

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ephraim Hawkins <sup>1</sup> W3987 Ann [Nancy] Hawkins f52NC  
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Declaration of Ephraim Hawkins in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832

State of North Carolina, Person County: to wit

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, the same being a court of record Ephraim Hawkins, a resident of said County & State who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the aforesaid act of Congress. That he entered the service of the United States for a militia tour of three months in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina under Capt Gordon [Charles Gordon], he thinks in the year 1780. That he remained three months in the town of Salisbury guarding the jail, in which many Tories were confined. That he received a discharge for this service from Capt Gordon, but has long since lost it. That he next entered the service under Capt Pearson [James Pearson] in the aforesaid County of Rowan and marched under his command against the Tories, chiefly Scotch, in Cumberland & the neighboring Counties. That there was no action in this expedition as the Tories were not found embodied – he returned with the company to Salisbury & was discharged by Captain Pearson, but has long since lost his discharge. This declarant living then in the County of Rowan North Carolina orders were issued that one man in every 22 in each Captain's Company should furnish a soldier or a draft should take place for a term of 18 months. This declarant became a substitute for the class to which he belonged & again entered the service under Captain Pearson for the term of 18 months. The names of the other company officers not recollected, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Armstrong. That he marched from Salisbury under these officers to South Carolina – passed through Charlotte, North Carolina & before approaching near the Catawba River Colonel Archibald Lytle a regular officer took the command – marched through Camden, crossed at the head of Santee River, thence to Eutaw Springs where he came under the command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]. Thence to Bacon's Bridge on Ashley River. Thence across Ashley River to the high hills of Ashley River [sic, Santee River?] & there encamped for <sup>1</sup> near six weeks. Thence down to Wapoo Cut<sup>2</sup> [Wappoo Cut] between Stono & Ashley Rivers. Thence to James Island which was General Greene's head quarters – remained there until he heard of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] – passed thence to Charleston and from thence to the ten mile

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt13903-160-55

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/wappoocreek.htm>

house, red bank spring – where he was discharged by Colonel Lytle, but has lost his discharge. This declarant was in the battle of Eutaw Springs but in no other regular engagement during this tour of 18 months. He was under the command of Captain Pearson until his arrival at Bacon's Bridge – he was then transferred to the command of Captain Sharpe [Anthony Sharpe], but continued in the Regiment of Colonel Lytle throughout the whole campaign. This declarant has a record of his age by which it appears that he was born July 8<sup>th</sup> 1761 in Baltimore County State of Maryland, removed to Orange North Carolina at an early period, removed to Rowan during the Revolutionary War and returned again to that part of Orange North Carolina which now composes Person County<sup>3</sup> in 1783 or 4 -- that he knows of no person by whom he can prove any of these services, but his name is on the rolls of the abstract of the army accounts of the North Carolina line settled by commissioners appointed by the State. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension role of the agency of any state . Sworn & subscribed in open Court.  
S/ Jesse Dickens, Clerk

S/ Ephraim Hawkins, X his mark

[Robert Vanhook and William McKissack 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 Ephraim Hawkins a private in Captain Sharpe's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment enlisted in 1782, for 18 months, and that nothing more is set of him.

Given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1833.

Wm Hill

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In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of July 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows."

State of North Carolina, Person County

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1843 personally appeared before me Clement H. Jordan one of the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions Ann Hawkins a resident of said County aged Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7<sup>th</sup> 1838 entitled "An Act Granting Half Pay and Pensions to Certain Widows." That she is the widow of Ephraim Hawkins late of this County and formerly a Revolutionary soldier, who for a number years drew a pension as will readily be seen by reference to the records of the office. She further declares that she was married to the said Ephraim Hawkins by John Womack Esq. then of this County [sic County Caswell County, see note below] on the first day of May Seventeen Hundred and Eighty Eight as she now believes and that her husband the aforesaid Ephraim Hawkins died on the 3rd day of November Eighteen hundred and thirty six. That she now is and has remained the widow of her said husband Ephraim Hawkins ever since . She further says that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took

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<sup>3</sup> Person County North Carolina was subdivided from Caswell County North Carolina in 1791/92. Consequently, at the time this veteran states he was in the service, he lived in what was then Caswell County North Carolina.

place previous to the first of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four, viz: at the time above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before  
S/ C.H. Jordan, J.P.

S/ Ann Hawkins, X her mark

[p 45: On November 20, 1848 in Person County North Carolina, the widow, aged 83 years filed a declaration identifying herself as the widow of Ephraim Hawkins, a revolutionary war pensioner; she signed this document with her mark as "Nancy Hawkins".]

[p 14: On April 25, 1855 in Person County North Carolina, the widow, aged 92 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; in this document she states that she was married to Ephraim Hawkins in the month of May 1789 in the County of Orange [sic, Caswell County] by one John Womack, JP; that her name prior to her marriage was Ann Farmer. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 16: Copy of a marriage bond certified by the clerk of court of Caswell County; the marriage bond was issued to Ephraim Hawkins and John Womack of Caswell County North Carolina May 1, 1788 conditioned upon the marriage of Ephraim Hawkins to Ann Farmer.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 21 months in the North Carolina militia and Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]