

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land record of Meshach Hicks BLR226005-55 Elizabeth Hicks f6VA
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Widow's Bounty Land Claim

State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 18th day of April 1855 personally appeared before me a justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Hicks aged 87 years, resident in Goochland County in the State aforesaid, who being duly sworn declares that she is the widow of Meshach Hicks deceased, who was a ___ in the company commanded by Captain ___ in the ___ Regiment of ___ commanded by ___ in the war of the American Revolution, that her said husband enlisted in Goochland County at ___ in the State of Virginia on or about the ___ day of ___ 17___, for the term of ___ and was honorably discharged at ___ on or about the ___ day of ___ 18___, as will appear by the Muster Rolls of said company.

She further states that she was married to the said Meshach Hicks at Goochland County on the ___ day of ___ one Reuben Ford a Baptist Minister and that her name before her said marriage was Elizabeth Moreland; that her said husband died at Goochland County on the ___ day of ___, 1826, and that she has remained a widow since his death.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the Act passed March 3rd 1855 never having received Bounty Land or knowing that she is entitled except for the above service, and she believes that no Bounty Land was ever received by her said husband. She hereby revokes any application for Bounty Land previously made, or that may have been heretofore presented in her name, and she does by these presents constitute and appoint Charles C. Tucker of Washington D. C. her true and lawful attorney to prosecute the above mentioned claim and to receive for her benefit the Bounty Land Warrant to which she may be entitled.

S/ Elizabeth Hicks



Sworn to, subscribed, and acknowledge before me the day and year first above written, and on the same day personally came before me Mary A. S. Philpotts a resident of Goochland County, in the State above named and Margaret W Philpotts a resident of Goochland County in said State, to me known as credible witnesses, who being duly sworn declared that they are personally acquainted with Elizabeth Hicks widow of Meshach Hicks who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration, that they were personally acquainted with Meshach Hicks and his wife during the lifetime of the former and know that they lived together as man and wife and to be so reputed, and they believe that the husband of the said Elizabeth Hicks was the

identical person who performed the military services mentioned in the above declaration: that the above named Meshach Hicks is now dead, and the said Elizabeth Hicks has remained a widow since his death: And they further swear that they are disinterested

Mary A. S. Philpotts
Margaret W. Philpotts

Sworn to, and subscribed before me: and I certify I am not interested in the result of this claim or concerned in its prosecution.

S/ J. C. Philpotts, JP