

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Hackworth W3415 Dorothy Hackworth VA
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District of Virginia Bedford County to wit

On the 22nd day of December 1828 before the County Court of Bedford being a court of record transacting business according to the course of the common law personally appeared William Hackworth aged 79 years resident in the County of Bedford in the said District of Virginia who being before us duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War. That he the said William Hackworth enlisted for the term of one year in the latter end of the year 1775 as Volunteer in Liberty in the County of Bedford & state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain William Campbell of the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel [John] Green in the line of the state of Virginia on Continental establishment. That at the expiration of the year he enlisted in the City of Williamsburg being in said state in the company of Captain Alexander Cummings [sic: Alexander Cummins] of the same Regiment for three years. That he was afterwards transferred to the Company of Capt. Callohill Mennis [sic: Callohill Minnis] of the same regiment. That he continued to serve in the said company in the service of the United States for the three years for which he enlisted. That he was discharged [several interlined words illegible] in the State of New York. That he was in the battles of Trenton [26 Dec 1776], Brandywine [11 Sep 1777], German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] & at the storming of Stony point [16 Jul 1779]. That he was honorably discharged at a place not now recollected about one days march from Stony point fort. That he does not know what has become of his discharge. That he has lost it he does not know how, when or where but that he had it many years after the close of the war. That he has a wife about Sixty one or two years old living with him & one son about nineteen years old also living with him. That his wife is from age and infirmity illly able to render him much assistance towards a support. That himself & wife & son live in the house with an older son who has a family. That he was a resident Citizen of the United States in Bedford County on the 18th day of March 1818 and has been a resident Citizen of said County ever since then. That he has not since the 18th day of March 1818 directly or indirectly sold lessened given away or in any other manner disposed of his property so as to diminish it in order to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress of the Day aforesaid or of the Act of Congress of the 1st of May 1820 in order to bring himself within the provisions of said act or to entitle himself to a pension under either of said acts. That he has no property or income of any kind real personal or mixed of which to render a schedule. That he was by occupation a joiner & is now from age and infirmity unable to do any kind of manual labour whatever. That he never knew of the provisions of the acts of Congress aforesaid for the support of the indigent & surviving soldiers of the revolutionary war aforesaid untill lately & then he was informed of them by the Hon N H Claiborne member of Congress & that this is the reason why he did not make earlier application for a pension & that he is in reduced circumstances & needs the assistance of his country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his services than that herewith transmitted. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

David Saunders [pension application W3872] after being duly sworn according to law states. That he knew William Hackworth during the Revolutionary war. That said Hackworth was a regular Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment. That he saw said Hackworth at the encampment of said Regiment at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania in the year 1778 at the white Plains in the State of New York in the same year and at Middlebrook in the year 1779. That he also saw Charles Nichols [S38264] at the same encampment and that he verily believes he is the same man who has given a similar certificate to this.

Pittsylvania County State of Virginia Sct/

This day Charles Nichols came before me at my House and made Oath that he was well acquainted with William Hackworth in the Revolutionary Army that they Served together for three years as regular Saulders that the said Hackworth enlisted at Williamsburg under Capt. Cummins for three years and served during said time as a Corporal and after the resignation of Capt. Cummins he was attached to Capt. Minnis's Company of Regulars in the 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Green and that the said Hackworth was Honorably discharged at a place not recollected about a days march from Stony Pint fort. the said Nichols also makes Ooath that the said Hackworth enlisted under Capt. Campbell in the state Service for one year and served during said time previous to the three years service above mentioned given under my hand this the 3rd day of October 1828.

James Adams J.P.

NOTE: On 25 April 1839 Dorothy Hackworth, 69, applied for a pension stating that she married William Hackworth on 22 May 1790, and he died 23 May 1831. Rev. John Ayers stated that he officiated at the marriage of William Hackworth and Dorothy Newman. Another document dated 26 April 1852 by Washington Hackworth, son and administrator for Dorothy Hackworth, states that she died 25 Nov 1849 leaving four children: William Hackworth, Wesley Hackworth, Washington Hackworth, and Susan Martin.