

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hobson W7793 Elizabeth Hobson f33VA
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State of North Carolina Person County

On this 9th day of November 1842 personally appeared before me Clement H Jordan a Justice of the peace of said County – Elizabeth Hobson, widow of William Hopson, a resident of said County, aged 73 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 in's 1838 – That she is the widow of William Hobson late of the County of Cumberland Virginia who was as she is informed & believes a Soldier of the revolution – that he enlisted as a Soldier under she thinks one __ Carrington for a tour of 12 months & served a tour under General Charles Scott of Virginia – she is not informed as to any battle, if ever was in one of her said husband – nor is she able to state the term of the enlistment of her husband – the year of his entry or leaving the service, though she hopes to be able to prove it.

She further declares that she was married to the said William Hobson on the 12th day of June 1788, that her husband died on the 6th day of March in the year 1821 or 22 and that she is and has been a widow ever since –

Sworn to & subscribed before me on the day & year aforesaid
S/ Elizabeth Hobson, X her mark

State of North Carolina Person County:

This day William Warren of the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty Nine appeared before me one of the justices of the peace in and for said County and being duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he is the brother of Elizabeth Hobson of the County aforesaid widow of the late William Hobson of said County formally of Cumberland County Virginia, who was as he is informed and believes a soldier of the Revolution, That the said William Hobson and Elizabeth Warren his sister were married by the Reverend James Watkins duly authorized to solemnized the rites of matrimony. That the marriage took place in the house of my father in the County of Caswell now Person, That her husband died about the 6 day of March in the year 1821 or 2. That she is now and has been a widow ever since. They never had any children; he further states that he has often heard William Hobson speak of incidents connected with his Revolutionary tour. He is not certain as to dates but believes them correct.

Sworn to and subscribed before me one of the justices of the peace for the County on the 9th day of November 1842

S/ C. H. Jordan, JP

S/ William Warrin




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State of North Carolina Person County

This day Nathaniel Warren of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia aged 71 years personally appeared before me Clement H Jordan one of the justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law maketh oath that he is the brother of Elizabeth Hobson of Person County North Carolina widow of the late William Hobson of said County and formerly of Cumberland County Virginia who was as he is informed and believes a soldier of the Revolution That the said William Hobson and Elizabeth Warren his sister were married in this County then Caswell State of North Carolina about the 12th day of June 1788 by the Reverend James Watkins a clergyman of the Baptist denomination and lived as man and wife for the space of 34 years, he having died about the 6th day of March 1821 or 2 leaving no children. She the said Elizabeth Hobson is and has ever remained a widow since the death of her husband William Hobson; he further states that he has often heard said William Hobson speak of many of the incidents connected with his service during his tour in the revolutionary service he the said Daniel Warren further maketh oath that he is particular about the dates of the marriage from the fact that he set his own marriage in his cipher and book and he knows hers was on the 12th day of June of the same year.

S/ Nathaniel Warrin



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State of North Carolina Person County:

On this 16th day of January 1843 appeared before me Clement H Jordan a justice of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions in and for the County above named Nathaniel Warren a resident of Halifax County Virginia aged 71 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath state that he is the brother of Elizabeth Hobson widow of William Hobson late of the County of Person and formerly of the County of Cumberland Virginia, whose declaration has been filed for the benefit of the act of Congress of the 17th of July 1838 . That the said Elizabeth Hobson is the widow of the said William Hobson that she was married to the said William Hobson at the time stated in his former deposition by the Reverend James Watkins a minister of the Baptist denomination at the dwelling house of his father: That he the said Nathaniel Warren was present at the wedding and saw all the married: he further states that he went with William Hobson to Colonel Archibald Murphy's who was the clerk of the County at that time was security to the marriage bond and saw said Hobson received the license from said Murphy. He further states that his said sister Elizabeth Hobson was married to William Hobson in the same year that he himself was married and at the time stated in his former declaration that he is positive in relation to this fact from the record of his own marriage; he further states upon his oath that the peace or scrip of paper pasted to the lower end of this deposition is the original record of his own marriage in his own handwriting cut from his cipher in book the day and written as he now believes the day after he was married.

S/ Nathaniel Warrin

Nathaniel Warren has married the 4 day of Septemr

Halifax County State of Virginia

This day appeared before me James M Chappell one of the Justices of the said County Drusilla Pate aged 79 years who being duly sworn according to law maketh oath that she is the sister of William Hobson late of Person County North Carolina and formerly of Cumberland County Virginia who was as she has no doubt a soldier of the Revolution. She states that there are no doubts remaining on her mind in regard to his being a revolutionary soldier from the facts: She recollects distinctly that the recruiting officer was frequently at her Father's house and two of her Brothers enlisting in the service to wit, William Hobson & Benjamin Hopson, that they both went off and remained twelve months the term for which they enlisted, that she is not exact as to the time of their enlistment but that she believes it was about the year 1777. She is not certain who their Captain was, but thinks it probable that it was one Cunningham, as he was then a Captain and living within about 7 miles of her father's House, She does not recollect of the Regiment to which they belonged but believes that they served under General Charles Scott, who was then in [sic, a] resident of the County and whom she had often heard congratulate her Father for their dutiful and soldier like deportment during that tour of service. She believes that name of the recruiting officer was one Carrington, the given name she does not recollect. She further distinctly recollects that during that time of service when stationed at she believes at Frederick town in Maryland that they were taken sick and that her Father employed a man in the neighborhood to visit them and to carry money to them and that she well recollects the scene of joy expressed by the family on their safe return to her Father's House. She further states that she is not informed of any battles (if any) that her said Brother William Hobson was engaged in. She further maketh oath that Elizabeth Hobson of Person County North Carolina, widow of William Hobson late of that County is the widow of her deceased Brother, who resided in Cumberland County Virginia in the time of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to and subscribed this 10th day of November 1842 before me
S/ Jno. M. Chappell, JP S/ Drusilla Pate

Drusilla Pate

[p 10: Copy of a marriage bond [not dated] issued in Caswell County North Carolina to William Hobson and Nathaniel Warren conditioned upon the marriage of William Gibson to Betsey Warren.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]