

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hooker W10119 Jerusha Hooker f30NC
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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Pursuant to an order of the County Court at June Term 1838 – On this 20th day of June 1838 at the residence of Jerusia Hooker in the County aforesaid she the said Jerusia Hooker appeared before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace & one of the County Court [judges], who being first sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836, That she is Seventy-Seven years of age the 8th of January 1838, and that she is the widow of William Hooker who was a private Soldier in the Army of the United States, and served as he informed her under the following named Officers, first he was drafted in the month of August 1776 and marched from Surry County North Carolina under the command of Captain Richard Goode in Col. Williams' [Joseph Williams] Regiment of Militia against the Cherokee tribe of Indians & returned to her on Christmas day 1776, being gone a few days over four months; The next Tour he went as a private Volunteer under a Captain Meredith [William Meredith] she believes to the best of her knowledge he told her that they were marched from old Richmond in Surry Courthouse in the fall of the year 1778 to Salisbury & from there said he was put under the Command of Captain Smith [Henry Smith] & marched into South Carolina & was in the Battle at a place called Briar Creek [Battle of Briar Creek in Georgia, March 3, 1779] where he said he had to swim a River [the Savannah River] to make his Escape from the British. She does not know the names of the other officers in this Campaign, only that of Meredith & Smith. She remembers her husband returned home when her Brother John Lawson & she was planting a patch of corn she believes in the first of May 1779 he being gone six months at least. The next Service he went on horseback under Captain Jo Cloud [Joseph Cloud] who was then a Neighbor of ours on Dan River Surry County N. C. in the Summertime the year after he returned from the South which must be in 1780, & they went after the Tories towards the Big Yadkin [River] and while he was gone he said that Joseph Winston Commanded as Major & he was in a Battle at King Mountain [Kings Mountain, October 7, 1780] where he they killed & took prisoners all the Tories where he had his horse shot & crippled so that he left him on the Battle ground, and marched guarding the prisoners to the old Moravian Town in Surry County N. C. & from that place he returned home, & [he] said [he] had a discharge for three months on this route. The next Service Shortly after he returned home he enlisted himself as a Regular Soldier and she understood for During the War she don't know the names of the officers he went under: But thinks his Captain's name was Lewis [Joel Lewis] & said he was in the Battle of Guilford [March

15, 1781] & a Battle at Camden [probably the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] and the Battle where Cornwallis gave up to General Washington in this service he was gone at least one year [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. She does not know of any proof that can be had as respects the last service But thinks the other Services she can prove; She has no Documentary Evidence but she is certain that her husband was gone in the Service of the United States at least two years & one month for which she claims a pension, or so much thereof as she prove by other Testimony. She further declares that she was married to the said William Hooker on the 25th day of June 1776 by the Reverend William Stephens and that her husband the aforesaid William Hooker died on the 12th day of May 1826 in the County of Stokes North Carolina, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year first above written before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Jerusia Hooker, X her mark

And the said Jerusia Poker further declares that she had nine children born of her body (to wit) David Hooker born the 26th of September 1777, William now dead, born the 18th of September 1782, John now dead, born 28th August 1784, Mary Dead was born 27th of September 1786, Martha Dead born 10th June 1788, Sarah Dead, was born the 15th May 1790, Alfred now living was born 18th July 1792 & Lemuel now Dead, was born 4th November 1796, all being dead but David & Alfred.

