

### **Pension Application for Robert Hopkins**

R.5206 (Widow: Catherine)

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twenty eight day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before John Willard first Judge Charles G. Ingalls, John Moss.

Side Judges holding the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at the Town of Salem in and for the County of Washington aforesaid, Robert Hopkins, a resident of Fort Ann in the said County of Washington and State of New York, aged seventy six years, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on or about the fifteenth day of July (the precise day not recollected ) in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine at the Town of Salem in the (then) County of Albany (now Washington) he enlisted into the service of the United States in a Company commanded by Captain Adiel Sherwood, Cornelius Baldwin and Ezekiel Roberts, Lieutenants. This company as he understood was a portion of a body of State troops called the New York Levies, named by the State to reinforce the armies of the United States, and particularly for the defense of the northern frontier.

That immediately on his said enlistment he joined his company then stationed at an outpost in Fort Ann aforesaid under the command of Captain Adiel Sherwood aforesaid. To what regiment he was attached or whether any he is ignorant, and he knew no other officers than those of his company already named. His term of enlistment was three months; which he had nearly accomplished in scouting and garrison duty at Fort Ann aforesaid where on the tenth day of October in the year 1779 he was taken prisoner with his entire garrison and the said officers by a detachment of British Tories and Indians commanded by Major Carlton.

That himself and the company were conveyed through the wilderness by said British and Indians to Ticonderoga and thence after a delay of a few days to Montreal in Canada where he was detained a prisoner for nearly two years, till the last of September 1781 when he was discharged on parol [parole] not to serve against the British till exchanged, and he was permitted to return home, which he forth with did and reached his father's house in the said Town of Salem where he enlisted on or about the twenty fifth day of October in the year 1781 aforesaid.

That he remained with his father about two years in the town of Salem and the town of Hebron adjoining to which he removed. Thence he removed to Fort Ann where he purchased a farm on which he had ever since resided and cautious to reside to his day.

That he was born in the Town of West Greenwich in the State of Rhodeisland [Rhode Island] on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1756, for which fort he defends upon the tradition of his present and subsequently upon his own memory which he believes true and correct, and that he has o record of his age.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and such other testimony as he can procure is annexed to this declaration.

That for his character for veracity and his reputation for having rendered services as a soldier of the revolution he refers to his neighbours and fellow citizens John Gay and the Honorable Nathaniel Pitcher of the Town of Kingsbury in the said County of Washington.

There being no clergyman in his neighborhood who is acquainted with his reputation in this behalf.

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. (Signed with his mark) Robert Hopkins

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid J. S. Leigh, Clk

Letter in folder dated March 20, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.5206, that Robert Hopkins was born March 15, 1756, in West Greenwich, Rhode Island. The names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Salem, Albany (later Washington) County, New York, he enlisted July 15, 1779, served as a private in Captain Adiel Sherwood's New York Company and was engaged in garrison and scout duty at Fort Ann; October 10, 1779, he was taken prisoner by a party of British and Indians, carried to Montreal and held until the last of September, 1781, when he was paroled.

After his return home, he remained with his father in Salem, and Hebron (and adjoining town), New York, for about two years, then moved to Fort Ann, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, while residing in Fort Ann, New York.

He died August 11, 1838.

The soldier married June 9, 1791, at Kingsbury, Washington County, New York, Catherine Harper. In 1839, she was aged sixty-nine years "and upwards", and resided at Fort Ann, New York. There are no further data as to his family.