

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hawthorn S31097

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State of Kentucky Graves County: SS

On this 21st day of December 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County and State John Hawthorn who is now in his 86th year of age a resident of said County of Graves and State of Kentucky 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (to wit)

He states that he was born in the province of Ulster and County of Monaghan in the kingdom of Ireland in the month of January 1748 but he cannot recollect the day of that month on which he was born as the record of his age has been lost.

That he came to America in the year 1767 and landed in Charleston in South Carolina. That he settled in Fairfield County State of South Carolina the same year he came from Ireland at which place he resided 24 years that he entered the service of the United States in the month of June in the year 1778 by joining a volunteer militia Company under the command of Captain John Hancock. He states that this volunteer company was raised by order of General Cunningham of the South Carolina militia that he entered the company for the term of three months. That it consisted of fifty men only & was commanded by Captain Hancock as above stated who was the commanding officer on the expedition & the Lieutenant's name was Liles he states that he marched with his company under Captain Hancock in pursuit of the Cherokee Indians who had committed some murders and robberies upon the North West frontier of South Carolina he states that he served three months in this tour under Captain Hancock and that in his progress he with the whole company crossed the Keowee River and marched through the woods to some of the nearest Cherokee settlements which were abandoned by the Indians on the approach of our party. We birth view of the Indians houses and cornfields & returned to the frontier settlements of South Carolina where we remained for the purpose of guarding and protecting the same to the end of the term to wit to the end of three months from the time we entered the service at which time this declarant states that he was discharged by Captain Hancock and returned home in the month of September 1778.

He states that he entered the service of the United States the second time in the month of February 1779 by joining a volunteer militia company under the command of Captain John Pearson. That he entered the services this time for the term of nine months – that he was attached to a Regiment under the command of Colonel Kirkland with whom he marched and joined General Lincoln who was encamped near the Savannah River above the City of Savannah

but soon after he joined General Lincoln he marched with that command towards Charleston South Carolina which was at that time menaced by a British Army under General Prevost. This declarant fought the battle of Stono under General Lincoln in the month of June 1779 under whose command he remained in the maritime district of South Carolina until the month of November 1779 when he was discharged and returned home. He states that he served nine months this tour under Captain Pearson, Colonel Kirkland & General Lincoln & was discharged by Captain Pearson. He states that in all his tours of service he entered the same in the County of Fairfield. This declarant states that he entered the service of the United States the third time in the month of April 1780 by joining a volunteer company commanded by Captain Thomas Woodward which was raised by order of Colonel Wade Hampton & Captain Woodward's company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton in person & his brother Major John Hampton. He states he entered the service this time for an indefinite period the object of which was to protect the country from and insurrection or rising of the Tories in the neighborhood of broad River. He states that he marched under Colonel Hampton to Broad River & crossed that River & remained stationed upon its banks & the vicinity thereof scouring the country & protecting it from the ravages of the Tories until the month of July 1780 when he was permitted to return home by Colonel Hampton after having been in the service three months during this tour to wit under Captain Thomas Woodward and Colonel Wade Hampton in the year 1780.

This declarant states that Colonel Wade Hampton again ordered a volunteer Corps to be raised in the year 1781 & that in the meantime Captain Thomas Woodward had been murdered by the Tories and his brother Captain John Woodward was appointed to command his said company consequently this declarant's Captain was now John Woodward and his Lieutenant's name was Thomas Herbert and his Colonel's name was Wade Hampton. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the above named officers in the month of March 1781 and marched down to the junction of the Congaree & Wateree rivers where we were stationed at a place called New Market old fields where the Regiment built huts to live in this declarant remained at this place until the month of July 1781 when he was taken sick in consequence of which he was furloughed for an indefinite period – he states that his furlough was signed by the adjutant of the Regiment who was called Major but he cannot recollect his name. He states that he served four months this tour under Captain John Woodward & Colonel Wade Hampton. He states that he has lost both of his discharges and his furlough and that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services. 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 or Territory whatever. He states that William F Anderson, Daniel Chapman, Samuel Moore, Elias Lovelace & Richard L Mayes are his neighbors who will bear witness him & testify to his character for veracity and as to his reputation of having been a revolutionary soldier And he further states that he served as a private during the whole of the time mentioned in this declaration to wit three months as a private under Captain Robert Hancock, nine months as a private under Captain John Pearson, three months as a private under Captain Thomas Woodward and fourth & lastly four months as a private under Captain John Woodward.

John Hawthorn

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for the County of Graves in State of Kentucky

S/ Crawford Anderson, JPGC

[Jeremiah Adams, a clergyman, and Michael Mizell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

P. S. The aforesaid declarant John Hawthorn doth hereby further declare on his oath that he removed from Fairfield County South Carolina to Elliott County in the State of Georgia in the year 1791 and from thence he removed to Barren County Kentucky in the year 1806 and from thence he removed to Maury County Tennessee in the year 1823 and from thence he removed to Graves County Kentucky in the year 1830 square he has resided ever since.

S/ John Hawthorn

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 commencing March 4th, 1831, for 19 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]