

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hickman W7745

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State of Georgia Monroe County

On this 25th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Christopher B Strong Judge of the Superior Court of said County now sitting, John Hickman, a resident of Monroe County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated.

~~John Hickman aged seventy-seven in years,~~ That he was drawn or drafted (it was called balloting) in Anson County North Carolina in the spring of the year he thinks of 1777 under Captain Lilte [sic, Lytle? or Little?] in a Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Thaxton [probably a reference to James Thackston] for nine months, the company collected at Mays Mill in Anson County and joined the Regiment at Salisbury, the Regiment then started as claimant was informed to join the northern Army at Philadelphia, but on reaching a place called Moon's Creek near Dan River, the Regiment was stopped and that men allowed to return home as minute men, after having been two months in service, in the ensuing Fall on the same troops were called again into service, and this Army rendezvoused at Camden and marched to Charleston, but on getting to the ten mile house the route was changed to Savannah, and on getting within about twenty miles of Savannah news was received that the British had taken that place, and the Army marched up Savannah River to a place called Back Swamp [Black Swamp] and after being stationed there for a while the British crossed the River and pursued the Americans to Charleston, which the Americans entered and remained there until claimant had permission to return home at the expiration of his nine months which he had to serve without including the two months which he had previously served. – Some time, but how long Claimant is unable to state, after his return from the above mentioned tour, claimant was again drafted for a three months tour, and entered the service under Captain Thomas Threadgill, who, claimant

believes, was a Continental officer, the company marched to the Cheraw Hills, and then up the Pedee River, opposite the mouth of Rocky River, where they commenced the building of a Fort, but before the Fort was completed, the three months expired and claimant returned home – After the expiration of this term claimant was drafted for another term of three months and entered the service under Captain Bracken [probably a reference to Captain William Brackin/Bracken¹ of Anson County], and the Regiment rendezvoused at Camden South Carolina, but he does not remember the name of the Colonel, and they marched on and joined the Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene] on the evening before the battle at the Eutaw Springs, Claimant was in that battle from beginning to end, and assisted in guarding away the prisoners, he thinks there were three hundred and seventy-seven prisoners in the portion that he assisted in guarding, but does not know whether there were more prisoners were not, in this battle the Regiment to which claimant belonged was commanded by Colonel Malnada [Malmedy] a Frenchman: from Eutaw the troops returned to Camden and the Company to which Claimant belonged was marched some few miles below Camden and stationed on town Creek for a short time, when they were sent with some British prisoners up into Anson County North Carolina and in arriving there claimant's term of service expired and he returned home.

Claimant has understood that he was born in Duplin County North Carolina, but is unable to state the time further than to say that according to the best of his information, he was twenty years of age at the time independence was declared – he has no record of his age, nor does he know that any record of it was ever made – at the time of his being called into the service he lived as already stated in Anson County North Carolina. At the close of the war Claimant removed to Chesterfield County South Carolina, and made one crop, and then returned to Anson and made three crops, and moved back to Chesterfield and lived the second time about 10 or 12 years, then moved up in Greenville County South Carolina, and lived there until about six years ago, when he came to Monroe County Georgia where he now lives – has already stated the manner of his being called into the service – has stated the general circumstances of his service – He received but one discharge, which he remembers was a printed one, & he thinks by Captain Litle and Major Armstrong – he hopes that any of his neighbors would testify to his character for veracity; and also to their belief of his being a revolutionary soldier – he does not know of any of those who served with him whose evidence he can now procure: if he was back in Anson he could procure it by several persons now living – 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 to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ C. B. Strong, Jr., Judge

S/ John Hickman, X his mark

[Joseph Chipman, a clergyman, and James Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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And now on this the first day of October in the year 1833 again appears the said John Hickman before the Honorable Christopher B Strong Judge of the said Superior Court now sitting in by way of further and amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7 1832 and being first duly sworn on oath says that in relation to the period of the war in which he served he cannot state further than that his first term was to the best of his recollection in the spring of the year 1777 and that his officers, terms of service [indecipherable word] for the terms of time and the order stated – applicant states that he is old and entirely illiterate and knows and remembers but little about particular dates he knows full

¹ [William Brackin \(Bracken\) R1119](#)

well however that he served his country and that faithfully for the terms of time and at the places stated in his declaration – claimant understands the second objection to apply to the want of positive proof of his service by those who served with him, this he is utterly unable to procure, his age and decrepitude puts it out of his power to travel to North Carolina to procure testimony in his property disabled him from employing any other person to go for him. The department must do with his claim as they think proper he is certain he will not remain long to [indecipherable word, could be "Curse"] them with his importunities and he cannot in justice to his feelings do less than say that his country was not so particular in regard to matters of form when his services were needed as she seems now to be when a small return is to be made for those services.

S/ John Hickman, X his mark

And now on this 10th day of September 1834 again personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Christopher B Strong Judge of the Superior Court for the aforesaid County of Monroe the said John Hickman who appeared therein on the 25th day of October 1832 and then again on the 1st day of October 1833: And the said John Hickman after being again duly sworn in terms of the law makes the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

Being required by a letter from the War Department dated January 15, 1834 to explain more fully his service of nine months, with the further addition in this letter referred to that service of nine months was not performed in the militia: – He has endeavored to correct his memory in regard to the term of service referred to and cannot say more than that he feels confident of having served two months when first called into service and of having served nine months and his tour of service towards Savannah and Charleston being the one referred to by the Department and the particular incidents of which are set forth in his first application, he does not know for certain whether his Captain Litle and his Colonel Maxton were militia or regular officers but he thinks they were officers of militia – if he is mistaken as to the term of service he can't help it, he has given the best account of the matter he is able: Of one thing he knows he is certain that he served more than seventeen months in all whether he has been able to give the terms of service with minute certainty he cannot say: He hopes the Department knows the length of the several terms of service to which he has referred and that they will allow him so much as they may be satisfied he deserves.

Sworn to in open court the day and year first above written.

S/ Christopher B Strong, Judge

S/ John Hickman, X his mark

[fn p. 14: copy of the last will and testament of the veteran dated September 28, 1835 and filed in Monroe County, Georgia; In it the veteran names his wife, Elizabeth; son, Lewis G. Hickman; daughter-in-law, Zilwann Hickman (and her son, Aaron La Fayette Hickman), widow of son Abraham Hickman; and other unnamed children.]

[fn p. 5: On December 10, 1855, in Monroe County, Georgia, Lewis G. Hickman, 57, filed a claim under the 1838 act for the pension due his mother Elizabeth Hickman as the widow of John Hickman, a revolutionary war pensioner; he states that he is the executor of the estate of his father and the administrator of the estate of his mother; that his father died September 28, 1835 leaving a widow who survived until October 17 1852; the widow died leaving surviving her the following children: himself, Aaron C. Hickman, Copeland Hickman, Pleasant J Hickman,

Elizabeth Jackett of whom all are now living; that his parents were married in the year 1783

Lewis G Hickman

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[It appears to me that the pension was not granted to the veteran or his widow but rather was recognized under the application filed in 1855 by their son, Lewis G Hickman pursuant to which a pension of \$46.66 per annum was granted from March 4th, 1831 to September 28, 1835 for the services of the veteran for 14 months in the North Carolina militia as a private and from March 4th, 1848 to October 17, 1852 at the same rate to the estate of the widow.]