patten

Thomas Hooke born October 11, 1793, married April 21, 1830, Jean __

Betsey Hooke born March 30, 1796, married December 12, 1816, David __

John Hooke born May 8, 1798, married March 28, 1822, Margaret Quiet.

(Name Torn) Hooke born May 18, 1800

George or George W. Hooke born May 18, 1800 married September 13, 1836, Sarah __

John C Hooke born January 11, 1803, married September 7, 1826, Terah or Sarah Campbell

Rebekah W. Hooks born February 13, 1806, married February 19, 1823, Andrew Vancy or Vannoy

William the born December 18, 1808 D. Hooke]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina militia.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 9-page file

State of Indiana Monroe County: SS

On this 17th day of August 1844 personally appeared in Probate Court now sitting in Bloomington State of Indiana for the County of Monroe and State aforesaid being a Court of record by virtue of the laws of the State of Indiana John C Hook and David Baker of said County and State of lawful age and of general good standing and veracity and after being duly sworn according to law doth on their oaths make the following declaration in order to obtain for the Heirs of George Hook deceased late of Monroe County State of Indiana who was before and at the time of his death a pensioner of the United States and who was as they verily believe in his lifetime entitled to a certain Land Bounty by virtue of the laws of Virginia or laws of the Congress of the United States by virtue of his enlistment and service as a soldier in the Revolutionary for evidence of which reference is respectfully given to the testimony in or a copy of said testimony in the War Department of the United States upon which the said George Hook was placed on the pension list roll of the Indiana agency for paying pensions. The declarant's are fully satisfied and believe from their knowledge and what they recollect of hearing the said George Hook say there was land bounty promised him and due him by the said State of Virginia or the Congress of the United States under provisions by said State or by said Congress made to allow and give to Soldiers who enlisted and served under certain special regulations, and the laws of the said Virginia or United States or both and that the said George Hook was thereby justly entitled. That the said George Hook who lived and resided in Virginia in the County of Augusta at the time he enlisted and entered the service and served about six [the image of this document as posted online cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point but there clearly appears to be at least one additional line of text]

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George Hook deceased ever appointed an agent to apply or apply himself to obtain said land bounty and now under the general circumstances, now governing said Claim the declarant's John C Hook and David Baker of said Monroe County and State of Indiana now claim the said Land Bounty for the following Heirs of the said George Hook deceased, to wit: David Baker, who married Elizabeth Hook; Gipson Baker, who married Ann Hook; John Phylfe who married Jane Hook; Andrew Vannoy who married Rebecca Hook; Thomas Hook of Daviess County Indiana, John C Hook; and the Heirs of Col. George W. Hook deceased late of Monroe County Indiana. The declarant's respectfully give reference to the testimony or to a copy now recorded or filed in the War Department of the United States which will be additional evidence of the connection in

relationship of the said Heirs to the said George Hook deceased, and upon which last referred to testimony Jane Hook widow of the said John Hook deceased obtain the benefit of the pension Laws of July 7th 1838 in March 3rd 1843, and under which Acts of Congress the said Jane Hook received \$120 per annum being the amount that her deceased husband was entitled to and received per annum. That the said George Hook deceased has been dead __ years. That the said Gipson Baker, is or, was a resident of Brown County State of Ohio when last heard of. That the said Heirs as follows are residents of Monroe County Indiana: to wit: The said David Baker, John Phyffe, Andrew Vannoy, John C Hook and the Heirs of George W Hook deceased. The declarant's further deposeseth and saith that the aforesaid George Hook deceased had a Brother named James Hook who by various accounts and which they believe to be the truth was a Captain and commanded a Company in [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof with at least one additional line of text not appearing]

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Virginia in the County of Augusta when he entered the service. That the said Captain James Hook died in or about the year of 1816 – when a resident of the State of Virginia in said County. That before his death (perhaps in his last sickness) he gave or conveyed his claim to Land Bounty due him by Virginia or the United States for his military services to his then Surviving Brother, George Hook and by which title the declarant's now claim for the said Heirs of said George Hook deceased all of said land Bounty which was due the said Captain James Hook deceased in as much as the said George Hook deceased never obtained nor calls to be obtained either the claims on account of his own services or that due for the services of his Brother Captain James Hook as they are fully Satisfied. The declarant's cannot give any reason for the neglect or omission of the said George Hook deceased to apply in his lifetime for said Land claims and that this claim by the Heirs for both of said claims are now made by the interposition and commendation of their said agent or Attorney George W Hardin. That the said Captain James Hook died about 27 years ago and that they do not know any cause why he did not in his lifetime seek said land Bounty. That he died without any issue he never having married. That he died intestate as they believe. That the said Captain James Hook was engaged in the service the latter part of the Revolution if not to the end of said war. That he entered the service under a call in order of Virginia or by that of an Act of Congress of the United States. That he never sold or parted with either claim: to wit: That of his own [the image of this document as posted online cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

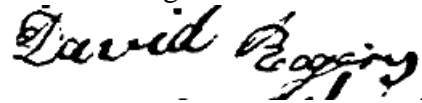
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State of Indiana Monroe County: SS

On this 17th day of August 1844 personally appeared in open Probate Court for the County of Monroe and State of Indiana a court of record by virtue of the laws of the State of Indiana David Rogers of said County and State of lawful age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he knew George Hook deceased late of said County State of Indiana for the space of six years before his death. That they lived within less than one mile of each other until the death of the said George Hook. That he believes and have heard that the said George Hook deceased was in his lifetime a pensioner of the United States at the rate of one hundred twenty dollars per annum. That he left a widow whose name is Jane and that he personally knew their family of children before and since the death of the said George Hook: to wit; Andrew Vannoy, David Baker, Gipson Baker, John Phyffe who each intermarried with a daughter of the said George Hook and Jane his wife and he also knows John C Hook and

knew Colonel George W Hook, his lifetime and believe and am satisfied the before named persons are the legal Heirs of the said George Hook deceased. That his widow Jane Hook is yet a widow and living in the aforesaid County and he believes the aforesaid declaration of David Baker & John C Hook is correct and true. That John C Hook & himself, David Rogers are Administrators on the Estate of George W Hook deceased and that ___ are appointed guardians for the minor Heirs of the said George W Hook deceased and that Thomas Hook of Daviess County Indiana is also one of the Heirs of said George & Jane Hook.

S/ David Rogers

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.