

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Haskins W19732
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State of North Carolina, Granville County: Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 9th day of August A.D. 1832 appeared personally in open court before Benjamin Bullock, Richard Sneed and George Kittrell the court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for the County and state aforesaid now sitting, James Haskins a resident of the same County & state, aged Eighty one years on the 11th September 1832, 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 the 7th June A.D. 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under Captain Cuthbert Hudson but the other Company officers he does not remember but rather thinks that John Champion was a Lieutenant. This service by draft for a three months Expedition against the Indians in the Western part of North Carolina, who had made an incursion upon and doing much injury & mischief to the Whites in that part of the State. I entered the service as a substitute for Abraham Potter. I am quite unable to state the year in which entered the service, but it was in the fall of the year, after I had laid my crops of corn and I returned in time to gather it in good season. We were marched from Granville County where I entered the service & resided at that time and have continued to reside ever since. There were two companies raised in Granville County and they were marched under the command of Colonel Joseph Taylor westward as far as Deep River, where we were placed under the Command of Colonel Matthew Ramsey under whose command we marched to the foot of the mountains where we were met by General Thomas Parson who was returning from the country West of the mountains where the Indians had committed the depredations. By him our Commanding officer was informed that there was no necessity for more troops on that service than were already on duty and by orders from him we were marched back to Granville County and Discharged. I think and declare that from the time I entered the Service to the day of my discharge I served fifty-two days. I am not certain but think this was in the year 1776 or 1777.

The year and date of my next tour of service I cannot recollect – but there was a draft in Granville for men to serve in Georgia and South Carolina. I was drafted and placed under the Command of William Gill as Captain, William Knight as Lieutenant and Brereton Jones as Ensign. We were marched through Salisbury, I think, but am certain through Camden S. C. and thence to Purrysburg on the Savannah River where we joined the American Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln]. The Regiment to which we were, at this place, attached, was Commanded by

Colonel James Saunders and I think Major Douglass was also in Command. An officer by the name of Johnson was the Adjutant to the Regiment.

We continued in service in that part of the Country all the Winter, and although our Term of Service was three months, yet being in sight of a formidable British force, and with us inferior to it in numbers and badly provided with provisions, arms & ammunition, we were required and detained in Service until the 10th day of April, that is on the Savannah River. But a force from South Carolina having joined the Army we were that day permitted & did take up the line of March for Granville County where we were to be discharged. By consent of my commanding officer I was permitted together with two others by bearing our own expenses, to leave the detachment, and get home in the shortest & Best way we could. We did so and on the 23rd day of April I arrived at Home – which day completed five months and twenty three days of service which I performed in this Tour. A further agreement between my commanding officer and myself was, that as I should bear my own expenses home, my service should continue until the Company arrived at Oxford the court House in Granville County and be there discharged. It would necessarily take them from two to three weeks to March from Purrysburg to Oxford, a distance of four hundred and fifty miles, more than I took to perform the same Journey. I performed this Journey very expeditiously as will be seen by the following fact. Two days before I and Joshua Bullock and Amos Gooch who are both dead my comrades set out on foot, Lieutenant Barnett Pulliam and John Taylor (Brandy) [several words obliterated] the same detachment had set out home on Horse Back. On the morning of the 23rd of April my comrades & myself stopped at the house of Thomas Rice on Little River about 12 miles from my Mother's house, to get our Breakfast. At the same House we found and overtook these gentlemen who had started on horseback two days before us, getting their Breakfast also. I was not at Oxford when my company arrived and were discharged, nor am I able now to recollect how long it was after I got home, before they arrived. But it must have extended my period of Service on this Tour to more than six months. The Paper I received from my officer at Purrysburg when I set out on has been mislaid, lost or destroyed so that I am unable, now, to find it.

In the tour which I have thus given an account of, I was in no battle but was with my company and a detachment which was commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] within hearing of the fire of the Cannons at the Battle of Brier Creek.¹

The next service I engaged in, was by draft for three months, under Nathaniel Waller Captain, the other officers of our Company I cannot recollect. We were marched to Wilmington in North Carolina through Hillsborough, Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, to the Raft Sworn which lies in the Country between Wilmington and Georgetown in South Carolina. General Butler commanded the detachment to which I belonged. General Rutherford was also in command, but who was the commander in chief, I do not recollect – but rather think the last named officer. Our place of encampment or rendezvous was at Bluford's Bridge. The Enemy consisting of British and Tories were encamped on the opposite Bank. Our service was in all the country round about, than two or three Days at any one place until we were stationed at Bluford's Bridge as before mentioned. While we were here stationed our Commanding officer received official Intelligence of the Capture & surrender of Cornwallis at York town, and the consequent cessation of Hostilities; and we were discharged, without receiving any written evidence of it, each such to find his way home as well as he could. In this last Tour, I do not know of any of my Brother Soldiers now living except Fowler Jones² and Edward Jones, Sr., his brother and William Taburn.³ The first and last of whom are now very poor, old & decrepit men and inmates of our Poor House.

I am unable to find any written Evidence of my service or discharge among my papers.

