

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Hill R5006

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State of Kentucky, Muhlenberg County

On this 26 day of November 1832 before the Justices of the Muhlenberg County Court it being a Court of record now sitting Richard Hill a resident of Muhlenberg County & State of Kentucky aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 that he entered the service of the United States as a private and served as herein stated under the following named officer that in the year 1776 and as well as he now recollects he then residing in Franklin County North Carolina he was drafted in the United States service for five months under Captain Britain Harris [Britton Harris] Lieutenant \_\_ Hawkins the Battalion Commanded by Major Sherrard General Ash [sic, John Ashe] & General Bryan [William Bryant] Commanded us were marched to Kingston [sic, Kinston] and from thence to Elizabeth Town thence we were marched to Augusta when we arrived near Augusta the British had possession of the Town we encamped near the Town & in a few days the British left the Town & we took possession of it they went down to Brier [sic, Briar] Creek [Battle of Briar Creek, March 3, 1779] & took up the Bridge after they had crossed we had to encamp at the Creek the British came upon our rear & fired we had to retreat & get across the River in the best way we could some by swimming shortly after we were discharged[:] that in the year 1781 he was drafted in the service of the United States for three months under Captain Eaves [Benjamin Eaves] Lieutenant \_\_ Parish General Butler [John Butler] he was marched to the Battle Ground of Guilford & was in the battle [March 15, 1781] & were driven & dispersed & your affiant with many others retreated home & remained there until the Army collected at Ramsey's Mill where he joined the Army again ~~the~~ General Butler told us we must enlist for one year or during the war as ~~we~~ which your affiant did. Lieutenant Campbell took us ahead of the Main Army to Thompson's Fort [Thomson's Fort] on the Congaree [River] & took the Fort after constant firing for seven days before they surrendered we took about 400 prisoners then went to Augusta there was two Forts in Augusta one British the other Tory we took them both after a Siege [Siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781] of 17 or 18 days we took all in the Forts prisoners we were then marched to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] head Quarters on high hills of Santee from the high hills of Santee we were marched to Camden all the sick were left at the Hospital at that place & he was left with them sick he then Joined General Greene at his head Quarters after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] he had recovered before the battle but was nursing the sick at the time of the battle he remained in South Carolina until his time was out he was regularly discharged in 1782 he was under the command of Captain Pervard [sic, Alexander Brevard] the Regiment by Colonel Murphy he has lost his discharges & has no documentary Evidence of his Service that he moved from Franklin County North Carolina to Muhlenberg County Kentucky in

the year 1812 where he has resided ever since. [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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Hill, X his mark

[Silas Drake, a clergyman, and Miles Cary gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Richard Hill makes the following amendment to his declaration for a pension under the act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – that he entered the service of the United States in the month of February 1776 under Captain Harris as stated in his Original Declaration that he acted as a private in said Company for the space of five months at the end of which term he received a discharge – that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1781 he entered for twelve months & served as stated in his original declaration & was discharged in April 1782 – went under the command of Captain Brevard or Prevard, their Regiment commanded by Colonel Murphy [perhaps Hardy Murphree]. He would here observe that after Receiving a discharge for the five months tour he entered the service in the winter of the year 1780 under Captain Eves [sic] & served one month being drafted for three months.

In order that in this declaration may appear plain & Satisfactory to the Department, he would here state that in his first Tour he received a discharge for five months, that when drafted the second time for three months under Captain Eaves, he was in the service only a few days over one month the militia being dispersed at the battle of Guilford he returned home & being informed that the Army had collected at Ramsour's Mill [sic, Ramsey's Mill] he hastened to join them in order to serve out the balance of the three months – here we were met by General Butler who inquired the cause of our absence, he then informed us that unless we would enlist for twelve months he would Return us as Soldiers during the War, in consequence of which this deponent on the fifth of April did enlist for twelve months which he faithfully served out and received his discharge, which discharges are lost – he states unhesitatingly that in these three tours of duty he served his Country one year & six months as a private Soldier. He will now proceed to answer the interrogatories required by the Department

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

Answer: I was born in Granville County North Carolina in the year 1754.

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

Answer: My age was set down in one my father's neighbor's books & when he removed carried it with him

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 in Franklin County North Carolina when I entered the Service that in the year 1812 he removed from Franklin County N. C. to Muhlenberg County Kentucky where he has Resided ever since & still resides.

