

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hughes VAS 1652

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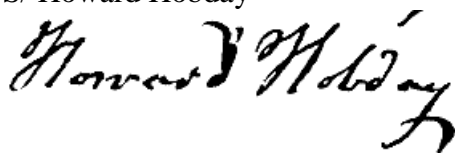
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[Note: It is possible this is the same man as John Hughes W18082 whose transcript was posted in this database on even date herewith. The description of the services and rank, however, led me to have sufficient doubt as to warrant a separate transcription.]

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

I Howard Hobday aged 68 years of the County of Gloucester do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Major John Hughes formerly of this County and know that early in the Revolutionary War he enlisted in the Continental service and served for and during the said war. I do not recollect what commission he held in service, but he was recognized and known as a Major and confidently believe that he bore that commission.

S/ Howard Hobday



Petition for additional bounty land

John Hughes – Major – Continental line

2 witnesses who are said to be credible state that John Hughes entered the service early in the Revolutionary war, and served, as they believe, for and during the war. They believe that he was promoted Major, during his service at the North.

John Hughes has received bounty land as Captain for a service of 7 years – to wit – 4666 2/3 acres of land. I have not seen any proof of his promotion:, and consequently, report the claim for additional bounty, not allowable.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith, Commissioner &c

April 21, 1834

To his Excellency  
Governor Tazewell

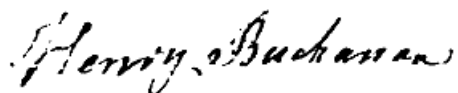
In December 1784 Captain John Hughes received 5 years full pay, in move of half pay for life: He did not claim as major.

I Caleb Ginkkins<sup>1</sup> aged 75 of Gloucester County do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Major John Hughes formerly of this County and know that early in the Revolutionary war, as early believe as 1776, he enlisted in the Continental service, was ordered and went to the North he was engaged principally, in served for and during the war, when he first went to the North, he was a Captain, and during his service there I believe he was promoted as a major. He raised a company in this County, when he entered the service, and several of my neighbors enlisted under him. I distinctly recollect of seeing him in service at the siege of York Town. After the war he returned to this County and here lived until he died.

[The acknowledgment of this document is so faint that it cannot be discerned but it appears to have been given in Gloucester County Virginia in either 1832 or 33 and is acknowledged by the attesting justice of the peace. The affiant's signature does not appear.]

I Henry Buchanan<sup>2</sup> aged 71 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Hughes of Gloucester County and know that he entered the Army during the Revolutionary War as early perhaps as 1776. I confidently believe that he remained in service until the close of the said [war]. I know that some short time before the siege of York, he was wounded in a small engagement with the enemy, at a place called Allen's Mill, some short distance from Williamsburg and at the same time his horse was killed under him. I was in company with him at the time and waited on him, in his retiring from the engagement to a small house in the neighborhood. After his recovering from this wound, and after the siege at York, he returned to his Regiment, and remained in service I have no doubt until the close of the war. He was to my knowledge promoted as a major, for at least 12 months before he received this wound at the said engagement. While Captain he commanded the troop of Cavalry to which I belonged, which was engaged to the North. He was engaged to my knowledge at the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], at Camden [probably the Second battle of Camden also known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] – at the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] and as [indecipherable word], other battles, in which I was engaged. He was a brave and valiant officer and highly esteemed by all who knew him. After the war he resided in Gloucester County where he died.

S/ Henry Buchanan

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Buchanan". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Acknowledged November 21, 1833 in York County Virginia.]

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<sup>1</sup> I think this is very likely [Caleb Jenkins S8757](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Henry Buchanan S37807](#)