

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hill VAS1940

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[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Louisa County Legislative Petitions

To the Honourable the Legislature of Virginia

The petition of Samuel Hill of the County of Louisa humbly Sheweth – That your petitioner is an old Continental soldier, who enlisted as a private in the year 1776 under Capt. Thomas Johnson, and served the two eventful years of 76 & 77 – during which time, it was the fate of your petitioner, to be engaged in a most active and severe service – 1st at the siege of New York – 2nd at the action on Harlem Heights [September 16, 1776] on New York Island where your petitioner was badly wounded, belonging at that time to the 3rd Regiment of the Virginia Continental's commanded by Cols Marshall [Thomas Marshall] and Weedon [George Weedon] – 3rd at the action on the White Plains [October 28, 1776] – 4th at the Battle of Trenton [December 26, 1776], 4th at that of Princeton [January 3, 1777], and 6th at the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777]. Besides these actions, He was engaged in various skirmishes at Brunswick – Somerset Court house – Germantown [October 4, 1777] – and on the lines of Philadelphia. That your petitioner although considerably lamed by the wound received on Harlan Heights continued in service, and regularly served the two years for which he was enlisted. And that he has never received his bounty lands or any compensation in lieu thereof. That your petitioner, so long as he had health and strength, refused to become a burden to his Country, which with an openhanded liberality, was daily ministering to the wants, and relieving the necessities of the War worn veteran of the revolution. He therefore continued to struggle with his difficulties, and although lamed by his wound, for life, and at times suffering excruciating pain, He has contrived, until within a year or two past, by his own exertions, to support himself and family. But these have now failed him. For the last two years he has derived his chief support from the liberality of a few kind friends. And for the last six months, He has been totally bereft of the use of his limbs, and as helpless as an infant. Bowed down therefore by that complication of ills – old age, disease and poverty, and surrounded by five infant children, looking up in vain, to him, for that pittance necessary to support life, On the very verge of the Grave, his wants, have wrung from him, this appeal; to the Justice and liberality of his native State. Your petitioner therefore approaches your Honourable Body with a confidence springing from the conviction that his case requires only to be known to receive at your hands that prompt relief which will soothe the last remnants of at [sic] life; the prime and vigor of which; was expended in the services of his Country. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c &c

S/ Samuel Hill



[Buy affidavit dated November 10, 1817, Dabney Minor, Peter U. Daniel, and David Watson, presumably neighbors and friends of the petitioner testify that he is indeed cripple and that they have understood he was wounded while serving in the revolutionary war.]

[Reverse]

Samuel Hill's Petition
December 2nd, 1817
Referred to Claims
Reasonable
December 31st
Reported
December 31st
Bill drawn
Registered

Louisa October 14th, 1816

This will certify that we have examined Samuel Hill & find a Decreptitude of his left Ankle & Leg which he states to have been brought on by a wound received in the Revolutionary War at Harlem Heights which Decreptitude entirely disabled him from Labour.

S/ Andrew Kern [?], Surgeon 40th Regiment V. M.
S/ J. Minor, S. M. [surgeon's mate?]
4th Regt. V. M.
S/ Thomas Poindexter

Virginia Louisa County to wit

Personally appeared before us magistrates of the said County Abraham Davis of said County who being first duly sworn declareth and saith that he served in Weedon's, afterwards Marshall's Regiment with Samuel Hill, a private in Capt. Thomas Johnson's company during the year 1776 and 1777, and that the said Samuel Hill was severely wounded during the revolutionary war. That he was engaged in the Battles at Harlem Heights, Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine, New York and White Plains.

Given under our hands this 10th day of November 1817

S/ R. J. Sandidge
S/ Wm Nelson, JP

At a Court continued and held for Louisa County on Tuesday the 12th of November 1811 Samuel Hill, this day came into Court and made oath that he was enlisted in the year 1776, for two years as a Soldier in Capt. Thomas Johnson's company in the 3rd Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. Weedon, in the Continental Army of the United States, that he served the time for which he was enlisted, and that he has never heretofore proved, nor received any compensation for his bounty in land; all which is by the Court ordered to be certified to the

executive of this state

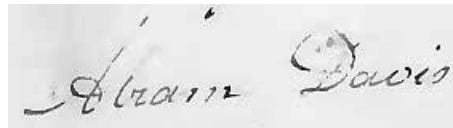
Test

S/ John Poindexter, Clerk

I do hereby Certify that Samuel Hill served with me in the 3rd Virginia Regiment in the year 1776 & 1777 as a Continental soldier under the Command of Col. Weedon.

Given under my hand this 11th day of November 1811

S/ Abram Davis¹

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

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

To the Auditor of Public Accounts

Sir,

Please to give your Warrant to David Lipscomb the treasurer for \$60 due me agreeably to a law passed last Session of Assembly.

Given under my hand this 15th day of March 1818

S/ Samuel Hill

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

[Note: This file also contains what appears to be the veteran's application for a pension but the image of it as posted online is illegible.]

¹ [Abraham Davis W538](#)