

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hill R4993

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State of Alabama, County of Greene: SS

On this 22 day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before Anderson Crenshantie Judge of the Circuit Court now sitting Benjamin Hill a resident of the County & State aforesaid of the age of Seventy-one years the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December next, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (viz.) he entered the service as a volunteer in March he thinks the first of March 1780 in the 20<sup>th</sup> year of his age in Chatham County State of North Carolina under Captain Asa Briant [Asa Bryan] Lieutenant Benjamin Johnson & Ensign Thompson Curry in Colonel Dudley's [Guilford Dudley's] Regiment commanded by Dudley himself we met at Ramsey's Mills where one Colonel Reed [James Read] as he was informed a regular officer took the highest command from thence we were marched to Camden South Carolina perhaps two hundred miles soon after our arrival in the neighborhood of Camden we were attached to the Army commanded by General Greene [Nathanael Greene] who with his regular & militia forces commenced an attack<sup>1</sup> on Camden which resulted in a retreating fight for some distance when the British retreated in their turn back to Camden pursued by the American horse who took some prisoners among whom were four deserters from the American service who we hung on the same pole after some skirmishing there in the neighborhood of Camden the British Evacuated the place & soon after Colonel Dudley discharged his whole Regiment he thinks his discharge bore date the 13 May 1780 though his Tour did not end until he arrival at home which was about three months from the time he was Drafted. He recollects seeing Colonel Lee's [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's] horse & he thinks Washington's [William Washington's] also though he does not recollect that he saw either at the engagement he recollects that all of Colonel Lee's Horse were Bays. This is the only Tour of Duty he ever performed in the revolution. He continued to reside in Johnson County [sic, Johnston County] from the time of his service until 1815 when he removed to Wake County where he resided until the latter part of 1827 when he removed to Greene County Alabama where he arrived in January 1828 & has resided ever since, he states that his discharge was filed with his father's papers on his return & he has never seen it since. He states he has no record of his age now though he has often seen it in an old prayer Book that belonged to his father and is distinct in his recollection as above stated. In addition to the officers already named he recollects a Captain Cowel who served as adjutant in our Regiment and a Captain Harris who also commanded in Dudley's Regiment. He thinks Colonel Dudley signed his discharge. He states

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1 Applicant appears to be describing the Battle of Hobkirk's Hill (or Second Camden) which occurred on April 25, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hobkirks\\_hill.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hobkirks_hill.html)

that William Richardson in his own [?] neighborhood & Parson Edmund Pace & many others of his neighborhood would Testify favorably of his reputation for truth and also his reputation as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Kept sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court.

Attest: S/ James Yoates, Clerk

S/ Benjamin Hill, X his mark

[Edmund Pace, a clergyman, and William Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

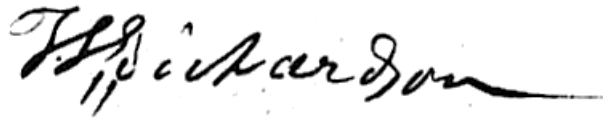
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William Richardson being duly sworn according to law and open court deposeseth & saith, that he has been acquainted with Benjamin Hill who has sworn & subscribed to the above Statement for thirty-five or forty years most of the time a near neighbor to him, as well when he lived in North Carolina as also in Greene County Alabama where we both at present reside and have been intimately acquainted with his character for truth and veracity & the same is good, said Hill was always reputed & believed to be a soldier of the revolution, both in his neighborhood in North Carolina & also in his neighborhood in this State and County and that he has good reason to and does believe the said Benjamin Hill to have been a Soldier in the Service of the United States in the Revolutionary war, he also states that he believes him to be Seventy years old or upwards.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court

S/ James Yeates, Clk

S/ W. Richardson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

[Note: This veteran's application for a pension was rejected because he did not allege a minimum of six months service during the revolution as required to qualify for a pension under the terms of the 1832 act.]