

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hill R11867 Polley Worldley¹

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State of Tennessee County of Coffee: SS

On this the 28th day of May A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Polley Worldley aged eighty-seven years a resident of Coffee County in the State of Tennessee, who first being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832, granting pensions to certain widows of officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War. Viz.

That the declarant Polley Worldley was born on the 1st day of February A.D. 1767 in the County of Wythe, in the State of Virginia, that she removed with her Father to the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia, during the Revolutionary War; that her maiden name was Polley Rutherford; that in the year 1784 in the County of Franklin and in the State of Georgia, She was married to her first husband, David Hill, by the Reverend Dosier Thornton, a Baptist Clergyman: that after the death of said Hill in the year 1836: She was married to her second husband Joseph Worldley, who died in the year 1844; that she is now a widow; that her said first husband, David Hill was aged 27 years when he married her; and was the identical David Hill who was a private in the Company of Militia or volunteers commanded by Captain James Little, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Cuningham [John Cunningham], in the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia during the Revolutionary War: that the said David Hill was drafted or volunteered in the month of December 1778, date not known, in the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia: to serve a tour of six months: that he served in Captain James Little's Company against the British at and near the City of Savannah, Georgia: that he was engaged in fighting the British when they landed at Savannah: that General Howe [Robert Howe of North Carolina] commanded the American forces: that Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert], commanded the Georgia militia: that he was afterwards under General Lincoln and under General Elbert: that he served out his tour of six months and was honorably discharged shortly after the Battle of Stono in June 1779 [June 20, 1779]:

That the said David Hill was drafted or volunteered in the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia in the month of September 1779 (day not known) to serve a tour of three months that he served as a private in Captain James Little's Company of Militia volunteers in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Cuningham: that he served at the Siege of Savannah Georgia [September 16-October 16, 1779] during the term of its continuance, and was honorably discharged after the siege of said City was raised: that he Served at said siege under General Lincoln, by whom the American forces were commanded: that he served from the

¹ Former Widow

commencement of his term until the time of his discharge about two months:

That the said David Hill, was drafted or volunteered in the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia in the month of August 1780 (date not known) to serve a tour of three months; that he served as a private in Captain James Lytle's Company of militia or volunteers in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Cunningham; during this tour he was at the attack of Augusta Georgia in which Colonel Clark [Elijah Clark] commanded the American forces; That he was in the march to the Battle of King's Mountain [October 7, 1780] and was in a short distance of the Battleground when that battle was fought: that he was under Colonel Cunningham when in the March to Kings Mountain; after the battle of Kings Mountain, he was engaged against the Tories until the expiration of the term of his service in November 1780, when he was honorably discharged: that his discharges have been lost or destroyed; that the said David Hill was engaged in other military Service in addition to the tours of Service herein before stated and the close of the Revolutionary War; that she was informed by her said husband David Hill during his lifetime that he served during the Revolutionary War more than two years a large portion of which Service the declarant cannot detail; but as to the time of Service of her said husband David Hill, she is confident that it was more than two years in duration. In specifying the regular tours derived from him, their length is eleven months;

He further states that she was married to the said David Hill in the County of Franklin in the State of Georgia on the __day of September A.D. 1786, by one Dosier Thornton, a clergyman: that her said husband David Hill died in Gibson County the West in District of Tennessee on the 23rd day of March A.D. 1836; that after the death of her said husband David Hill, she removed to Coffee County in the State of Tennessee, where she married her second husband Joseph Worldley on the 9th day of March A.D. 1843; and that said Joseph Worldley died on the 30th day of September A.D. 1844; and that since his death she has been and is now a widow;

She further states that she has no public nor private record of her first marriage.

She further states that her said first husband David Hill after his marriage to her moved with her to the County of Wythe, Virginia, thence to the County of Madison in the State of Kentucky; thence to the County of Coffee, Middle Tennessee; and thence to Kentucky, and thence to the County of Gibson the Western District of Tennessee: that he is intention was to apply for a pension under the Act of Congress 1832, but he died without making application therefore: that after his death the declarant made no application because she was not informed that she had a good claim for a pension and she has remained without [indecipherable word] touching her rights until recently;

She further declares that this is the 1st application he has made for a pension.

S/ Polly Worldley, X her mark