

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hopper W7785 Catharine Hopper NC
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THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
Madison County, Sct.

On this 12th day of March 1819 before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court, in and for the state aforesaid, personally appeared John Hopper aged about sixty eight years; who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following statement and declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late law 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;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the county of Madison; and that he was enlisted for twelve months in Wilks [sic: Wilkes] county in the state of North Carolina on or about the last of of March he thinks 1781 he knows that it was the year of the Siege of 96 [Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] for he was there by one Capt Alexander Pervard [sic: Alexander Brevard] of the 2 Regiment commanded by Colo John Armstrong North Carolina line on continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States, in the continental army, against the common enemy, until about the he thinks day of March 1782 when he was honorably discharged from service near Bacons bridge [about 20 mi NW of Charleston] in the state of South Carolina; that he was in service one year and was in the battles of 96 and the Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other than that which is here transmitted.

Madison Circuit Sct September Term 1820

On this 21st day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a court of record for the State of Kentucky and County of Madison John Hopper aged Sixty nine years resident in said County who being first duly Sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows He belonged to the Second north carolina Regiment and to Capt Alexander Perver Company that his Original declaration is dated the 12th day of March 1819 the number of his pension certificate is 14780 and he further Solely Swore that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 he has not nor has any person in trust for him any property or securities contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed towit two cows & calves 2 pots and kettle 6 knives & forks and he owes about \$40 and has no debts owing him, (Signed) John Hopper He states that he is a farmer by occupation but that he is now unable to follow it he states that he has no Children living with him and he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country.

The State of Indiana } ss.
Clay COUNTY, }

On this Fourth day of July A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace of and for the County and State aforesaid, Catharine Hopper aged 75 years, a resident of Marion Township Owen County, in the State of Indiana, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the Widow of John Hopper deceased, who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain [blank] in the [blank] Regiment of [blank] commanded by Colonel William Washington in the War of the Revolution and received a Pension up to the date of his death

That her said husband Volunteered at Mulberry fields [now Wilkesboro] NC on or about the [blank] day of [blank], A.D. [blank] for the term of [blank] and continued in actual service in said War for the term of Two years, and was honorably discharged at Eutaw Springs on the [blank] day of [blank] A.D. [blank].

She further states that she was married to the said John Hopper on the Nineteenth day of March A.D. 1842 by one Lewis R Rogers, a Justice of the Peace, and that her name before her said marriage was Catharine Piles; that her said husband died at Marion Township aforesaid on the Eleventh day of March, A.D. 1852, and that she is now a widow.

The Name of Captain, date of Volunteering & date of his Discharge not recollected.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of claiming the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3, A.D. 1855. [The rest is power of attorney, not transcribed.]

NOTES:

On 23 Feb 1829 John Hopper applied to have his pension transferred from Kentucky to Indiana, having moved to Orange County because "his children were emigrating to said state and desired his removal with them." He signed with his mark, witnessed by John Hopper, Jr.

On 20 Aug 1855 Catharine Hopper applied for a pension. The file contains a record of the marriage of John Hopper and Caty Piles in Martin County Indiana on 19 March 1842.

A letter dated 18 Oct 1865 indicates that Catharine Hopper was still living.