Sworn & subscribed the day above written.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Jerusia Hooker, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Be it known that on this 2nd day of May 1838 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared John Lawson Sen., a resident of said County who is a person of high standing for respectability and truth, a brother of the widow Jerusia Hooker who is about to make application for a pension for service rendered by her husband William Hooker, deceased, during the Revolutionary War, he being first sworn according to Laws declares on his Oath that a certain Minister of the Baptist Church, in the County aforesaid published the Bans agreeable the Rules & Customs of the Church, he married or Solemnized the Rites of Matrimony between William Hooker and his sister Jerusia, sometime in June 1776, the preacher's name was William Stephens and the said Hooker, the same summer was drafted and went as a private soldier in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians and went under a Capt. Richard Goode as a private soldier and returned about Christmas 1776, after being gone at least four months and afterwards he went to the South as a private soldier, he believes a volunteer under Capt. Meridith or Capt. Wm. Bostick [William Bostick] he thinks in September 1778 and was gone until the next Spring in planting corn time, when he returned home and said he had been in several skirmishes with Tories and one Battle where he had to swim a river at a place near the Battle ground, he thinks it was called Briar Creek (this in Georgia), in this tour he believes he was gone seven months, as he and his sister Jerusia lived together during the time he was gone, this Deponent was about fifteen years of age at that time and his sister had only one child then, called David and she had no other child for about five years as her husband was gone in the service nearly that length of time, only returned at intervals stays but a short time at home and would

turn out again. The next he went in a company of horse men in the latter part of Summer or Fall in 1780 under a Capt. Cloud who lived near him in then Surry County, North Carolina and was gone three months and said he had been in the Battle of Kings Mountain & lost his horse in the Battle, but that his Major Winston procured him another horse belonging to the enemy. They brought to the old Moravian Town in said County of Surry as prisoners; Shortly after Hooker returned home from this tour of three months. This deponent was sent by his Father, John Lawson, deceased, to Halifax County, Virginia to his relatives where he remained almost two years and does not know of any more services of his brother-in-law, Wm. Hooker, only what he related as having enlisted and was in the Battle at Guilford where he was wounded in one of his legs and was in a Battle at Camden and the last Battle when the British surrendered at Little York from which he returned home and lived with Jerusia his wife and they had seven or eight children most of whom are now dead and the said William Hooker died in the Spring of the year 1826 leaving his sister Jerusia a widow, who has remained a widow ever since that period and he knows from the family records of his father that she is seventy seven years of age past and is the identical woman that was married to said William Hooker as above stated.

Sworn and subscribed the date first above mentioned before me
S/ C. Banner J.P.

S/ John Lawson Sr., X his mark

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes: SS Amendatory Deposition in behalf of Jerusha Hooker widow of William Hooker Deceased.

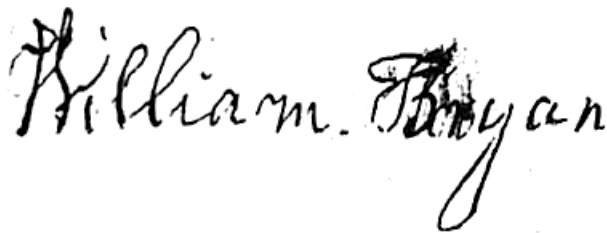
William Bryant aged Seventy-two years now a resident of Patrick County Virginia formerly of Surry & Stokes Counties in North Carolina, who has uniformly maintained the Character of an honest man of truth and Veracity and a member of the Baptist Church; on the 25th day of February 1839 appeared before me Charles Banner a Magistrate in and for Stokes County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions at the Residents of the above named Jerusha Hooker, and he being duly Sworn according to law declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with William Hooker in Halifax County Virginia when he was a young man & afterwards removed with him to be in Surry County North Carolina some time in the fall of the year 1775, and some time in the succeeding Summer say 1776, this deponent was present & saw the said William Hooker & the above named Jerusia (whose maiden name was Lawson) lawfully joined together as man & wife by M. Clark an acting Justice of the peace for Surry County North Carolina, and that he said Deponent was one of the waiters on the Bride at the wedding and further he declares that a few months after their marriage aforesaid the said William Hooker was drafted or Volunteered himself he does not recollect which & went as a private soldier under Captain Goode of Surry County aforesaid in the Expedition against the Cherokee tribe of Indians, and was gone until the next Christmas when he returned to his wife being gone in the Service four months & upwards he believes as he this deponent then lived neighbor to them near Dan River Surry County North Carolina (from the division is now in Stokes County) further he this deponent declares that previous to the said marriage, he the said William Hooker served a Tour of three months under the aforesaid Captain Goode against what was called the Scotch Tories in the winter & spring of the year 1776 to Fayetteville North Carolina as he has just reason to believe, and after the Cherokee Expedition aforesaid, the said Hooker served as a private in the Militia several times as a minute man sometimes two weeks, three & four weeks at a time and was always ready whenever he was called on to march in Routing Tories and was called a ready

