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Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Hill VAS1530

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I Mary Skelton of the County of King & Queen & State of Virginia do hereby certify that I am now Seventy __ years of age – that I was well acquainted with James Hill of said County & no that said Hill enlisted as a soldier in the old Revolutionary war first for two years – after that, he returned home & remained under a furlough for a short time about one month – after which he again enlisted for the [text too faint to discern] of the war, and went into the Army. That I went to see Mrs. Hill (said Hill's wife) who lived near me, when she had just received a letter advising her that the said James Hill her husband was dead – and was either killed or died in service – I resided within one mile of Mr. Hill and was well acquainted with him & his family for many years. Given under my hand this 14th day of July 1831

S/ Mary Skelton, X her mark

State of Virginia King & Queen County to wit

The affidavit of Wilson Lumpkin ¹aged seventy-seven years [several words too faint to discern] a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid this 9th day of March 1833

This affiant being first duly sworn saith that he was well acquainted with James Hill of King & Queen County who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That the said Hill enlisted under Captain Gregory Smith in the beginning of the year 1776 for the term of two years, that this affiant served in the same company with the said Hill until shortly after the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], when this affiant being sick was put in the Hospital & left the said Hill in the Company then commanded by Captain Hill Captain Gregory Smith having been promoted. That this affiant was sick for several months & did not return to the camp until his term of service had nearly expired. There many of the soldiers whose term of service had expired had been discharged before he returned to the camp of whom he believes James Hill was one, as he has no recollection of seeing him after this affiants return to the Army from the hospital about the first of the year 1778 that this affiant only stayed in camp after his return from the hospital a fortnight before his term of service expired and he verily believes that the said James Hill served out his full term of two years as he is under the impression he enlisted several weeks before the affiant did.

S/ Wilson Lumpkin

¹ [Wilson Lumpkin S38156](#)

Mrs on Linnford

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 9th day of March 1833
S/ Alexr. Fleet, JP

State of Virginia King & Queen County to wit

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford² a Revolutionary Pensioner made before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid on this 25th day of April 1833.

The affiant being first duly sworn states that he is now in his 75th year that he was well acquainted with James Hill late of King & Queen County a soldier of the Revolution, that the said Hill enlisted in the same company with this affiant for a term of two years under Captain Gregory Smith and served out his term of two years and was discharged at the camp at White Marsh about the year 1778, that this affiant knows that most of the men in his company reenlisted for three years or during the war, that he understood that James Hill was among that number who reenlisted for three more years [several words too faint to discern] the Army & died in the service – but this affiant does not know the fact although he believes it to be true and further this deponent saith not.

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 25th day of April 1833

S/ Leonard Shackelford

Leonard Shackelford

[Name of the Justice of the peace is too faint to discern]

State of Virginia King & Queen County to wit

The affidavit of Mary Atkins aged about 83 years taken before me Alexander Fleet a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid this 29th day of April 1833.

This affiant being first duly sworn deposeseth & saith that she was well acquainted with James Hill a revolutionary soldier late of the County of King & Queen, that she lived very near neighbor to the said Hill previously to his enlisting in the Army of the Revolution, that to the best of her recollection, the said Hill enlisted for the term of two years & after serving out his time of service he returned home for a short time & did not remain with his wife & family much over a month before he again returned to the Army as he had reenlisted as she was informed for during the war, that the said James Hill never did return to his family & died as she has been informed in the service of his country under his second enlistment. That the said James Hill left a widow who married again and is now the head that the said James Hill left two children Thomas Hill & Nancy now Nancy Jones the widow of ___ Jones both now alive & none others & further this affiant saith not.

S/ Mary Adkins, X her mark

I certify that I was acquainted with James Hill in the revolution – he enlisted in the service for 2 years, as well as I recollect, & after his term had expired, he reenlisted for the war and died in service.

S/ Carter Croxton, Senr³

² [Leonard Shackelford S6085](#)

³ [Carter Croxton S9250](#)

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[Attested in Essex County Virginia July 16, 1833]

Executive Department
Richmond, January 4th, 1834

The heirs of James Hill are allowed Land Bounty for his services as a private in the Continental line for the War if not heretofore drawn. The Register well issue a warrant accordingly.

Teste
John B Richardson

S/ John Floyd

To enable a Private to receive 300 acres of Land, it should be substantially stated in the Governors order making the allowance that the Private entered the Service on or before the 1st of April 1781 & served to the end of the War.

S/ W. Selden, Register
Land Office 11 December '34

The Heirs of James Hill – soldier Continental line

"James Hill enlisted in the beginning of 1776 for two years in Captain Gregory Smith's Company and served out his term of enlistment: and immediately afterwards reenlisted for the war, and died in the service. His heirs are entitled to 300 acres of land, under the act of October 1780."

The above is a copy of a report which I made to Governor Floyd in the year 1833 (before the passage of the act of pointing me a Commissioner &c) upon the claim of the Heirs of James Hill for bounty land

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c
Richmond December 17th 1834