

SAMUEL HAWKINS

(S-1778) SERVICE NUMBER

Mass. Hawkins, Samuel (or Samuel B.) W 1604

Pharaba

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Capt. Terrence

Samuel Hawkins  
of Massachusetts in the State of Tennessee  
who was a private in the army commanded  
by Captain Stewart of the regt. commanded  
by Col. Carter in the regt.  
line for 16 months

Inscribed on the Roll of Tennessee  
at the rate of 53 Dollars 33 Cents per annum,  
to commence on the 4th day of March, 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 27 day of Feb  
1834 and John John  
Blair Jr

Arrears to the 1st of Sept 1833  
Semi-ann. allowance ending March 26  
\$160 60

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
{ Act June 7, 1832. }

Recorded by Samuel Clerk,  
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Thomas Tomlinson  
Pharaba Hawkins  
widow of Samuel  
Hawkins  
who served in the Revolutionary  
war, as a private  
Massachusetts Line  
Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of  
53 Dollars 33  
Cents per annum, to commence on  
the 4th day of March, 1848.

Certificate of Pension issued the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1850  
and sent to  
B. Mc David  
Gunnville  
Tennessee

Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act  
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## Some Tennessee Heroes of the Revolution

### SAMUEL HAWKINS

Samuel Hawkins applied for revolutionary pension while living in Hamilton County, in February, 1833. He was born May 18, 1735. He entered the service in Boston, Mass., under Capt. Lemuel Stewart and Col. James Easton, in Williamston, Mass., in the first year of the War and was marched to Albany, N. Y., where the company joined other companies under Gen. Schuyler. He received a written discharge. He knew personally, Gen. Washington, Gen. Schuyler, Gen. Putnam, Gen. Gates, Gen. Sullivan, Gen. Nixon, Gen. LaFayette, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Montgomery and many other officers. After the War he moved to Caswell County, N. C., and to Hawkins County, Tenn., where he lived 30 years. He moved to Hamilton County, Tenn., in 1831. His pension application was signed by Congressman John Blair. He died in Hamilton County, May 6, 1836. His widow, Pharaba Hawkins, made application for pension while living in Greene County, Tenn., July 29, 1848, aged 67 years, therefore born 1781. She states that she was married to Samuel B. Hawkins in Hawkins County, at her father, Samuel Spears' house by William Haine, Justice of the Peace, for Hawkins County, in August, 1797. Mrs. Nancy Pruitt (Mrs. Charles Pruitt) says that she was an attendant at the wedding and says that she herself was married in the same house a few years later.

## Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of  
Congress of the 29th July 1848.  
State of Tennessee

County of Greene<sup>2<sup>nd</sup></sup>. On this second day of  
March, One thousand  
eight hundred and fifty, personally appeared  
before me James Williams a Justice of the peace  
in and for said County, Mrs. Phareba Hawkins, a  
resident of Greene County in the State of Tennessee,  
aged sixty seven years on the 4th day of October, One  
thousand eight hundred and forty nine; who being  
duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make  
the following Declaration, in order to obtain the  
benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress,  
passed 29th July 1848; entitled "An act for the  
relief of certain surviving Widows of Officers and  
Soldiers of the revolutionary war" viz:

That she is  
the widow of Samuel Hawkins, alias Samuel  
T. Hawkins; who was a soldier of the Massa-  
chusetts Line during the war of the revolution;  
for which service he was placed on the pension  
roll about the year 1834, at the rate of fifty  
three dollars and thirty three cents per annum,  
under the act of Congress of 7th June 1832; and  
that he drew said pension at the Knoxville

Pharaba Hawkins was living in Greene County by 1840. In 1850, she was age 69 [born c. 1780] and lived adjacent to her son, William (1820-1907). It is possible Pharaba was the second wife of Samuel Hawkins. Pharaba was no longer enumerated in the 1860 Census. William, age 39, lived in Laurel Gap. He and his family later moved to Jewell County, Kansas, and are buried in Prairie Home Cemetery.

Pharaba Spears Hawkins was a daughter of Revolutionary War Soldier, Samuel Spears [#S39085] who filed for Pension on August 25, 1818 in Hawkins County. He received a Pension of \$8 a month for serving as a Private in the North Carolina line. Samuel Spears died in Hawkins County on May 27, 1838 and is buried in a Cemetery on his farm.

Directions to the old Spears Cemetery in Hawkins County are provided by Find-A-Grave:

Take Burem Road to Burem Bridge. Turn left and follow Old Stage Road about 2 miles to Hipshire Hollow. Turn right and stay on gravel road for about one mile to dead end. Go through gate and cross field to top of small hill. The Cemetery is enclosed by an iron fence.

The Pension application for Samuel Spears is provided below:

State of Tennessee, Hawkins County

On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County of Hawkins aforesaid Samuel Spears aged about 59 Years, Resident in Hawkins County being duly sworn according to Law Deposeth & Saith & maketh the following Declaration in order to attain the provision made by the Act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820. That he the said Samuel Spears Enlisted for the Term of nine months sometime in the month of May 1778 as near as the Declarant's memory serves him in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by G. Bradley in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hogans Viz the 3<sup>rd</sup> in the North Carolina line on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to Serve in said Corps until until about the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 1779 when he was discharged honorably from said service in the town of Halifax, North Carolina, but that said discharge is lost & that he has no other Evidence now in his possession of this said service except the affidavit of William Goings<sup>2</sup> a pensioner of the United States & who served with him.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a Resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 & that I have not since time by gift, sale or in any manner, disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to being myself within the provision of an "Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons Engaged in the Land & naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818. And that I have not nor has any pension in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed viz:

2 small horses one a mare about 6 Years old	
the others a Colts 12 months last May	\$70
one Cow & Calf 3 Steers & one heifer	32
about twenty head of Hogs	30
1 pot kettle & oven, 3 chairs, old set knives & forks	5
13 3/4 acres of third Rate Land	26
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	\$165.00

That my occupation is that of a farmer but owing to weakness & frailty am unable to work much. That my wife is about thirty eight Years old, a daughter 8 or 9 Years old, one other daughter about 7 Years, a son about 5 Years, one daughter about 3 Years old the Youngest about 9 or ten months old.

S/ Samuel Spears, X-his mark