

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hawkins W8886

Jane Hawkins

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State of Kentucky Anderson County Sct.

On this 12th day of December 1836 personally appeared before the County Court of the County of Anderson now sitting Jane Hawkins a resident of said County and State of Kentucky 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 an act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836 – That she is the widow of James Hawkins who was a Captain in the Army of the Militia, he entered the service of the United States sometime in the month of January as well as she recollects in 1778 to guard the prisoners taken at the defeat of Burgoyne [Battle of Saratoga, October 7, 1777]. She states that she believes that he served at said time three months. That he the said Hawkins again in the month of May 1781 entered the service of the United States as a Captain of a Militia Company from the County of Orange State of Virginia where he resided, when he entered the service as above stated he marched as she was informed by him to Richmond, Williamsburg and she thinks to Norfolk – the Officers under whom he the said Hawkins served she does not know – that sometime about the last of June or first of July 1781 he was discharged and he returned home, and that sometime in the month of July 1781 as she believes and is so informed that he entered the service of the United States as a Captain of the Militia and was gone until sometime in October 1781 when he again returned home.

She further states and declares that she was married to the said James Hawkins by the Reverend Mr. Stephenson of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia on the 12th of April 1781 that her husband the aforesaid James Hawkins died on 25 day of March 1819 of a disease of the breast and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before

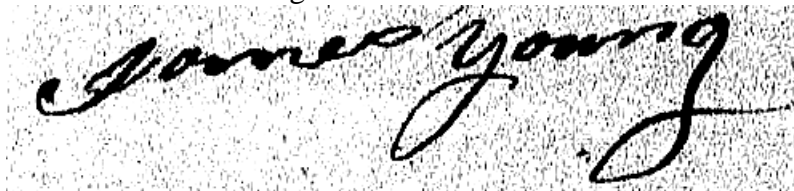


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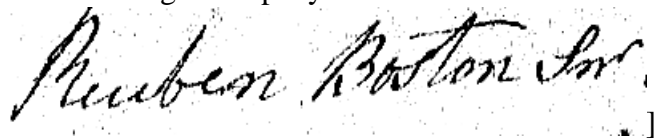
The deposition of James Young taken at the house of John G Allen in the County of Jessamine on the 31st day of October 1836. The deponent being of lawful age and first being sworn deposeth and saith, that about the year 1781 he was a soldier in the Revolutionary War from the County of Caroline and State of Virginia and that he became acquainted with James Hawkins a Captain of a company in Colonel Matthews Regiment, and that said deponent was acquainted with said

Hawkins for about 2 weeks and that he then left the Army and left said Hawkins in the Army, that he was from the County of Orange, and that the term of service of the soldiers from the upper Counties was for 3 months, and those that lived in the lower Counties near the siege of York Town was for 40 days only.

S/ James Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Young". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

[p 10: Undated: Reuben Boston¹ of Anderson County Kentucky gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Captain James Hawkins in the year 1778 when he was called into service of the United States in the County of Orange in the month of January with his company of militia to guard the prisoners taken at the surrender of Burgoyne for 3 months at the barracks in Albemarle County Virginia; that affiant's father was a soldier under said Captain James Hawkins in such service; affiant states that he, affiant, was drafted in May 1781 as a soldier under Captain Hawkins and marched from Orange County to Richmond and from thence to Williamsburg and then to Norfolk where the company served three months; Major Barbour [probably James Barbour] and Colonel Matthews were the officers there; that in the latter part of the summer or the early part of the fall of 1781 affiant served in a militia company under Captain Waw [George Wawh] from Orange County for three months at the same time Captain Hawkins was along commanding a company.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Reuben Boston". The ink is dark and the background is a light, textured surface.

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The affidavit of Reuben Boston of lawful age taken in the Town of Lawrenceburg and State of Kentucky on the 21st day of May 1838 to be read as evidence in the case of a claim of Jane Hawkins for a Pension for military services of her Husband James Hawkins during the War of the Revolution. This affiant states that he performed a tour of duty under Captain James Hawkins the Husband of the aforesaid Jane Hawkins of three months during the War of the revolution in 1781.

This affiant further states that his Father served a Tour of duty under the said Captain James Hawkins during the war of the revolution in the year 1778 or in the year 1779 the precise length of service he does not recollect but he feels confident it could not have been less than three months. This affiant further states that he performed a Tour of service during the War of the revolution of three months under Captain George Waw and at that time the aforesaid James Hawkins was a Captain in the Army making a service of nine months performed by the said James Hawkins as Captain during the revolutionary War. This affiant further states that he was well acquainted with the said James Hawkins and Jane Hawkins having been born and raised in the same neighborhood with them & continued to live a mile and a half of them until their removal to Kentucky. This Affiant further states that the said James Hawkins and Jane Hawkins were married in the year 1781 sometime in March, the particular day of the month not

¹ [Reuben Boston S16330](#)

recollected and that the tour of services performed by this affiant under the said Captain James Hawkins commenced in July of the same year a few months after their intermarriage.

This affiant states that he has been informed that there is some discrepancy in his former statement as to dates in support of the claim of the said Jane Hawkins, if this be the fact, it must have originated in a mistake of the draftsman –

Further this affiant saith not
S/ Reuben Boston

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The Affidavit of Jane Hawkins taken at the house of John Hackley in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky on the 15th day of December 1837 to be read as evidence in the case of a Pension for Military services performed by James Hawkins in the revolutionary War in the year 1781. The said Jane Hawkins states she was married to the said James Hawkins on the 12th day of April 1781 in Virginia in Culpeper County by a man by the name of Stephenson a Protestant Preacher – That her eldest child after her marriage with the said James Hawkins was born on the 9th day of March 1783. The said Jane Hawkins further states that the family Bible in which the ages of her children were recorded was lost in moving to this Country in the year 1789.

S/ Jane Hawkins, X her mark

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The Affidavit of Jane Hawkins of lawful age taken at the house of Joel Boston in the County of Anderson and State of Kentucky to be read as evidence in the case of a claim of the said Jane Hawkins for a Pension for military services performed by her Husband James Hawkins during the Revolutionary War. This affiant states that she was married to the said James Hawkins on the 12th of April 1779 in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia and their marriage [is] recorded in the family Bible, which was lost in their removal to Kentucky, she further states that there has been no record made of the laws of the Bible within her knowledge or any other documentary proof of their marriage.

S/ Jane Hawkins, X her mark

[attested in Anderson County Kentucky June 21, 1838]

[p 6: On March 13, 1852 in Anderson County Kentucky, John J. McAfee, administrator of Jane Hawkins made application for an increase in the pension due her for the benefit of her surviving children. In another document dated the same day, the surviving children of Jane Hawkins were identified as: James Hawkins, Jane Hackley, Elizabeth Foster, Ohio Coleman, Sarah Boston and Mary Jordan; and it was testified that Jane Hawkins departed this life September 24, 1842.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$180 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Captain for 9 months in the Virginia service.]