service, he served at least three months and the last Service he volunteered under his old Captain Goode for a five months Tour & marched from Surry Court house N. C. towards South Carolina and was gone at least six months, when he returned home he stated that he had been in several engagements one he mentioned at the Battle of Briar Creek the date this deponent does not recollect, the said William Hooker & wife aforesaid had nine children, their first born was David Hooker who was born in the year 1777 the month he does not now recollect but thinks it was September or October, there being no Record of the families ages, it being burnt with their house as is supposed. The next born was about five years after the first named William (now dead) the other children not named herein as the widow has already done so – the said William Hooker the Husband of said Jerusha Hooker died some time in the Spring of the year 12 or 13 passed And leaving the said Jerusha his widow, who is the identical one who was married to him as above mentioned, that she has remained unmarried ever since his death.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ William Bryan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Bryan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes: SS

Be it Known that on this 8th day of March 1839 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Benjamin Jones¹ a resident of said County and Pensioner of the United States, and of Respectable probity for truth and veracity he being first sworn according to law, declares on his oath, that he was well acquainted with the said William Hooker as named in the foregoing Deposition, that he Served a Tour of service in the Army of the United States in the militia both as privates in the same Regiment the said Hooker under Captain Richard Goode or Captain Henry Smith he does not remember which, But they Joined headquarters at Salisbury North Carolina under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] in the fall of the year 1778, and from thence marched to Charlotte, North Carolina & then to the Borders of South Carolina & there Stationed for some length of time, then marched through various parts of South Carolina through Camden, Cheraws and to Savannah River & a detachment of our Army crossed the River to attack the British when the Deponent & said William Hooker went with said detachment, and was in the Battle at Briar Creek he believes it happened on the first of March 1779, that our Detachment were defeated & was compelled to retreat back & crossed the River when the said William Hooker & this deponent Swam the same side & side, he believes several of the Soldiers were drowned but we that came across Joined our Main Army again & shortly afterwards our term of five months (for which we volunteered) expired when we wrote the Word (Liberty) & attached it on a scrap of paper on our hats, & expected to receive a discharge, But the Commanding officers held a Council & ordered the Scrap to be taken from our hats, and kept us one month longer in Service, and would not allow

¹ [Benjamin Jones S7076](#)

our time of service to count until we reached the South Carolina line therefore the said William Hooker & this deponent did actually served nearly Seven months or quite from the time we marched from Surry Courthouse old Richmond until we returned, and that said Hooker was a faithful soldier &c.

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year first above mentioned before me.
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Benjamin Jones, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

On this 30th day of November 1838 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace for said County, personally appeared Lewis Wolf² & Benjamin Jones of the men of Respectability for veracity & truth, they being first Sworn according to Law to depose & say what they know of William Hooker Serving in the War of the Revolution, Lewis Wolf declares that he remembers said William Hooker he being a dark complected man said to have Indian blood in him, that he marched from Richmond or Surry old Court House in August 1776 to the Mulberry fields in Wilkes County North Carolina to meet the South Carolina troops to go to the Cherokee Nation of Indians, when the South Carolina troops failed to meet & said Hooker with our Companies, marched back to Myers' old field near Richmond aforesaid & Rendezvoused about two weeks under Col. Joseph Williams, Major Joseph Winston, Captain Henry Smith, Richard Goode & William Dobson were Captains all citizens of Surry County N. C. said Hooker belonged to Captain Goode's Company & marched from there to the Cherokee Nation & back to Surry County about Christmas 1776, said Hooker started & returned with them, he knew him from his being a musician fifer & the said Hooker was trying to learn to play on the fife, and the next Service he saw said Hooker was on horseback a few days before the Battle of Kings Mountain with the Army going on & was in the Battle & marched back to Surry County with the prisoners to the old Moravian Town at which place said Hooker & this Deponent was discharged for a three months Tour; previous to this Battle we were ranging & scouring the Country in every direction almost in several Companies & were all met near Catawba River & soon overtook the enemy & defeated, killed & took them all prisoners; Sworn & Subscribed the day above written before me.

