

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Obadiah Hooper W9482

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State of Alabama            }     On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December[?] 1833, personally appeared in  
Pickens County        }     open court, before the county court of the county aforesaid now  
siting Obediah Hooper, a resident citizen of the count and state aforesaid, aged 78 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 of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of  
the US. as a regular soldier in October 1775 and belonged to the first Virginia regiment  
commanded by Col. Patrick Henry of Virginia, Frank Epps [sic: Francis Eppes] major Robt Ballard  
Captain, E garland [Edward Garland] first Lieut. Claiborn Lawson Ensign, that he served for the  
space of one year in that capacity, under the enlistment aforesaid, that during said period he  
was at the battle of the Long Bridge [sic: Great Bridge] near Norfolk Virginia, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1775, Col  
Lewis of N.C. he believes commanded during the engagement, his company officers as aforesaid;  
that he resided in the county of Lunenburgh [sic: Lunenburg] Virginia at the time of his  
enlistment aforesaid; that he marched through Amelia, Dunwoody [sic: Dinwiddie], Chesterfield,  
and Elizabeth City, and James City to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg], that the second  
continental regiment, commanded by Col. [William] Woodford as he believes, served with them  
at Norfolk when burnt by Lord Dunmore [1 Jan 1776]. he mentions the names of Capt Folipis[?],  
of the second regt Capt Fountain and Capt Gipson as regular officers whom he knew during this  
campaign all of the 2<sup>nd</sup> regt that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no  
person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, that he was discharged at  
Old Williamsburgh Virginia

That in May 1780 he volunteered Edward Stephens [sic: Gen. Edward Stevens]  
commanded the brigade, John Glenn Col [Francis] Boykin Major, Sylvanus Walker Capt Wm  
Pamplat [sic: William Pamplin] Lieut. served 6 months, was discharged at Guilford old Court  
House [sic: Guilford Courthouse] N. Carolina during this campaign was in the battle near  
Camden So Ca called Gates' defeat [Battle of Camden SC where Gen. Horatio Gates was defeated,  
16 Aug 1780], and twice wounded in the right leg (scars visible) was in no other engagements  
during this campaign: that when he entered the army as a volunteer aforesaid he lived in the  
county of Lunenburgh Virginia, and during this campaign passed through may countys of N.  
Carolina not now remembered, and into Kershaw district in So Carolina the companies of other  
regts, and other regts with them during this campaign not now remembered. he mentions the  
names of Gen'l Gates, De Calb [sic: Gen. Baron De Kalb], Stephens, & [Gen. Richard] Caswell as  
officers he knew and with whom he served during this campaign that he has no documentary  
evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his  
service. that he was discharged at Guilford court house N. Carolina

That in May 1781 he together with 59 others volunteered as light horsemen, chose their  
own officers, and furnished [illegible word] our horses and aquipage their officers were  
Zachariah Lee Capt, Obediah Hooper (the applicant) Lieut, they were never commissioned, or  
discharged, but served until the surrender of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], at which surrender he,  
(the applicant) was present. that during this campaign he marched through the counties of  
Louisa, Gooseland [sic: Goochland] Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Charles City and Jas. [James]  
City that in this campaign we (company of horse) were generally with Gen'l LaFayette and acted  
as his life-guard, and he knows of no person whose testimony he could procure who can testify  
to his service.

That during his residence in Greenville Dist So Carolina, his house was burnt and with it  
his discharges; that he was born in the year 1755, December 15<sup>th</sup>, as appears upon record in his  
(applicant's) own family bible, now at his residence in the county and state aforesaid transcribed  
from his father's family bible: that since the revolution the applicant has resided in the counties  
of Lunenburgh & Halifax Virginia, from whence he removed to Greenville Dist S.C. and there  
resided 6 years, and from thence removed to Georgia, Franklin County, where he resided 18  
years: from thence he removed to the state of Tennessee, Bedford County, where he resided near

six years; from thence to Alabama Tuscaloosa County, from thence to Pickens County Alabama, where he now resides, he has resided about sixteen or seventeen years in the last mentioned state. how long he resided in Virginia after the revolution before his removal to So. Ca. he does not now recollect. During his residence in Geo. he was elected a member of the convention that framed the constitution of of that state

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 of any state that he is aware of

Sworn to and subscribed this the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Ob Hooker

NOTE: On 26 Mar 1842 Sarah Hooker deposed that she married Obediah Hooker on 24 Mar 1805 in Franklin County GA. Another deposition states that she was the former Sarah Sanders, daughter of Moses Sanders. Her deposition was supported by one by a John M Hooper. On 29 Jan 1845 Sarah Hooper applied for a pension, and on 31 Mar 1855 she applied for bounty land, giving her age as 81.