

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hughes VAS1641

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

State of Virginia Fauquier County to wit

This day personally appeared before me Robert Brent a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Fielding Sinclair a citizen of said County aged 65 years and being first sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Hughes who was a private soldier of the Revolution. That the said Hughes was a citizen of the County of Fauquier and that he did enlist in the Continental Army for during the War. This affiant states positively that the enlistment of the said Hughes was for the war, because he well recollects the circumstance of being at a party at the time he was to start to join the Army, when it was repeatedly mentioned that he had enlisted for during the war. This was in 1778 or '79. There were several other private soldiers who enlisted at the same time & for the same term – Their names were Peter Hudson – Churchill Karnes & George Tenwall [?]¹ – Affiant has always heard that said Benjamin Hughes died in the service – and further he saith not.

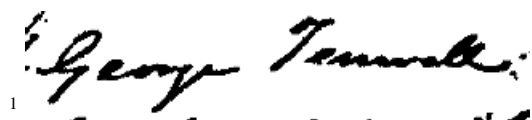
Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1834

S/Fielding Sinclair



State of Virginia Prince William County to wit

This day personally came before me a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid James Martin a citizen of said County, aged 62 years & upwards, and being first sworn according to law deposeth & saith that he knew Benjamin Hughes of Fauquier County who was a regular soldier in the war of the Revolution. That he has always understood that he enlisted for the war – but does not know what year he did enlist. He believes said Benjamin Hughes died in said service. Affiant further states that Mrs. Cecil Preston is the only surviving sister & heir at law of



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said Benjamin Hughes – who was never married – said Ceily Preston [?]² is a citizen of Fauquier & widow of the late Jacob Preston –

S/ James Martin, X his mark

[Attested April 26, 1834]

To his Excellency David Campbell Governor of Virginia –

Your Memorialist Celia Preston of Fauquier County Virginia respectfully states that she is the heir at law of Benjamin Hughes who enlisted for the War in the Virginia Continental Line and whilst engaged in said Service he died – She prays that land bounty may be allowed for the same, and they Register may be directed to issue warrants – and she will &c.

S/ Celia Preston, X her mark

[Attested in Fauquier County Virginia December 29, 1838]

"Rejected March 13, 1840."

D. C. [David Campbell, Governor of Virginia]

Ceily Preston

² 19 16 7 Betty Preston?