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:] He states that he was drafted the two first tours & volunteered the third.

5<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: ] The Regular Officers who were with the troops where I served were General Butler & Ashe, Greene Colonel Murphy & Major Sherrod.

6<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:] I received one discharge from Colonel Murphy for 12 months Service but by whom the others were signed I do not Recollect they were lost or destroyed.

7<sup>th</sup> [State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.]

[Answer:] He states that he is acquainted with Major Micajah Wells, Capt. A. B. Drake, Francis Wells, James Weir & Richard Thompson, who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

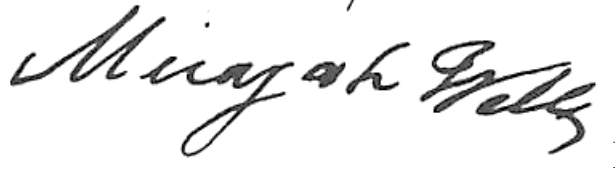
S/ Richard Hill, X his mark

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(No. 1)

Richard Hill the aforesaid applicant for a pension this day introduced Micajah Wells Esquire a resident of Muhlenberg County into open court before the justices of the Muhlenberg County court, to testify to the military services of said applicant, and the said Wells being duly qualified and sworn in open court deposeth & saith he recollects that Mr. Hill was in the revolutionary war into terms for some considerable time but how long he does not know – he does not know what officers he served under and further this deponent sayeth not.

S/ Micajah Wel Micajah Wellsls

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micajah Wells". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Micajah Wel Micajah Wellsls".

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(No. 2)

State of Kentucky Muhlenberg County SS

Benjamin Dukes came before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid & made oath that he lived near Richard Hill who is an applicant for a pension from the time he entered the Service of the United States he lived in one mile of said Hill & knows that he went to years in the Revolutionary War – that he never saw him in the Army but knows he went into the service he first entered in 1776 he Hill was in the service 18 months at least your affiant believes it 19 or 20 months from home in the service this affiant is now 64 years of age in March next he now lives near said Hill in Muhlenberg County.

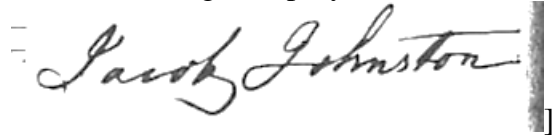
Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1832

S/ W Campbell, JP

[p 17: Rebecca Hill, 81, filed in Muhlenberg County, Ky, on October 14, 1836, for a widow's pension stating that she married Richard Hill, the pensioner under Certificate No. 19264, in September 1778; that Richard died July 14, 1834 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 18: On October 14, 1836 in Muhlenberg County Kentucky, Jacob Johnston, 63, gave testimony that his father lived in the neighborhood of Richard Hill deceased the husband of Rebecca Hill, the applicant for a pension; that he was young at the time but he recollects that Richard and Rebecca were married; that deponent had 2 older sisters who were frequently called on to stay with Mrs. Hill when her husband Richard Hill was absent in the Army during

the revolutionary war; that he, the deponent, stayed with Mrs. Hill sometime during the war to assist in nursing Dempsey Hill, the oldest son of Richard and Rebecca.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacob Johnston". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. To the right of the signature, there is a vertical line and a small square mark at the bottom right corner, possibly indicating a stamp or a specific part of a document.

[p 19: On October 14, 1836 in Muhlenberg County Kentucky, Benjamin Dukes, 67, gave testimony that he was young at the time of the revolutionary war and was living within a mile of Richard Hill and his family; that affiant recollects that affiant's father and Richard Hill were in service together during the war after the birth of Richard Hill's old his son. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[The following certificate is found in the file of [Richard Hill R4996](#), but I believe properly belongs in this file given the facts of service claimed by the above claimant]

State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Richard Hill a private Soldier and Captain Brevard's Company of the 10<sup>th</sup> Regiment, enlisted in the year 1781 for the term of 12 months, and left the service on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1843

S/ Wm Hill<sup>1</sup>

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the North Carolina Continental line and militia.]

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<sup>1</sup> I believe this certificate properly belongs in the file of Richard Hill R5006 who claimed service in the Continental line under Capt. Brevard from April 1781 to April 1782.