

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Hawkins S16857

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State of Missouri, Washington County: In the Circuit Court July term 1833

On this 8th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Charles A. Allen, Judge of the Circuit Court in Washington County State of Missouri, now sitting, John Hawkins, a resident of Washington County State of Missouri aged seventy one 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 passed March [sic, June] 7th 1832.

He states that he was born December 22d 1762 on Hyco River North Carolina—that he has the record of his birth, copied from the family record of his father—that he was living in Burk [sic, Burke] County North Carolina when he first entered the service—that he resided in Burke County till 1797 when he removed to upper Louisiana, now Missouri, where he now resides.

That the first time he entered the service, he volunteered in a company of light horse against the Indians in the spring of 1779, and served about two weeks or more under Capt Jas. Britain—that the same spring he volunteered a second time under Capt Kenedy, now Gen. Kenedy of Kentucky, against the Cherokees up the Cataba [sic, Catawba] River to the Cherokee Towns on Tuckasiege [sic, Tuckasegee] River a branch of Tennessee [River]--that on his return, he stopped at a fort, near the head of the Catawba, called Brown's fort, where he continued about a month under the command of Capt Josiah Branham—that he then went to a fort lower down the same river, called Davidson's fort, where he completed his tour of three months, and immediately substituted for a man whose name he has forgotten, for another tour of three months, under Captain Smith, according to the best of his recollection—that he then returned to the upper fort (~~Brown's fort~~) where he served three months as a volunteer under Captain Smith, when other militia came to relieve them, he substituted for a Dutchman by the name of Ashe Brenner, and served three months longer under the same Captain. That he then returned home, but in a short time, he volunteered under Major or Colonel McDowell, he is uncertain which he was, at the time, in a company of light horse, furnishing his own horse, and made an excursion into South Carolina, upon the waters of the Tiger [sic, Tyger] and Pacolet Rivers against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson], he was out on this expedition, two months. In the fall of the same year (1780) he belonged to the minute men who were in the winter called out to join General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] about the time of the battle of the Cowpens – that at the time of that battle he was in the neighborhood of the Cowpens – that in this expedition he was in service one month, as near as he can recollect-- that shortly after his return from this expedition he again volunteered under Captain McFarland and returned to the upper or Fort on the Catawba, where he served till the late last of summer or the first of the fall, when it was thought that there were more men at the fort and necessary, as the Indians had become less troublesome, he volunteered and marched from that fort, and went into the lower parts of North Carolina against the British and Tories, near Wilmington under the Command of Gen. Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Col. McDowel and Capt McFarland, all Militia officers, and served three months making eight months from the time the last entered the service – that he was in the service at other times, the particulars he cannot call to mind, with any certainty – that from the time of his entering the service in 1779

until the close of the war, he was almost constantly in service. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services as he never expected to have occasion for it, and he further states, that he knows of no person that has a personal knowledge of his services, having removed from his native State and all who have such knowledge 36 years ago. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency in any State.

S/ John Hawkins

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first aforesaid

S/ Israel McGready, Clerk

[Parker Snedecor and Augustus Jones gave the standard supporting affidavit.]