

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hook W7755

Mary Hook

f59VA

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State of Virginia Hampshire County SS

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia on this first day of February 1833 William Hook a Resident of the said County of Hampshire and State of Virginia aged 75 [last digit written over could be 76] 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. That in the year 1781 in the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia in month of September he was drafted for a Tour of six months and placed under the Command of Captain John Neel. This declarant's memory from old age and infirmity is frail and he has forgotten the names of his subaltern officers. This deponent's Captain with his Company marched immediately to the Siege of little York. But this declarant received a furlough from his Captain for ten days in order to gather and take care of some corn for a poor widow in his neighborhood at the end of which furlough deponent went directly and Joined his Company with General Washington Main Army where we were constantly engaged for 3 or 4 days and nights until the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], declarant's old General Washington received the sword of Cornwallis, we then were marched back with the prisoners to what was called the Winchester Barracks where we guarded the prisoners during winter. Our orderly Sergeant was taken sick and went home and declarant was appointed in his room in which capacity declarant served three months, declarant's Captain left the Barracks 10 or 12 days before declarant's time had expired at which time we were placed under Commissary James Simvill (or Summerville) and after Declarant had served out his term of six months he was discharged and went home. Declarant knows of no person now living by hoom [whom] to prove his said Service excepting James Smith, he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency or territory.

Subscribed and sworn to this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1834. The following are Declarant's Answers to the Questions prescribed by the War Department.

S/ William Hook, X his Mark

1. I was born in Gloucestershire in England in the year 1759.
2. I have no Record of my age.
3. I lived in Hampshire County in Virginia. I still live in the same County.
4. I was drafted.
5. Only being a few days with the main Army I formed no acquaintance with the officers of the

Regular Army as Cornwallis surrendered in a few days after Declarant arrived at Head Quarters. When declarant marched back to Winchester where he remained the Residue of his Tour as a guard to the prisoners.

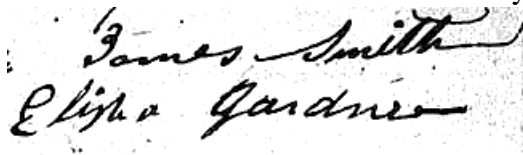
6. My Captain having left before my time was expired I did not get a Regular discharge.

7. I do referred to Mr. James Smith as above stated as proof of my Service and to Elisha Gardner as to his belief of my being a soldier of the Revolution.

Subscribed and sworn to this first day of February 1834

S/ William Hook, X his Mark

We James Smith and Elisha Gardner a clergyman residence of the County of Hampshire and State of Virginia hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William book who has signed and sworn to the above Declaration for a pension that we believe him to be 75 years of Age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and we concur in that opinion. Sworn and subscribed this one day of February 1834.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "James Smith" and the bottom signature reads "Elisha Gardner". Both signatures are written over a light-colored, possibly stamped or printed, background.

[p 11: On April 29<sup>th</sup> [last digit written over could be 20<sup>th</sup>] 1839 in Hampshire County Virginia, Mary Hook, 75, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Hook a private in the revolution; that she married him August 13, 1782; that he died January 30<sup>th</sup>, 1837.

The image shows a handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Mary Hook". The signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[p 12: "Virginia Hampshire County

The following is a copy from the record of returns of Marriages made by ministers of the gospel in said County

"William Hook & Mary McKee August 13<sup>th</sup> 1782 by J Riding."]

[Facts in file: In 1859, one Robert Hook resided in Hampshire County Virginia, his address the same as the soldier's widow, Mary Hook. No relationship between them was stated. No reference is made to any of the children of William Hook and his wife Mary.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]