

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Archibald Hopkins W3686 Margaret Hopkins

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Of the State of Ohio Brown County SS

Court of Common Pleas October Term 1833

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Brown and State of Ohio now sitting Archibald Hopkins aged seventy-three years a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1833 [sic, 1832]

That in the year 1779 in the spring of that year he was drafted into the company of Captain Hewett [probably Thomas Hewitt] of the militia in Rockingham County Virginia and was marched under said Captain Hewett to the waters of Greenbrier [River] to a place called clooeslick [?]<sup>1</sup>, that he served three months guarding to stations on the waters of Greenbrier against the Indians at the end of three months he was discharged and went home – he was under no higher officer than a Captain that he knows of.

In the month of May 1781 deponent was drafted as a militia man in Captain Herron's [possibly William Herring] Company and Colonel or Major (not certain as to rank) McKee's [possibly William McKee's of Rockbridge County Virginia] Regiment of Rockingham County Virginia he was marched to Williamsburg to where and in the neighborhood of which place he served a tour of three months guarding the country against the plundering parties of the British with whom he was engaged in two skirmishes near Williamsburg, at the close of this three months tour deponent was discharged and went home.

In the beginning of September of the same year 1781 deponent was drafted again in Captain Herrons Company – he cannot be positive as to the name of the Captain but believes from his best recollection that it was Herron under whom he served as above stated. On this tour he served one month he was marched to Williamsburg thence to York this tour was the last of deponent's service he was engaged in guarding the country against the plundering parties of the enemy he states that he served in all seven months – he was never in a general battle with the enemy – he never received a written discharge – he has no record of his age – he knew Captain's Hewett & Herron Colonel or Major McKee he knew General Washington – he was never with the regular troops he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his actual service but is well known to the Reverend James Gilliland, Henry Ralston, Henry Martin, William Dunlap,

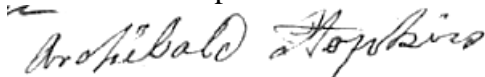
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<sup>1</sup> *clooeslick*

Abraham Shepherd and others who reside in his neighborhood by whom he can prove his good character for truth and veracity and his having borne the character of a soldier of the revolution – he has resided in Brown County Ohio for twenty-two years, that previous thereto he resided in Kentucky & Virginia he states that he was born in the year 1760 in Rockingham County Virginia he has no record of his age – he has never received a pension. 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 and subscribed this first day of November 1833 in open Court  
S/ G. W. King, Clerk

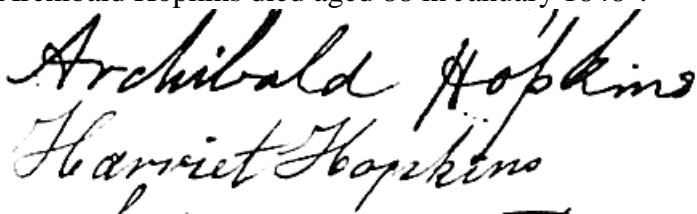
S/ Archibald Hopkins



[James Gilliland, a clergyman, and Henry Ralston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On March 8, 1853 in Brown County Ohio, Margaret Hopkins, made application for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Archibald Hopkins, late of said County deceased who was a private in the Virginia militia and a pensioner under the 1832 act; that she married him on or about the month of May 1796 in Rockingham County Virginia; that he died in Brown County Ohio January 25, 1848; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark. She stated that she has no family record of her marriage.]

[p 12: On March 8, 1853 in Brown County Ohio, Archibald Hopkins and Harriet Hopkins, residents of said County and of legal age, gave testimony that there is a family Bible now in the possession of their mother, Margaret Hopkins bearing the imprint Philadelphia printed by Matthew Casey No. 118 Market Street, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1802 in which their father in his hand writing Certain records among which are the following – "Gordon Hopkins, born May 24<sup>th</sup> 1797, – Benjamin and Thomas Hopkins born August 1, 1799 – Elizabeth Hopkins born September 28<sup>th</sup> 1800": there is in the same handwriting of other records relating to the births of the children of their parents; that tour to Hopkins is the oldest child of their parents; that the same Bible record contains the following record in the handwriting of Harriet Hopkins, one of the affiants, – "Archibald Hopkins died aged 88 in January 1848".



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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>2</sup> This file does not contain the entire family record.