

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Declaration of Patrick Hight, R4988

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading. A bracketed question mark [?] indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Not all the material in the Pension File is included in the transcription.]

State of Kentucky, Casey County, ss:

On this 16th day of April A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty one [1851], personally appeared before me the presiding justice of the county court for the county and state aforesaid, Patrick Hight aged ninety 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of his country in the War of the Revolution in Amherst County in the state of Virginia as a substitute for his brother Matthew Hight. That he started about the last of February 1781 in a company commanded by Captain Dillard in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Rose. That he marched with his regiment in the direction of Guilford Court House. That his regiment halted at Prince Edward Court House and remained some days. That he again started on his march towards Guilford. That his regiment had not reached Guilford when the battle was fought there [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 15, 1781], but were within hearing of the cannon discharged at the battle. After the battle at Guilford he marched to the Iron Works on Haw River. At the Iron Works he joined General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army. That he there came under a different set of officers whose names he does not recollect, except the name of Captain Harrison and General Greene the Commander in Chief of that Army. He states that he continued under General Greene till the expiration of his term of service. He says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he does not recollect the exact time that he was discharged, nor can he state precisely how long he served. He says that his brother, Matthew Hight [S8715], was in Gates' Defeat [Battle of Camden, South Carolina, August 16, 1780], and that in consequence of the cowardly conduct of Gates' soldiers they, including Matthew Hight, were required to serve eight months longer. That he then took the place of his brother and served the whole term of service that was required of him, but he does not know that he served eight months. He says that he did not receive a written discharge when his term of service expired. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state

Patrick Hight (his mark)

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me and I hereby certify that the said Patrick Hight is unable by reason of bodily infirmity to appear in open court to make declaration and that he is believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have served as he states and that I concur in that opinion.

John Humphrey, Justice of the County Court

[Jesse Portman, a clergyman, and S. A. Butt, a clergyman, gave separate supporting standard affidavits.]