

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Hughes R15282

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[A printed form, with handwritten entries shown in italics.]

WAR OF ~~1812~~ 1776

DECLARATION OF A WIDOW FOR PENSION

State of *Kentucky* } SS

County of *Pulaski* }

On this 13th day of *January*, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy *three* personally appeared before me, *Depty Clerk* of the *County of Pulaski*, a Court of Record in and for the County and State aforesaid, *Nancy E. Hughes*, aged *Ninty two* years, a resident of *Pulaski* County of *Pulaski* State of *Kentucky*, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of *John Hughes*, who served the full period of six *years years* *Military* service of the United States in the War of ~~1812~~ 1776, and who was the identical *John Hughes* who *Enlisted in* Captain *She dont no the Capt* Company, *Dont no the* Regiment, *under Greene & at fist General Gates General in the North Carolina Malitia* , and was honorably discharged *in North Carolina* on the *Dont no the* day in 1783. that *She files here claim for Pension under the act of 1832* *She states that here husband was in the Battle cauled Piles Hacen match & at Gilford coort House* *She also states here Husband was in the Company of Jessee Neil who made a Draw of Pension about 16 or 18 years ago. She states here husband had a Discharge but was Burned up in their huse in 1835 in Waine [sic: Wayne] County Kentucky By accident he had it certain* that she was married under the name of *Nancy Wilson E* to said *John Hughes* on the 9th Day day of *January*, A. D. 1808, by *Joseph French Justice*, at *James Town Tennessee*, there being no legal barrier to such marriage; that her said husband died *in Waine County Ky*, on the 2th Day day of *May 1837* 1837 and that she has not remarried since his death; that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the United States did she or her said husband adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government, giving them aid or comfort, or exercised the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States; that she will support the Constitution of the United States; that she is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act; that she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension rolls of the United States, under the provisions of the act approved ~~1832~~ [power of attorney follows]

NOTE:

From this application it appears that John Hughes served in the NC Militia as follows:

- 1) Attached to the Southern Department commanded by Gen. Horatio Gates in the summer of 1780; may have been in the Battle of Camden SC on 16 Aug 1780.
- 2) Was in service after Gen. Nathanael Greene took command of the Southern Department on 2 Dec 1780.
- 3) During that period he was attached to Lt. Col. Henry Lee at the engagement with Loyalists under Col. John Pyle commonly called "Pyle's Hacking Match," on 25 Feb 1781, and
- 4) At the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781.

The only North Carolina pensioner named Jesse or Jessee with a surname similar to Neil was Jesse Nevill or Neville (S21899), but his service was not similar to that of Hughes.