

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Hawkins W9055

Susan Hawkins

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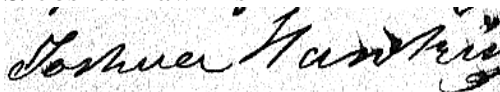
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South Carolina Spartanburg District

Personally appeared before me Langdon Cheves one of the Associate Justices of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas of the State aforesaid, Joshua Hawkins of the District and State aforesaid and made oath, That he Joshua Hawkins enlisted as a private in the Continental service in the spring of the year 1776 (in March 1776) in Captain James Johnson's Company, 6th Regiment of the Virginia line, commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner, of General Wedons [George Weedon's] Brigade, in General Green's division; and that he remained in the Service till the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] where he was severely wounded and taken prisoner and remained a prisoner until the 19 February 1778 when he was discharged (in consequence of being severely wounded) on his parole. That he was then a resident of Lunenburg County, State of Virginia, and removed from thence to Spartanburg District aforesaid in South Carolina aforesaid in the year 1782 & has continued to reside therein ever since. That he is in reduced Circumstances & requires the assistance of his Country for his Support

S/ Joshua Hawkins



Sworn to before made this 24 August 1818

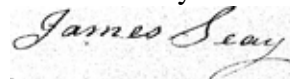
S/ Langdon Cheves

South Carolina Spartanburg District: Personally appeared before me Langdon Cheves one of the Associate Justices of the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas of the state aforesaid, James Seay & made oath, That he knows Joshua Hawkins the deponent in the foregoing affidavit. That he the said Joshua Hawkins enlisted as a private in the spring of the year 1776 in Captain James Johnson's Company, 6th Regiment Virginia line, commanded by Colonel Mordecai Buckner, in General Weedon's Brigade & General Green's division, and that he remained in the service until the Battle of Brandywine, where he was severely wounded & taken prisoner. That this Deponent was a private in the Company of Captain Everard Meade, 2nd Regiment, Virginia line, which Regiment served with the 6th Regiment & that he is therefore appointed of his own knowledge with the foregoing facts.

Sworn to before made this 24 August 1818

S/ Langdon Cheves

S/ James Seay¹



¹ [James Seay S9477](#)

State of South Carolina

On this 9th day of April 1821 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas the same being a Court of record for the District of Spartanburg in the said State, Joshua Hawkins aged sixty-seven years, resident in the district aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as mentioned in the former Declaration of this deponent and being inscribed on the pension list Roll of the South Carolina agency for further compliance with the law doth further swear as follows. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

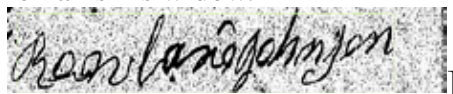
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| one axe of the value of | \$1.50 |
| one hoe | 1.00 |
| one set shoemakers tools | 4.00 |
| one Frying pan | .75 |
| | \$7.25 |

S/ Joseph Hawkins

Sworn to & declared the day and year aforesaid in Open Court before
S/ Daniel E Huger

[p 10: On July 2, 1844 in Spartanburg District South Carolina, Sarah Hawkins, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 Act stating that she is the widow of Joshua Hawkins, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Lunenburg County Virginia early in the year 1780; that they were married by the Reverend James Shelbin; that she cannot remember the month or day on which she was married; that her husband died July 25, 1832; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but was married to him prior to January one, 1794, at the date above stated. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On July 2, 1844 in Spartanburg district South Carolina, Rowland Johnson,² 86, gave testimony in support of the widows claim saying that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his widow; that they were married in the early part of the year 1780 in Lunenburg County Virginia; that affiant saw them married; that the weather was very cold at the time; that the veteran and his wife raised a large and respectable family of children that the veteran was a regular in the Virginia service in the 6th Regiment; that the affiant is himself a pensioner for his service in the revolution; and that the veteran died July 25, 1832 and that Susan Hawkins remains his widow.



[Facts in file: Veteran was allowed a pension of \$3 per month on account of his wound commencing March 25, 1808 which he relinquished when he applied for his pension under the

² [Roland Johnson S21846](#)

1818 act; that the widow's maiden name was Susan Johnson; that the marriage took place either in the early part of 1780 or on March 29, 1782 (both dates contained in documents in the file).]

