

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Hicks R4962

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State of Georgia County of Rabun: SS

On this 7th day of July 1834 Personally appeared before us the undersigned Judges of the Inferior or County Court of Rabun Henry Hicks a resident of the County of Rabun in the State of Georgia, aged Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That in the year 1775 in September as well as he can now recollect he enlisted under Captain George Nicholas, Charles Washam first Lieutenant – he Enlisted to guard Williamsburg the seat of government in the State of Virginia and that he did serve as a guard of the said Town and in the 2nd Virginia Regiment of three years, during that time he was engaged in guarding & keeping the Magazine & Arsenal in order, cleaning the arms, putting up cannonballs and courying [sic] and guarding them from Burwell's Landing on James River to the Arsenal in the Town of Williamsburg, where the Governor (Henry) lived in the White House called the Palace at which he has sood [sic stood? or staid?] a many a night as a Sentinel and in which Town the Officers of the Government resided, he continued in said service as guard & as such duty as Captain Nicholas ordered until the expiration of the term of his Enlistment which was for three years & he was discharged by Captain Nicholas. That on the expiration of the time in September 1778, he did enlist again under Captain George Nicholas to whom he was much attached and was to serve with him in the State of Virginia, that contrary to contract about the first of February 1779 he was ordered to go northward and joined the Army there he was to joined the 2nd Virginia Regiment, to which he belonged and was kept from as a guard of the seat of Government of Virginia. He was marched through Hanover, Bowling Greene – Fredericksburg, thence to Mount Vernon thence to Alexandria, Georgetown where he crossed the Potomac, thence to Bladensburg – Baltimore today Head of Elk not being near the 2nd Virginia Regiment and there being but 10 or 12 men in the company on their march were dismissed and all went home, in the month of April 1779 having served not less than seven months of the last Term of his Enlistment.

He further states that he entered the service again about the first April 1780 as a Substitute for Hugh Gamble who was drafted in Pittsylvania County Virginia to go a tour of three months to the Long Island on Holston against the Cherokee Indians he went under Captain William Witcher who marched them to the Holston River and vicinity against the Hostile Indians, and were employed in scouting the Country when they were not on the Stations they were stationed at Fort Henry at the Long Island on the Holston River – he afterwards in 1781 moved a man into North Carolina near Jonesboro, while there, there was a draft, he sood [stood]

a draft and was not taken, but one who was, being desirous to remain at home he took his place, and turned out as he would call it a volunteer to go southward under Captain Samuel Williams, Colonel Sevier, Colonel Charles Robinson and about the first of September marched from Jonesboro in North Carolina to join General Marion [Francis Marion] in South Carolina – and about the last of September they joined Marion's Army on Santee River – they went to a Hospital of the enemy took the officer and Doctor and paroled them, took those able to travel along & left the sick. He was in no battle, he was out this tour from the first of September to the 15th of December 1781 when he was discharged by Colonel Sevier. He considered the last tour of duty as done as a volunteer as he took the place of one John Terry without pay and has never received anything for the said services –

He states that he is so poor old & infirm he is unable to procure any information of his companions in the Army, nor does he know of a single individual who can testify to his said services. That he did serve not less than three years on his first Enlistment not less than seven months on his second Enlistment, not less than three months the first tour as a volunteer, and not less than three months (he thinks 3 ½ months) the last tour as volunteer or substitute making in all not less than Four years & one month all as a private in the Continental or United States Army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State.

And he makes the following answers to the Interrogatories directed by the War Department to be propounded to applicants.

Answer to 1st He was born in Charles City County in Virginia 2nd June 1758

2nd. He has no Record there was one in his Father's Bible but where it is now he does not know, it was with his Mother when he last saw it.

3rd. He lived in Cumberland County Virginia when he first enlisted – that he lived in Pittsylvania County when he first volunteered, and also when he turned out the 2nd Term. Since the Revolution he has lived in Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and for the last 15 years in Rabun County Georgia.

4. He Enlisted twice, was a substitute wants for Hugh Gamble in the volunteer warrants or rather took the place of John Terry.

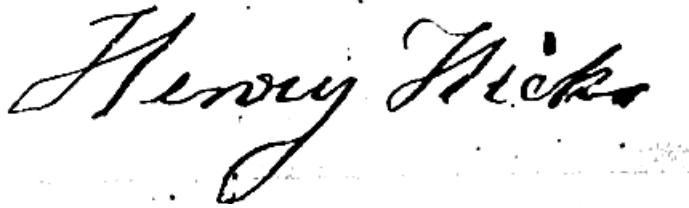
5th. He served with Colonel Sevier, Colonel Robinson & General Marion & Major Tipton

6th. If he ever got a written discharge he does not now know what has become of it nor does he recollect to have got any –

7th. He would refer to all men in Rabun County but particularly H. J. Mozley, Esquire Senator W. Kelly Esquire, Representative Colonel Sam Beck & the 2 Majors Coffee & Price and Benjamin Odell Esquire

The above sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in Court

S/ Henry Hicks

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry Hicks". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

[John Sevier Henley, a clergyman, and Elijah Coffee gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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relating to this veteran, but every document in the file has been only partially copied and therefore can't be transcribed. If anyone has a transcription of these documents which they are willing to let us post in this database, we would be delighted to do so. This file is indexed under the name "Henry Hix."]