

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Roswell Hill R5011

Sarah Hill MD NC

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State of Kentucky }

County of Madison }

On this 30 day of April in the year 1855 personally appeared before the county court holden in and for the county and state aforesaid now in session, John Hill aged 44 years a resident of the county of madison in the state of Kentucky, who being first duly sworn by the court according to law upon his oath doth make the following decleration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the pension act passed July 7th 1838 or the provision of any other Act of Congress applicable to his claim.

That he is the administrator of the estate of Sarah Hill deceased, the widow of Roswell Hill deceased, who reputation say is the Identical Roswell Hill who was a private soldier and an officer in the Revolutionary War, and served in said war in the manner hereinafter set fourth.

that he first entered the service of the united states in said war of the Rev. in the Maryland Troops on or about the year 1776 or 1777 and served one Tour of duty as a private soldier, but the name of the officers under whome he served, and name of the county from which he served not now known, & after serving out said Tour of duty he left for North carolina, and entered the service in the ND Militia, from Grandville County Pendleton District for the term of three months, and was placed under Captain Dickison or Dickson [see endnote] a private soldier, this was the beginning the year 1779 which time he served out, and in the fall of the same year he entered the service again under the same officers for three months more which time he served out the same kind of service – that he was acquainted with Richmond Harris [pension application W8891], while he was a soldier under Capt Bledso [sic: Lewis Bledsoe], who subsequently drew a pension, in Madison County Kentucky in his lifetime. That the said Hill entered the service again in the N.C Militia the beginnig the year 1780 for three months more under Capt Gorden [sic: Charles Gordon] who was placed under Col Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland; see endnote] which he served out and entered the service again under the same officers for three months more and served a part of his last service acted as forage master – also stated a soldier by the name of Henry Fuller belonged to the same company. That all the service he rendered for his country in the Revolutionary War at least 18 months or two years.

And further declares the said Sarah Hill was married to her husband the said Rose Hill in the count of Pittsylvania in the state of Virginia in the year 1782 by [blank] and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Warren, that her said marriage was not previous to the last portion of the service of her said husband but the marriage took place before the first day of January 1794. That her husband the said Roswell Hill died in the county of Madison in the state of Kentucky On the [blank] day of February 1825 leaving at his decease Sarah Hill his wife a widow who remained his widow to the date of her own decease, which took place in the county of Jessamine in the state of Kentucky on the 18th day of October 1853 leaving at her decease her following children (viz) Elizabeth Underwood John Hill Tamer Pruett, Garrett Hill, George Hill, only children now alive of said Sarah Hill decs'd, she had by her husband the said Roswell Hill (dec'd)

And further declares that no family Bible now either private or publick of the said Sarah Hill & Roswell Hill, is now to be found in existance showing the date of there marriage or the dates of the births of there said children long since lost, and further the said Sarah Hill some years ago contracted with a pension agent by the name of Chiun[?] to present her claim and nothing was done, considering herself bound by the contract she neglected imployg any other person to prosecute her claim for a pension, is the reason why such claim has not been sooner prosecuted, and to sustain the claim to a pension he respectfully refers the Honl Commissioner of Pensions at Washgt City to the decleration of Richmond Harris made from Madison Cy Ky for a pension and to the North Carolina Militia and Marryland Revolutionary Rolls and to the proof herto attached is respectfully submitted. John Hill

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Be it known that on this 2nd day of January 1855 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Thomas Majors [S30564] a resident of the county and state aforesaid aged 93 years, who being sworn according to law upon his oath doth make the following affidavit, Says that he was a soldier of the war of the Revolution and in consequence thereof, he is now a pensioner of the united states, that he was personally acquainted with Roswell Hill in the year 1780 while he was a forage master in the Northcarolina Militia; and then belong to Captain Gordens Compay who was under Col. Cleveland in the war of the Revolution, done his service in short Towers in said service & was a man much respected in the service aforesaid, that the said Hill entered said service from Granvill County in the state of Northcarolina; and died in the county of Madison in the State of Kentucky, the county in which this affiant resides and has resided there for many years pased; and further Swares that he has no interest in this claim
Thomas hisXmark [Majors]

NOTES:

There is no Capt. Dickison, Dickson, Dickerson, Dickenson, Dixon, or similar name from Granville County NC listed by J. D. Lewis in his excellent site at (www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_patriot_troops_nc.html). "Pendleton District" evidently refers to a region in South Carolina that did not exist until 1789.

Col. Benjamin Cleveland was in the NC State Regiment rather than a county militia.