

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philemon Hawkins S6957

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State of North Carolina Wake County

On this 6th day of May 1844 personally appeared before the Subscriber one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Mrs. Eleanor Haywood resident of the County of Wake State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That she is the daughter of Colonel Philemon Hawkins deceased, late of Warren County State of North Carolina, that her father the aforesaid Colonel Philemon Hawkins was an officer of the Revolutionary War and served during that period to the best of her information two years and six months in the militia of the State of North Carolina as herein after stated –: viz. – He was called into Service, while acting as Lieutenant Colonel of Bute County, in the winter of 1775, and 1776 and marched with a detachment to the County of Currituck and to the part of Virginia adjacent thereto, to protect the Country from an expected invasion & served three months. Afterwards and still acting as Lieutenant Colonel of the County, he was ordered to raise a detachment and marched to Wilmington, in the spring of 1776 and was engaged three months in this Expedition –: He was actively employed the remainder of this year as a commissary, his commission as Colonel of the County having expired –: The next service performed by him was as Captain of Infantry in the year 1778 in a tour of three months or six months she believes the latter period –: In the year 1779, he served six months as Colonel of Cavalry; in the years 1780 and in 1781, a similar service was performed by him as a Captain of Cavalry in the militia of this State. The foregoing embraces the services performed by her father Colonel Philemon Hawkins deceased, as well as her recollection serves served, of the statements made by him at various times, during his lifetime, and from the Statement of other persons, acquainted with, and cognizant of, the services above mentioned: – This Declarant can only swear as before stated, to the traditionary account of the services of her late father Colonel Philemon Hawkins; in which she is confident she will be borne out, by all persons who were acquainted with him, and whose testimony might be called for in this behalf –:

That her father the said Colonel Philemon Hawkins died in the County of Warren State of North Carolina on the 27th day of January 1833, in the 80th year of his age: – That he declined, making application for the pension, due his services, for reasons peculiar to himself, but at the same time recognized his claim, to be paid when he should deem fit to ask it from the

Government.

Signed, Eleanor Haywood

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written before me.

S/ Wm D. Haywood, JP

[fn p. Certificate dated made 13, 1844 from the North Carolina Comptroller of Public Accounts listing the payments made to Colonel Philemon Hawkins during the revolutionary war.]

[fn p. 25: letter dated June 24, 1851, from John D. Hawkins, son and executor of his father, Col. Philemon Hawkins, addressed to Col. H. H. Sylvester, asking him to look into the estate being awarded a higher amount for the services rendered by his father.]

[Veteran's daughter received a payment equal to the pension due her father at the rate of \$285 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending January 27, 1835 when he died. The pension was based on Hawkins' 3 months service as a Colonel of infantry; 3 months service as a Captain of Infantry; and 6 months service as a Captain of Cavalry in the North Carolina militia.]