¹ March 3, 1779

² [Fowler Jones R5701](#)

³ [William Taburn \(Taborn\) W18115](#)

The only persons now living who were with me in the long Southern tour are Zachariah Hester⁴ & Shadrach Owens⁵ two Brother soldiers & messmates of myself. They are residents of the same County of Granville with myself. I do not know or recollect any person who is alive that served with me in the Indian Expedition in which I served as before stated.

The said James Haskins was born in the County of St. Mary's in the State of Maryland and at about the age of fourteen removed to Granville County North Carolina, where he has continued to live and is now a resident. After leaving Maryland he lived in the County of Brunswick State of Virginia for about seven years before he removed to North Carolina.

The said James Haskins hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ James Haskins, X his mark

[Charles Bullock and Richard of Bullock, both justices of the peace, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 17]

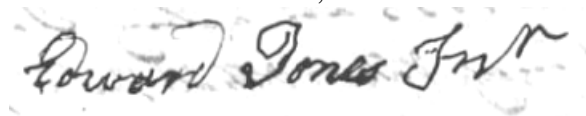
State of North Carolina Granville County: August the 11th 1832

Edward Jones Senior at his own house in said County after being duly sworn deposeth as follows. In the year 1781 he was drafted in the three months Service in the last of August or first of September he entered the service under Captain Nathaniel Waller he is not positive as to the other Company Officers, he further states that James Haskins, Fowler Jones & William Taban [sic] a man of Colour was with him during that Campaign or a large portion of it he believes that some of them entered the service a few days before he did and were discharged a few days before he was, when they entered the service they marched to Hillsboro from there to Cross Creek now Fayetteville to the Raft Swamp Blewforde's Bridge and on towards Wilmington where his Commanding officer received Intelligence of the capture and surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little York in Virginia this affiant further states that he marched under Colonel Joseph Taylor till he joined the Army commanded by General Butler and then under him.

Sworn to and subscribed before me.

S/ B. Bullock, JP

S/ Edward Jones, Senior



[fn p. 19]

State of North Carolina Granville County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions February Term 1833

Personally appeared in open Court now holding for said County by William M Sneed, Chairman and Thomas H Willis & Shadrach Parrish Justices, Shadrach Owen a resident of the same, who being duly sworn according to law certifies & testifies on oath that he is & has been well acquainted with James Haskins of said County who is 8 or 10 years older than this affiant. That a declaration subscribed & sworn to by him on the 9th of August 1832 to enable him to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832, has been read to him and this affiant testifies & declares that he was a private in the same company with said Haskins in the tour described in said Declaration to Georgia & South Carolina under the command of Captain William Gill, Lieutenant William Knight & Brereton Jones, In some & they marched to Purrysburg in South Carolina.

⁴ [Zachariah Hester S7002](#)

⁵ [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#)

This affiant corroborates in [indecipherable word] the Statement of facts made by the Declarant as to this Tour of Duty full he was a Brother Soldier & perform duty as said Haskins has stated – This affiant knows nothing of the facts set forth by said Haskins as to his Dismission & subsequent occurrences – but he knows that the Company was on duty a full term of 5 months, and this affiant thought & believed that the tour was for 5 months and he has so stated in a similar declaration drawn by himself for a pension – He further declares that said Haskins perform said Tour in a faithful & soldierlike manner. Subscribed & sworn to in open Court 8th of February 1833



[John Mallory, a clergyman, and B. Bulloch gave another standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 22]

State of North Carolina Granville County

Personally appeared before me William M Sneed a justice of the peace for said County and State this 27th of July 1833, Zachariah Hester a citizen of the same who being duly qualified according to law, Testifies & declares that he has been long acquainted with James Haskins of said County whose declaration for a pension has been read to this affiant. This affiant was a private in the same company with said James Haskins in the Tour to Purrysburg in South Carolina and was in the same mess with him. This affiant states that said company was raised by draft and was for the term of 5 months & not 3 months as stated by said Haskins.

This affiant certifies to the truth of the general facts set forth by the said Haskins in this tour and knows that he served with his company more than 5 months but knows not of the facts set forth by him of his being permitted to go home as he has stated and he also knows that Joshua Bulloch and Amos Gooch were both privates in the same company as also William Taburn a free man of Color now living, but the other two are dead.

This affiant further certifies that said William Taburn was a private in the Tour to Purrysburg & served faithfully as a soldier.

He further certifies that said tour was for 5 months and the men were kept on duty much longer, but how long he cannot state.

Subscribed & swore to the date above.

S/ Zachariah Hester, X his mark

[fn p. 13: On October 26, 1836 in Granville County North Carolina, Ann Haskins, 77 in November next, applied for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of James Haskins; that he died August 4, 1834; that she was married to him November 2, 1780.]

[fn p. 14: Edward Jones Senior gave an affidavit in support of the widow's application in which he states that he knows the veteran and his wife were married in 1780 and that he served with the veteran in 1781.]

[fn p. 32: marriage bond dated October 24, 1780, issued in Granville County North Carolina to James Haskins & Jeremiah Bullock to secure the marriage of James Haskins to Anne Moore.]

[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.]