

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerald (Benjamin Hawkins) S13308 VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Virginia Nelson County To wit

Personally appeared before me James Montgomery a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid Benjamin Hawkins and made Oath, that he was enlisted as a Soldier in the American Army for and during the War, that he performed the said Service, and was discharged at the end thereof, And that he has never directly or indirectly received any Lands from the United States as a Bounty for such Service Given under my Hand this 20th day of Feby 1811.

Amherst County to wit

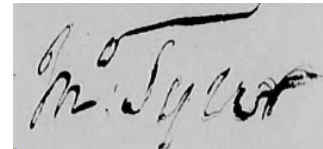
This day came before me J Murray Brown a Justice of the peace for said County, William Lockart [William Lockard, pension application S38152] of lawful age, and made oath, that Benjamin Hawkins was enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and performed services as such during the continuance of said war, given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1810

Nelson County to wit

This day Bartlet Hawkins [Bartlett Hawkins (Bartlett H. Fitzgerald), S9562] personally came before me a Justice of the peace for the said County and made Oath that Benjamin Hawkins inlisted in the servis of the United States during the ware in the time of the last Revelusion and did serve as soldier to end of the ware, Given under my hand this 28th day of November 1810 James Montgomery

I do certify that the name of Benjamin Hawkins appears as a light Dragoon, in a Regiment of Dragoons, who served in the Virginia line during the War, on the list of Officers and Soldiers, furnished the Executive of the State of Virginia from the War Department of the United States, on Continental Establishment, who are entitled to land bounty under the act of Congress, passed the 16th Sept'r. 1776. Given under my hand, this 3^d day of January 1811. Jno. W Pleasants, A.C.C.

I John Tyler, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Do certify, that Jno. W. Pleasants who has signed the above certificate as assistant clerk of the Council of this State, is duly authorized to act as such, and that full faith & credit ought to be given to his acts as such. Given under my hand at Richmond, this 4th day of January 1811.



Commonwealth of }
Virginia 8th Judicial } Court.
Circuit }

On this 6th day of may 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the general court of Virginia, of which the 8th circuit aforesaid is a part, personally appears, Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerrald aged fifty seven years resident in Nelson County Virginia in the said circuit, who being by me first duly sworn, according to Law, doth, on his Oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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,” That he the said Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerrald enlisted in the 7th Reg’t. of Virginia Troops under General [William] Woodford in said State and in the Company commanded by Cap Garland Bernly of said Regt – that he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the Service of the United States During the War, when he was discharged from Service

in June 1782 at Lanuse ferry [Leneud's Ferry] on Santee river and in the State of South Carolina. That he was in the Battles, of Monmoth [sic: Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778], Stony Point [16 Jul 1779], at Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], and at Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781]. And that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Services.

Sworn to, and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid Arch'd Stuart
Found on the the Virginia Roll as Benjamin Hawkins.

Nelson County to wit

This day Bartlet Hawkins personally appeared before me Wm B Jacobs one of the Commonwealths Justice's for the County aforesaid, and after being first sworn saith, that Benjamin Hawkins, entered into the united state's service in the year 1777 and Continued in service to the north untill the year 1779 during of which time he well recollects that Benj'n. Hawkins was in the Battle at Monmouth Ct. house & further recollects that the s'd. Benjamin Hawkins inlisted again in the latter end of the year 1779 & marched to the South immediately, where he was in the Battle's of the eutaw springs Gilford Court house & the Cowpens where Gen'l. Morgan faught Tarlton [sic: Daniel Morgan fought Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton], and Further saith that the said Benjamin served to the end of the ware with a great deal of respectability, both to his Country & officers, & the army in general, and further he saith not Given under my hand this 19th October 1818

Amherst County to Wit

Benjamin Hawkins alias Fitzgarrald a resident of Nelson County and State of Virginia personally appeared before me David S. Garland a Justice of the peace within the County aforesaid and made Oath, that He is the same Benjamin Hawkins, that Obtained a pattent for One Hundred Acres of Land from the United States, dated March the 4th 1811 which was due to him for Bounty from the U.S. to Soldiers that was enlisted for the Revolutionary War and served to the end thereof, that he also obtained from the State of Virginia a Warrant for Two Hundred Acres of Land due to him as Bounty to the Virginia troops on Continental establishment; that while he continued in the A[page torn] he was generally enroled by the name of Benjamin Hawkins and that he presumes that his name will be found enrolld in the 7th Virginia Regiment under the command of Capt. Garland Burnly, and in General Waynes [Anthony Wayne's] Infantry under the Command of Capt. Booker, and in the third Regiment of Cavelry Commanded by Colo. William Washington, to the end of the War. that he now resides in the aforesaid County of Nelson. And that he is in reduced Circumstances, and stands in need of the Assistance of his Country, and the provision contemplated by Congress for the Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War. given under my Hand this 3rd day of December 1818.

District of Virginia Nelson County Sc.

On the 30th day of August 1820 Benjamin Hawkins alias Fitzgerrald personally appeared in open Court it being a Court of record for the said County of Nelson and District aforesaid aged fifty nine years resident in said County of Nelson who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, that he entered the service in the year 1777 in a company of regular soldiers commanded by Captain Garland Burnley and attached to the 7th Virginia Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colo. [blank] and Brigade commanded by Gen'l Woodford and continued with him about twelve months when he the said Capt. Burnly resigned under the command of said Company was given to Captain William White of said regiment under whose command I continued upward of twelve months longer that he was at the battle of Monmouth Courthouse under the command of [blank] at Stoney point as a volunteer under Gen'l. Wayne, and in the year 1780 he joined Colo. Washingtons regiment of cavalry and was in the following engagements to Wit: The battle at Camden, in the State of North Carolina [sic: Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781], the battle at the Cowpens in the State of South Carolina, the battle at Guilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina,

the battle at the Euteaw Springs in South Carolina and continued in the same regiment until the year 1782 when he was discharged at [blank] Ferry on Santee River in the State of South Carolina, that he made a declaration in the month of [blank] last past and that received a pension certificate of the number of 11146 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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.