S/ C Banner, JP

S/ Lewis Wolf, W his mark

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Benjamin Jones Depoeth & saith that he was well acquainted with William Hooker who was with him at the Battle of Briar Creek in South Carolina 1779 in March under the Command of a Captain Henry Smith from Surry County North Carolina in General Rutherford's Army where we were attacked by the British near a bridge & Swamp the main part of our Army were Stationed on this side of Savannah River. We retreated through the swamp & crossed the River by swimming on rails or logs & some of our men were drowned said Hooker with myself reached the shore on this side, & joined the Main Army, and marched back to Camden & near that place received our discharges for a six month Tour but was out longer than six months, before we reached home in Surry County North Carolina. Sworn to & Subscribed the day above written.
S/ C. Banner

S/ Benjamin Jones, X his mark

² [Lewis Wolf \(Wolff\)\[a/k/a Johann Ludwig Wolff\] W4403](#)

And further this Deponent states that he saw said William Hooker in the Army at the Battle of Kings Mountain in September 1780 – he was in Captain Cloud's Company & was transferred to Captain Smith's Company a few days before the Battle, & said Cloud & some of his company was in the rear & did not reach the Battle ground until the Battle was over when said Hooker lost his horse; by some means but was furnished with another & guarded the prisoners to Surry County N. C. & at the old Town he expects said Hooker was discharged with the others for a three months Tour. Sworn to & subscribed 30th of November 1838 before me.
S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ Benj. Jones, X his mark

[p 27: Elizabeth Lawson, 78, widow of Moses Lawson, brother of Jerusia Hooker, gave a supporting affidavit. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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State of North Carolina, County of Stokes

Be it known that on this 23rd day of November 1838 personally appeared before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with certain William Hooker & Jerusia his wife upwards of fifty years last past who then resided in Surry County North Carolina as man & wife and that he has just reason to believe that they were such, that they maintained honest industrious characters & raised several children in said County & the adjoining County of Patrick Virginia then Henry County that the said William Hooker is now dead and Jerusia his wife has remained a widow ever since his death &c.

Sworn & subscribed the date above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner

S/ Edwin Hickman

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And on the 25th day of November 1838 personally appeared before me the Subscribed Justice of the peace for said County William Young of Stokes County North Carolina & he being first duly sworn according to law declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with William Hooker & his wife Jerusia before they were married & since until the day of his death about 12 years last past, that said Jerusia is now a widow & has remained a widow ever since his death, & that her maiden name was Jerusia Lawson; that Declarant did not see them Married, But heard the Banns of Marriage Published by Mr. William Stephens a Minister of the Baptist Church some time previous to the Expedition against the Cherokee Nation of Indians in the year 1776, that the said William Hooker was drafted as a private Soldier & did start under the Command of Captain Richard Goode from his Surry County North Carolina in August 1776 to the Cherokee Country & returned with the other soldiers about the following Christmas, being gone at least four months, and afterwards said Hooker was gone Several Tours as a soldier & informed this Deponent of many Battles that he was in he stated he was in the Battles of Briar Creek when he was gone a six months Tour and at a Battle of Guilford where he received a slight wound by a Bullet in his leg, & was at the Taking of Cornwallis at little York & stated that he had been more than three years in all in the Service as a Soldier of the Army of the United States, which this deponent declares he is of opinion was the truth; Sworn & Subscribed the day first above mentioned before me.

S/ C. Banner, JP

S/ William Young, X his mark

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a private for 13 months in the North Carolina militia.]