

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hawks (Hawkes) W7658 Margaret Hawks f37VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 3/3/14

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State of Virginia Dinwiddie County Sct.

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the County Court of Dinwiddie in the State aforesaid Thomas Hawks, a resident of Dinwiddie County, aged Eighty years the 5th day of May last, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a Militia Soldier, under the following named Officers, and served the following towers [tours] of duty, in the year 1778 and 1779.

The first tower was under Captain Armistead Goodwyn & others (two months), the second tower under Captain John Nicholas & others (two months), the third tower in Brunswick County under Colonel Richard Elliott, Major Thomas Edmonds, Captain Lawrence House & others (two months), the fourth tower under Captain William Eppes & others (two months) making altogether eight months.

That in the year 1781 he joined the United States Army under Colonel Charles Dabney, Captain Gibbs, Lieutenant Wood & Ensign Slaughter and marched to Little York and joined the Army under General George Washington, after the taking of York and the Army under Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], he was marched to Richmond as a guard to the prisoners, and discharged in March 1782 in this tower he served upwards of 6 months. That after he retired from the service he gave his discharge [to] Captain John Conway to enable him to get his pay for his services, who never returned it [to] him.

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 whatever.

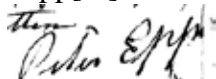
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Thomas Hawks, X his mark

[Isham E Hargrave, a clergyman, and E H Pegram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Thomas Hawks the above applicant and was in the same Regiment with him in the year 1781, and I believe the statements in his declaration to be correct. Sworn to in court the day and year above written.

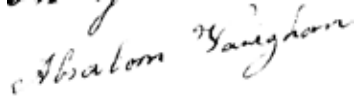
S/ Peter Epp[es]¹



¹ [Peter Eppes S8424](#)

I hereby certify that I was in service with Thomas Hawks the above applicant in the years 1778, 1779 and 1781 and believe the statements in his declaration to be correct.
Sworn to in court the day and year above written.

S/ Absalom Vaughan²

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Absalom Vaughan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Absalom Vaughan²".

[p 9: On March 28, 1843 in Dinwiddie County Virginia, Margaret Hawkes, 92, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Hawks, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the County of Dinwiddie about the month of December 1785; that they were married by Parson Harrison; and that her husband died in Dinwiddie County June 6, 1835. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 27: On June 20th, 1843 in Dinwiddie County Virginia, Elizabeth McCulloch gave testimony that she was well acquainted with Margaret Hawkes and was present at the wedding of Thomas Hawks to Margaret in Dinwiddie County at a place then called the "Globe" Tavern and now called "6 mile house"; that from the ages of the affiant's children, the affiant being married after the veteran and his wife were married, the affiant is of the opinion that they must of been married prior to the year 1790.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum]

² [Absalom Vaughan W6343](#)