

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joshua Hill R5003  
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State of South Carolina, District of Abbeville

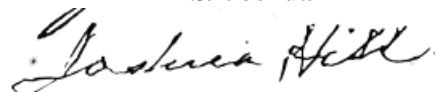
On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March in the year 1842, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Joshua Hill a Resident of said District and State aged 79 next May who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order 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 in the war of the Revolution and served as herein stated. In 1780 was called out with the militia of North Carolina under the command of General Rutherford of said State, Col. Isaacs Regiment, Captain Meredith's company a little before Joining Gates' Army an occurrence took place. A wind & Rain came on in the night where we were encamped, a tree fell & killed one Warren Walker and badly crippled Lieutenant Robert Hill<sup>1</sup> my Brother this happened some time in July, in what is now Cabarrus County in that State. Myself & two others were ordered to bring the dead man & take back my Brother in a litter to a house & nurse him before we could joined the regular Army General Gates was defeated & this expedition ended, the defeat was about the middle of August so that term of my servitude was about one month. In 1781 following, went on the trail of Cornwallis on horseback as a volunteer in February into Guilford County of North Carolina, was in a small engagement with a few hundred of militia at the Reedy fork of Haw River that formed to cover the Retreat of General Greene's baggage wagons Commanded by a Colonel Williams, saved the baggage under the fire of the British cannon & musketry, from thence returned home out about four or five weeks in September of the same year and ordered out again in the Wilmington expedition on horse as a volunteer under the command of Colonel Smith of Salisbury in Captain Wright's company. We returned home in November of the same year, coming home heard of the capture of Cornwallis, out this time about two months, the term of my servitude four months, with the exception of guarding prisoners chasing the Tories &c

Sworn to before me 25 March 1842 in open Court:

S/ Jno F. Livingston, CCP

S/ Joshua Hill



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 or if any only on that of the agency of the State of South Carolina. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joshua Hill

[James M. Chiles, a clergyman and David Lesly gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: -- I was born in Caroline County, State of Virginia in May A.D. 1763.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer: -- has none.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: --I lived when called into service, in Surry County North Carolina; in the year 1785, came to South Carolina, & have lived in South Carolina Abbeville District ever since, & at this time.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: -- In the year 1780, I was returned by Martin Armstrong Colonel of the Regiment as a volunteer, and as such commanded to go. Was a volunteer afterwards under Colonel Winston in 1781 – afterwards I was a volunteer in the Wilmington Expedition.

5<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer: -- our time was not limited – therefore, received no written discharge.

6<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: -- General Greene, Colonel Lewis – also of the militia officers, Col. Winston, General Pickens, I was acquainted also with Colonel Williams & in his service, to cover the retreat of Greene's baggage wagons. My declaration will answer this Interrogatory as to the times & manner of service.

S/ Joshua Hill

[fn p. 8: the veteran was still alive on October 25, 1852, when he signed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to prosecute his claim.]