

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Harman (Harman) Hopper W252 Sarah fn48NC
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State of Tennessee Claiborne County

On this 17th day of September in the year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for Claiborne County, and the State of Tennessee (the same being a Court of Record and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment) now sitting, Harman Hopper a resident of Claiborne County in the State of Tennessee, aged 73 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 the 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the early part of the year 1781, he entered the service of the United States of America (he thinks it was the month of February) in the County of Caswell in the State of North Carolina -- as a volunteer in the militia service; or 3 months -- he entered the service under Capt. Cole, in whose Company he served during the 3 months -- Jeremiah Samuel Lieut. the names of his other Company officers, he cannot recollect, by reason of his age and of frail miss of his memory -- he states that the Regiment in which he served and to which he was attached was commanded by Col. More [sic, Moore] -- and Major Donahoo [sic, Thomas Donoho]. From Caswell Court house he was marched to Hillsboro, a distance of about 18 miles, from Hillsboro he was marched immediately after the enemy, up to the high rock Ford upon Haw River, from thence he was marched to a Creek called the Alamantz [sic, Alamance] -- where he was taken sick, and was permitted to go home upon furlough, he was absent about one week, when he again joined the Army at the encampment in Guilford County, after the battle, commonly known as the battle of Guilford, which was fought while he was sick and on furlough, and about 5 days, after rejoining the Army he was honorably discharged, at the encampment of the Army in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina -- And received his discharge in writing from his Capt. Josiah Cole -- which he has lost many years ago. During this 3 months service, he knew Col. Lee & Col. Washington served under their command, and, with their regular forces, he also frequently during this 3 months service saw General Greene -- he states that by reason of his age and of frailness of his memory, he does not recollect the names of any other regular officers -- or the number of any of the Regiments with which he served during this 3 months tour.

He further states that afterwards in the month of July as he verily believes the day of the month he cannot recollect, in the year 1781, at Caswell Court house in the State of North Carolina he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the militia service of the United States under Capt. Dickinson, he cannot by reason of his age and loss of memory remember the names of any others of his Company & field officers, then Capt. Dickinson, Col. Moore the same who commanded in his first service and Major Mahene [Mebane?] -- General Rutherford and General Butler Commanded. He states that he was marched from Caswell Court

house to Lindley's Mills¹ upon a Creek called Alamance in Orange County in the State of North Carolina, where a battle was fought by the American forces, on one side and the Tories upon the other side, which resulted in the defeat of the Tories -- in this battle, this declarant was engaged upon the side of the American forces -- he was marched immediately in pursuit of the defeated and retreating Tories but was unable to come up with them -- he was marched to Fayetteville in North Carolina, where the Army or forces were encamped near Fayetteville on the opposite side of the River for about 3 weeks -- From Fayetteville he was marched down to near a place called the called Raft Swamps,² where the Army had a small engagement with some Tories -- where of few of the Tories were killed, and the balance made their escape -- On the part of the Americans one man was wounded. From this place, we were marched to the bridge near Wilmington on Neuse River [sic, Cape Fear River?]- where this declarant remained with the Army during the balance of his 3 months and 2 weeks over -- and after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Little York, he with the balance of the forces were discharged. He received an honorable discharge from his Capt. Dickinson, in writing which he lost many years since. During this tour of duty, he did not serve, with any of the Continental Regiments or Officers. The whole force with which he served or was associated during this 3 months tour, was the militia of North Carolina. He states that he cannot, with much certainty remember the months that he entered the service, he has stated them from his best recollection own -- and he cannot recollect the dates of the month. He states that he was born in Fauquier County in the State of Virginia in the month of April 1760. That he has no record of his age. That at the time he entered the service, he resided in Caswell County in the State of North Carolina, that immediately after the Close of the Revolutionary War he moved from Caswell County in North Carolina to Haw River Orange County in the same State, where he resided about 10 years, then he moved to Claiborne County Tennessee -- where he has since and at present resides. Declarant states that it is impossible for him to produce his discharges as they are lost. He has no documentary evidence to prove his services herein set forth. He knows of no person by whom he can prove any portion of the above services except John Murphey.³ He would state the names of the following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his Services as a soldier of the Revolution -- Col. Jonathan Powell, John Rick, Elijah Harp & Rev. Wm Williams.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed this 17th day of September 1833

[Joseph Neil, a clergyman, and William Hooper gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: veteran married Sarah [maiden name not given] on August 30, 1783 or 1784 in Caswell County, NC; Sarah, 82, filed for a widow's pension while living in Claiborne County, Tenn., on August 29, 1845 stating that her husband died February 28 or 29, 1844 [place not stated but presumably Claiborne County, Tenn.]; the only children of the veteran and his wife named in the file are son, Jesse, born Oct. 18, 1787 and daughter, Mary Robinson who in 1855 was residing in Claiborne County, Tenn; Jesse Hopper stated he was the second child of his parents and that he had a sister, born March 16, 1785, but did not name her.]

¹ September 13, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lindleysmill.htm>

² October 15, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/littleraftsw.htm>

³ FPA W1460