Nine head of Cattle \$70. Sixteen head of Hogs \$30. Six split bottom chairs \$4. One Walnut Cupboard \$15. One Walnut Chest \$4. On poplar Table \$1. some Table ware \$2. Two pots two ovens one Tea kettle \$7. One Loom \$5. One Cotton & two Flax spinning wheels \$6.

And I do further declare that my occupation is a farmer that I am by no means able to carry it on myself to advantage that I have a Wife aged about fifty seven years three daughters aged about 16, 19 and 26 years that I now live on rented land and owe debts to the amount of \$500. And that I am infirm and unable to support myself in comfort without assistance Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerrald

[The following are from [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify that Benjamin Hawkins enlisted as a Soldier the 6th day of March 1777 & served as such till the 6th day of March 1780 during which Time he acted as a brave & faithful Soldier. Given under my hand this 16th day of Oct 1784.

A Copy/ H. Randolph

Sam. J Cabell [Samuel Jordan Cabell] Col.

4th Virg'a. Reg't. & Sub. Insp'r.

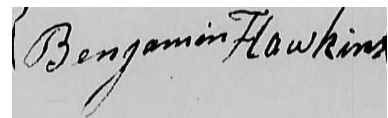
I do Certify Ben. Hawkins enlisted for the War in Colo Baylors Dragoons [see endnote] 1780 & has faithfully servd the term of his enlistment

Will. Barret [William Barret VAS1197] f'ly Capt
Baylors Dragoons/ Aug't 27 84

NOTES:

After Col. George Baylor was wounded at Tappan NJ on 28 Sep 1778, Lt. Col. William Washington was field commander the 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons.

On 30 Nov 1810 Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerrald signed a power of attorney as shown:

A rectangular image showing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Benjamin Hawkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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[p2] Virginia certificate 11,146
Benjamin Hawkins alias
Benj^a Hawkins Fitzgerald
Of Nelson County VA, private
Under Col Washington for the war
Issued 29 May 1819 @ \$8/mo
To Hon. Hugh Nelson Milton, Albemarle Co

[p3]
AV552 Benjamin Hawkins, private, Virginia line
Warrant issued 02Mar1811
and same day to David S Garland Capⁿ M.C.

[p4]
Commonwealth of Virginia
8th Judicial Circuit Court

On this 6th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the judges of the general court of Virginia, of which the 8th circuit aforesaid is a part, personally appeared, Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerald, aged fifty seven years resident in Nelson County Virginia in the said circuit, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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" That he the said Benjamin Hawkins of Virginia troops under General Woodford in said state, and in the company commanded by Capt Garland Bernly of said regt. That he continued to serve in the said corps, or in the service of the United States during the war. When he was discharged from service in June 1782 at Lanuse ferry on Santee River and in the state of South Carolina. That he was in the battles of Monmouth, Stony Point, at Cowpens, Guilford Court House, and at Eutaw Springs. And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

Arch^d Stuart

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[routine certification]

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[p8] Carolina. That he made a declaration in the month of last past and that received a pension certificate of the number 11146 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 as contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

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Benjamin Hawkins Fitzgerald

[certification

Spotswood Garland, clerk of Nelson County

[p13] Virginia certificate 31.169

Benjamin Hawkins alias

Benjamin Fitzgerald

Of Nelson County

Private under Col Washington for 2 years

Issued 03Aug1837 @ \$100/annum

With arrears of \$600

[p15] supporting statement of William Lockhart of Amherst County VA

[p23] Nelson County to wit"

This day Bartlett Hawkins personally appeared before me Wm B Jacobs, one of the commonwealth's justices for the county aforesaid, and after being first duly sworn saith that Benjamin Hawkins entered into the United States' service in the year 1777 and continued in the service to the north until the year 1779 during which time he well recollects that Benj Hawkins was in the Battle of Monmouth Ct House & further recollects that the Sd Benjamin Hawkins enlisted again in the latter end of the year 1779 & marched to the south immediately where he was in the battles of the Eutaw Springs, Guilford Court House & the Cowpens where Genl Morgan fought Tarlton. And further saith that the said Benjamin served to the end of the war

with a great deal of respectability, both to his country & officers & the army in general, and further he saith not.

Given under my hand this 19th October 1818

Wm B Jacobs

[p24] power of attorney from Benjamin Hawkins to David S Garland for the purpose of pursuing bounty land grant.

[p30]

Amherst County to wit”

Benjamin Hawkins, alias Fitzgerald, a resident of Nelson County and State of Virginia, personally appeared before me David S Garland, a justice of the Peace within the county aforesaid and made oath that he is the same Benjamin Hawkins that obtained a patent for one hundred acres of land from the United States dated March the 4th 1811 which was due to him for bounty from the U.S. to soldiers that was enlisted for the Revolutionary War and served to the end thereof. That he also obtained from the State of Virginia a warrant for two hundred acres of land due to him as bounty to the Virginia troops on Continental establishment. That while he continued in the as he was generally enrolled by the name of Benjamin Hawkins and that he presumes that his name will be found enrold [sic] in the 7th Virginia Regiment under the command of Capt Garland Burnly and in General Wayne’s infantry under the command of Capt. Booker and in the third regiment of Cavalry commanded b Col William Washington to the end of the war. That he now resides in the aforesaid county of Nelson and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country and the provision contemplated by Congress for the officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1818.

David S Garland