

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of John Hackney W7727 Jane V. Hackney DE
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Virginia At a Court held for Russell County the 5th day of May 1818

John Hackney, who resides in the County of Russell in this state wishing to become a pensioner pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Congress of the United States, passed on the 18th. day of March 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", personally appeared in Court, and upon oath declared, that he enlisted with the Delaware Blues as a Fifer, in the third year of the Revolutionary War. Colo [David] Hall and Joseph Vaughan being Commanders of the Regiment and Capt John Rhodes being his first Captain. said Rhodes was killed at Gates' defeat [Gen. Horatio Gates's defeat at the Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. That he the said Hackney afterwards served under Peter Tequit [sic: Peter Jaquett] until the end of the war. That he the said Hackney served at Gates' defeat, and was with Gen'l. [Daniel] Morgan at the battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781]. He was in two engagements under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] at Guilford [Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and one at Camlin (Camden) [Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] He was also at the seige of Ninety-six [in South Carolina, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] and at the battle of Eutaw Spring [Eutaw Springs SC, 8 Sep 1781]; and was discharged at New Castle in the State of Delaware by Colo Vaughan, having been in the service about the term of six years.

And from the knowledge which some of the members of the Court themselves have, as well as from other satisfactory evidence, the Court are unanimously of opinion, and do hereby certify, that the said John Hackney is a person of credit as a witness; that it was generally understood in the neighbourhood of the residence of the said John Hackney previous to the passage of the said Act of Congress, that the said Hackney had served as a fifer in the Revolutionary War, and, that the said John Hackney is in such reduced circumstances in life, as to need assistance from his country for support. All which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

At a Court held for the said County of Russell the 7th. day of September 1819

This day personally appeared in Court John Hackney who at a Court held for this County the 5th. day of May 1818 made a declaration on oath for the purpose of obtaining the pension allowed by the Act of Congress of the 18th. of March 1818, and further declared on oath, that the Line he served in was the Delaware Line in which he served 6 years. and he being interrogated by the Court upon the facts stated in his first declaration, the Judge of the Court is of opinion, that the statements of the said Hackney are true. Which is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War. A Copy

District of Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Russell county at the Courthouse on the 9th. day of November 1820.

On this ninth day of November 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record holden in & for the County of Russell in the State of Virginia John Hackney aged sixty years, resident in the said county of Russell and state aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, on his oath declared that he served in the Revolutionary War in companies commanded by Capt John Rhodes (killed at Gates's defeat) and Peter Jaquit, of the Delaware Regiment and Delaware Line, of which he made declaration on the 5th of May 1818, and 7th. day of September 1819; that he has received a pension Certificate No. 17,479 dated June 12th 1820. — And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States in the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons

engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war,” passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit:

50 acres of land (mountainous). worth \$400.–	
1 horse, small and under execution	20.–
2 cows and calves, & 3 yearlings.	30.–
12 hogs.	13.–
8 sheep.	8.–
1 old plough.	1.–
Some small articles of kitchen furniture. . .	5.–
	477.–

John hisXmark Hackney

And the said John Hackney further makes oath that he is a farmer, and able to do but little work, being small and weakly, that he has one son about 16 years of age; one daughter aged about 30 years, one other about 14 years of age, and his wife, old and unhealthy – constituting his family, and is greatly in debt: sworn to and declared on the 9th day of November 1820 before the Court of Russell County.

For the purpose of obtaining the benefit of “An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Army of the Revolution” approved on the 15th of May, 1828, I John Hackney of the County of Russell in the State of Virginia do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued in its service until its termination, at which period I was a Fifer in Captain Peter Jaquits Company in the line of Infantry for Colo Wm Washington’s horse [William Washington’s Continental Light Dragoons]; I was afterwards discharged at New Castle in the State of Delaware, in the Delaware line, by the same Captain, and have since lost my discharge

I cannot now say whether I afterwards received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars referred to in the third section of the above recited act, as authorised by the resolve of Congress passed May the 15th 1778. This resolution of Congress cannot be found and I believe does not exist, amongst the Acts of Congress in the said County of Russell, or at any other place near this to which I have had access, so that I cannot tell its purpose

And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th day of March, 1827, on the Pension List of the United States. I obtained under the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 a pension certificate no. 17.479 dated June 12th 1820, but upon application under the subsequent law of Congress of the 1st of May 1820 I was discontinued as a pensioner, the amount of my property being adjudged to exclude me from the benefit of the said act of March the 18th 1820, and I was notified that my name was stricken from the pension list.

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NOTES:

On 22 April 1847 Jane V. Hackney, age 78 or 79, applied for a pension stating that she married John Hackney in New Castle County DE on 16 May 1787 or 1786, and he died in Russell County on 10 Jan 1843. On 9 July 1849 Jane V. Hackney was said to be 81.

On 3 May 1847 Agnes Sutherland stated that she became acquainted with John and Jane V. Hackney in Botetourt County about 1790, before they moved to Glade Hollow and afterwards to Clinch River, both in Russell County. On the same day John Hackney, the second child of John and Jane V. Hackney, stated that he was 58 on the previous February 17, and that his oldest sister, Polly Hackney, would be 60 on the following July 30.