

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laban Hawkins<sup>1</sup> W7659      Catharine Hawkins      f19VA  
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Declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th July, 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows--"

State of Virginia, Halifax County, to wit:

On this 31st day of January, 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Catherine Hawkins, a resident of said County and State, aged 68 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 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows---"

That she is the widow of Laban Hawkins late of the said County and State, who was a Private in the Continental line and militia service of the State of Virginia, in the war of the Revolution. She declares that she does not know any thing as coming within her personal knowledge, respecting the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War, excepting what she has repeatedly heard from him in his life time and from others who served with him at the time. She recollects distinctly hearing him say, that he was a long time in the service, was engaged in several battles, and suffered many hardships and privations during the time. That in consequence of old age, and loss of memory she cannot at this time call to mind the particulars of his service, and therefore prefer to rely on the statement of old soldiers who served with him, whose affidavits accompany this her declaration. She further states, that for the same reason, she cannot say how long he was in actual service altogether, but supposes that at the smallest estimate, he must have been in service altogether for the period of 24 months--for which time she claims a pension. In support of her claim, she relies on the Public Records, and accompanying certificates of old soldiers. She further declares that her husband died before the passage of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832, or he would have been entitled under that act.

She further declares that she was married to the said Laban Hawkins, on the 30th day of December, 1784; that her husband, the aforesaid Laban Hawkins, died on the 18th day of May, 1820: that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety four: to wit, at the time above stated.

S/ Catherine Hawkins, X her mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, the 31st day of January, 1839,

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<sup>1</sup> Laban Hawkins is the 4th great grandfather of the transcriber of this application.

S/ Matthew J. Rowlett, J.P.

Virginia: Halifax County, to wit:

I do hereby Certify, that the said Catherine Hawkins widow of Laban Hawkins, is an old and infirm lady, laboring under many bodily infirmities of such a character, that she cannot without much pain and considerable inconvenience attend the County Court of Halifax to make the foregoing declaration. I further certify, that she is a credible person, and her statement entitled to full confidence.

Given under my hand this 31st day of January, 1839.

S/ Matthew J. Rowlett, JP

Virginia: Halifax County to wit:

I David B. McGehee of Halifax County, do hereby certify that according to my best recollection Laban Hawkins late of the County of Halifax, departed this life sometime in the month of May, 1820; that he left at the time of his death his widow Catherine Hawkins, who is still alive resident in the County of Halifax, and that she has remained a widow ever since his death, and is still a widow.

S/ David B. McGehee

Sworn to and subscribed before me -- I further certify, that he is a credible person, and the statement entitled to full confidence. Given under my hand this 31st day of January, 1839.

S/ Matthew J. Rowlett, JP

Virginia -- Halifax County to wit

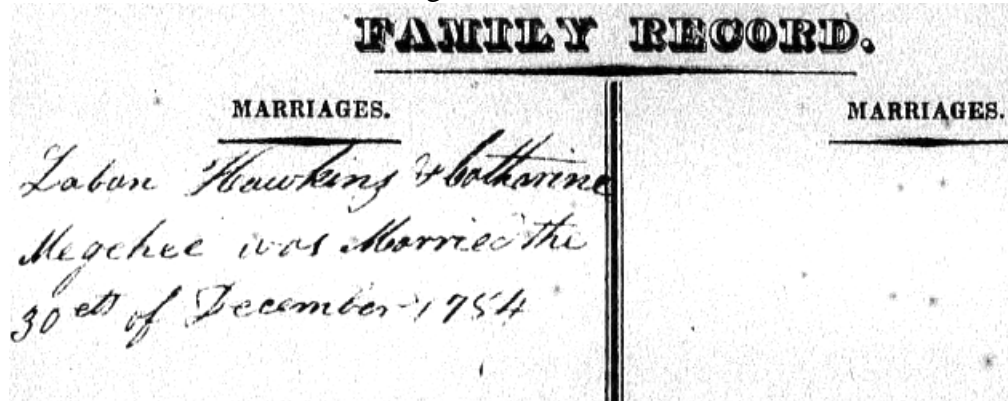
I William Holt Clerk of the County court for the County of Halifax aforesaid, hereby certify that Matthew J. Powlett is a magistrate of the said County and that the foregoing signatures purporting to be his are genuine. In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name this 6th day of February 1839

S/ Wm Holt, Clk

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Family Record  
Marriages

Laban Hawkins & Catharine Mcgehee was Married the 30th of December 1784



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I Branch J. Worsham Clerk of Prince Edward County Court in the State of Virginia, certify that I have examined the Register of marriages in my office and do not find any Certificate of marriage

between Laban Hawkins and Catherine McGahey, nor do I find that any marriage License bond is upon file in my office.

Given under my hand this 18th of April 1839.

S/ B. J. Worsham, Clk.

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Halifax County, Virginia April 24th, 1839

I hereby Certify that I this day cut from the family Bible of Laban Hawkins Deceased the enclosed Family record & believe it to be a correct & true one.

S/ Beverley R. Fleming

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Virginia: Prince Edward County to wit: I do hereby certify, that I was acquainted with Laban Hawkins in the War of the Revolution, and recollect that said Laban Hawkins, in the County of Amelia, enlisted for 3 years under Capt. Thomas Hord, marched to the South, and was at Buford's Defeat. At Buford's Defeat, he was taken prisoner. I was in the action with him, and knew him well, and know the fact that he was a good soldier. I am in the 84th year of my age, and was a lieutenant of the Continental line, and now a Pensioner of the United States. Given under my hand this 17th day of March 1839

S/ John Crute<sup>2</sup>

Lt. Late of the Revolution

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836, for her husband service for two years in the Virginia Continental Line as a private.]

<sup>2</sup> [John L. Crute S24980](#)

The [Virginia State Library](#) online digital collection contains the following documents relating to this veteran.

This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 14th day of April 1785, in the name of Laban Hawkins, as a Soldier of Infantry for £35.11.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. Chaffin Shipp [?] and was given for services prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this  
5th day of February 1842.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

It appears that Laban Hawkins has not received the land bounty for services as a Soldier of Continental Line.

S/ S. H. Parker, Reg L Office

To his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

The Memorial of the Heirs and legal representatives of Laban Hawkins, deceased, late of Halifax County, Virginia, who was a soldier of the State line of Virginia on Continental establishment in the War of the Revolution: Respectfully Sheweth:

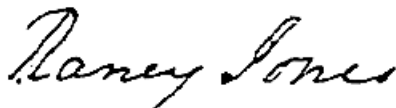
That the said Laban Hawkins in the year 1777 in the County of Amelia enlisted as a soldier under Captain Hoard for the term of three years and was attached to the command of Colonel Buford in the South – He was taken prisoner at Buford's defeat – That after being exchanged, and serving the full period of his enlistment, he was honorably discharged from service all of which, will more readily appear by reference to the Army Register of the Continental line, and the accompanying certificates of those who served with him –

Your memorialist further states, that the said Laban Hawkins, in his lifetime, did not apply for, or obtained the land bounty provided by the State of Virginia to her officers and soldiers of the Continental line; nor have the heirs since the death of said Laban Hawkins –

Your Memorialist therefore humbly pray, that your Excellency will grant them the usual [several lines not copied and displayed on the digital image] tal line for the service of 3 years, pursuant to the laws of Virginia in such case made and provided – And as in duty bound, shall ever pray &c

S/ Raney Jones

S/ Mary L Jennings



[Attested September 6, 1839]