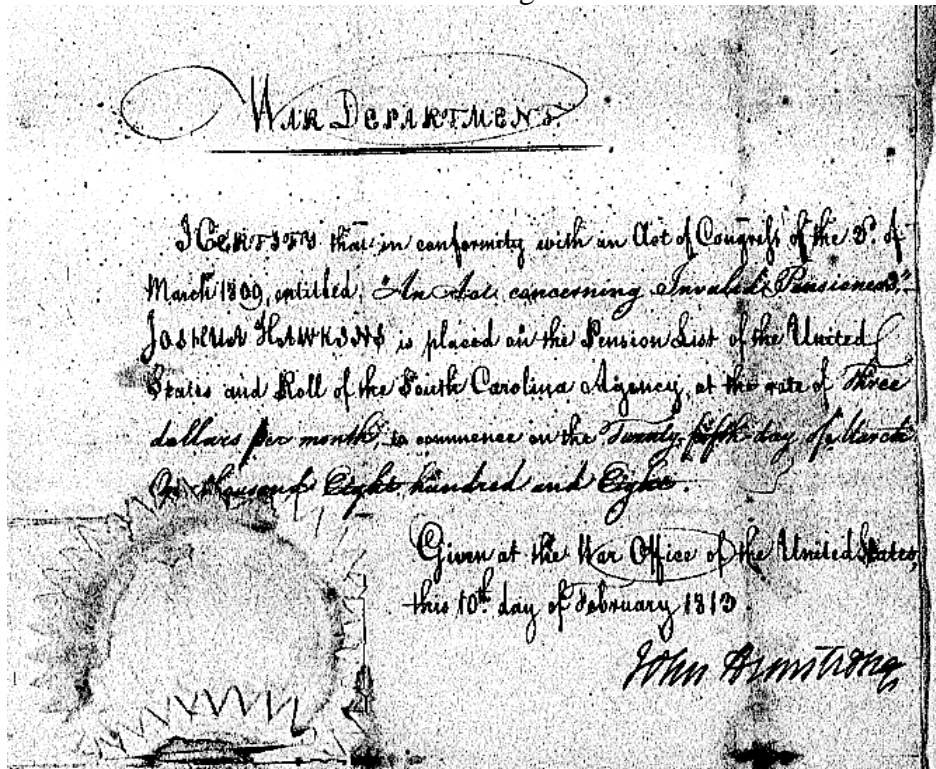
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War Department

I Certify that in conformity with the Act of Congress of the 3rd of March 1809 entitled "And Act granting Invalid Pensioners" – Joseph Hawkins is placed on the Pension List of the United States and Roll of the South Carolina Agency at the rate of \$3 per month to commence on the 25th day of March 1808.

Given at the War Office of the United States this 10th day of February 1813

S/ John Armstrong



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 24, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Lunenburg Legislative Petitions

To the Hon. the Speaker & Gentleman of the House of Delegates of Virginia
The Petition of Joshua Hawkins Humbly Sheweth That your Petitioner enlisted in the Continental Army some time in February 1776 and continued therein until the 11th of September 1777 when in the Battle of Brandywine he was wounded & Taken prisoner by the British and as he has been Neglectful in making application for his pay allowed to officers & Soldiers in such cases he your most Humble Petitioner therefore begs that you would give further time for his drawing his pay –

And as in duty bound Shall ever Pray &c &c &c

S/ Joshua Hawkins

It appears by the books in this office that the above mentioned Joshua Hawkins has not received pay & Depreciation for his Services as a Soldier

S/ [illegibly faint signature]

Aud. Office 5 Novr. 91

[Reverse]

Hawkins' S Petition

5 November 1791

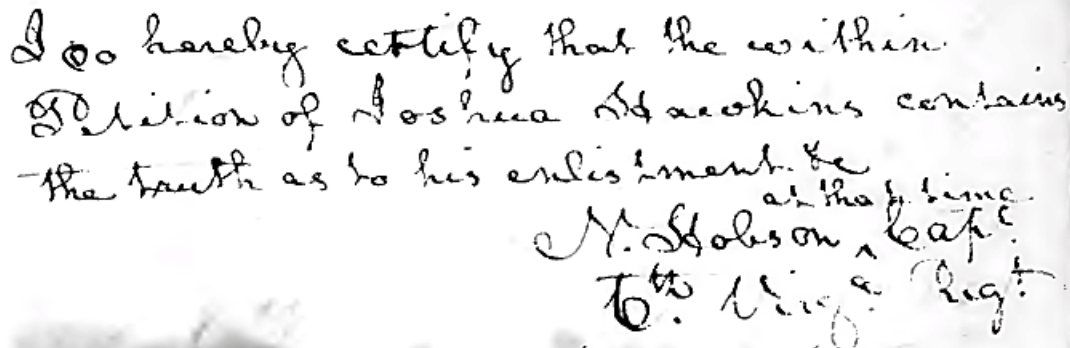
Referred to Claims

Reasonable

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I do hereby certify that the within Petition of Joshua Hawkins contains the truth as to his enlistment &c.

S/ N. Hobson [Nicholas Hobson] at that time Capt.
6th Virginia Regiment



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