

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hill R5012

Savory Hill

f38SC

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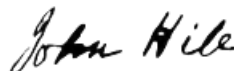
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To the Honorable the Present and members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of John Hill respectfully Sheweth that early in the revolutionary war I your Petitioner entered into the service of this State and continued therein until the close of the war under the command of the late Colonel Baxter [probably Lt. Col. John Baxter; possibly, Maj. Andrew Baxter], General Marion [Francis Marion], & Colonel Benton [Lt. Col. Lemuel Benton], that during the said Service he received several severe wounds, one in his body, and one broke his right arm, that in consequence of the said wounds, and being now old, he is entirely unable to support himself and family, and is therefore exceedingly poor. Shortly after the war your petitioner removed to North Carolina and remained there several years; that when he returned to Darlington District this State, he was informed that the Legislature was not disposed to allow the claims like his own, and therefore did not apply to the Legislature for aid. Since the last Session of the Legislature he has been informed that one of his neighbors, Mr. Steel, had been placed on the pension list, and has therefore been encouraged to lay his own claim before the Legislature. He therefore prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as the marriage of his case may entitle him.

S/ John Hill



The Committee to whom was referred the petition of John Hill praying for a pension

Report

That they have taken the same into consideration & find the facts therein stated to be true. Day therefore recommend that he be placed on the pension list

S/ John Hopkins, Chairman,
Committee Pensions

In the Senate December 11th 1816

Resolved that the House do agree to the report ordered that the same be sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence. By order of the Senate

S/ J. Murphy, C. S.

In the House of Representatives December 12th 1816

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report ordered that it be returned to the Senate.

By order of the House

S/ R. Anderson, Clk

[The above certified to be a true copy of the proceedings in the South Carolina Legislature by certificate dated March 14, 1856.]

[pp. 27-30: list of indents paid to a "John Hill" for (1) 35 days militia duty as private in 1782; (2) 14 days militia duty in 1782; (3) for "Service as Gunner to Fort Rutledge in the Independent Company in 1779 and 1783" and (4) for service after the fall of Charleston (for unspecified length of time).]

[p. 3]

State of South Carolina District of Darlington: On this 28th day of April A.D. 1855 Personally appeared before Reuben Beasley Judge of the Probate Court in and for the District of Darlington and State aforesaid now in Session, Thomas Hill, James Hill, Joel Hill Absent, Anna Hill & Mary King & her husband Jacob King, Residence of Darlington District and State aforesaid, aged as follows: Thomas Hill aged 62 years, James Hill aged 60 years, (Joel Hill 46 absent), Anna Hill aged 66 years & Mary King aged 49 years & her husband Jacob King 59 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on their oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1832, 1832 & 1836 and the act explanatory of said act passed March 3rd 1837, That they are the children and only living children of John Hill a revolutionary soldier, who died in Darlington District on the 1st day of May 1834, being 76 years of age, leaving a widow Savory Hill who died on the second of June 1850. They further say that the aforesaid John Hill never made any application to the pension office for a Pension, proof of Service for our father the aforesaid John Hill is here annexed: and we now make this application for the purpose of obtaining the amount of Pension that would have been do our father at his death from the fourth day of March 1831 to the first day of May 1834.

Sworn to before me the day and year above written. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office the day & year above written
S/ Reuben Beasley, Judge of Probate for D. D.

Thomas Hill

James Hill

Anna Hill

Mary King

Jacob King

[p. 4: on the same day and in the same court, the same claimants filed a claim for the pension due their mother Savory Hill as the widow of John Hill.]

[p 11: On May 1, 1855 in Darlington District South Carolina, Sarah Mercer, a resident of Darlington District, aged 85 gave testimony that John Hill, a revolutionary soldier and Savory Hill but were married by a Methodist Preacher (whose name she has forgotten) from Sumter

District South Carolina; that she was present at the marriage and that to the best of her recollection the marriage took place in March 1783 in Darlington District South Carolina she also identified the claimants as the children of John and Savory Hill.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Hill
Audited Account No. 3602

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[Note: Pages 16-17 of this file contain what appears to be the original of the petition John Hill made to the SC Legislature in 1816 but the images are so poor as posted on line that it cannot be read except for odd words here and there on the pages. The documents transcribed below appear to me to relate to the John Hill who made the 1816 petition.]

[p 10]

I John Hill late a private in Colonel John Baxter's Regiment in General Marion's Brigade do hereby Assign over, all the Indents & Claims that I am entitled to for my Services in the said Regiment & Brigade unto Charles Crowley of the City of Charleston for Value received this 7th day of February 1792 as Witness my Hand.

S/ John Hill

Witness

S/ Thomas Hall JP QU

The said John Hill lives on Stafford Creek on the Waters of Pee Dee [River] near Man's Bluff (Copy)

[p 11]

State South Carolina Darlington County

Personally appeared before me Robert Ellison [sic] one of the judges for the County Aforesaid John Hill Who deposeth on holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he served as horseman under the command of Col. John Baxter the whole term of three Years in General Marion's Brigade during for which service he obtained a Certificate and lodged it in the Auditor's office but has never received an Indent for the same nor any other Compensation.

Sworn before me this 1st day of April 1792

S/ John Hill

S/ Robert Allison [sic], JC

Copy

[p 14]

State South Carolina

Appeared before me Robert Ellison one of the Judges of the County of Darlington Colonel John Baxter of Pee Dee [River] who deposeth on holy Evangelist of Almighty God that Mr. John Hill of the same place faithfully serve[d] as a Horseman under his Command in the

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militia of this State during the whole term of three years in General Marion's Brigade from immediately after the fall of Charleston unto the expiration of said three years and to whom he has already Given a Certificate for said service.

S/ J. Baxter Colo.
Pee Dee Regiment

Sworn before me this 22nd January 1792

S/ Robert Ellison JC

Copy

Certify the above one half as a
mounted Infantry and as Caveldry [sic]

S/ Francis Marion B G M [Brigadier General Militia]

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The State South Carolina

Darlington District} I do certify that Mr. John Hill a wounded Soldier in General Marion's brigade in the Revolutionary Struggle with Great Britain was a vigilant [sic] and active Soldeer [sic] for three or four years before and until the cessation of hostilities, Several times Personally present with myself and under my Immediate Command

Given under my hand this 3rd

day September A.D. 1816

S/ Lem Benton [Lemuel Benton, Colonel]

S/ John Stewart Jr. [John Stewart, Lieutenant]

Handwritten signatures of Lemuel Benton and John Stewart Jr. in cursive script.

Test

S/ Geo. Bruce

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South Carolina Darlington District

Personally appeared before me John Stewart Junior who being duly Sworn maketh oath that this deponent was a Lieutenant in the Service of the State of South Carolina during the American Revolutionary ^{in the} Army under the Command of Colonel Lemuel Benton That at that time he knew John Hill who was then a Soldier attached to the Brigade Commanded by General Marion, That the said John Hill remained in said Service for three or four years: That he always conducted himself as an active zealous and vigilant Soldier and was frequently in Action during that time. That to his own Knowledge the said Hill received during the term of said Service several Severe wounds, one in his Body one broke his right wrist and second another wound in the remaining wrist and one in his Thigh.

This deponent further Saith that in consequence of the said Wounds received as aforesaid the said John Hill is considerably incapacitated from earning a livelihood by his Labour; and is very poor.

Sworn to before me 22nd of October 1816

S/ Timothy Durgan, U G

S/ John Stewart

John Stewart

[pp 22-25: Annual receipts the first dated March 10, 1819 and the last dated June 30, 1834 evidencing the payment of \$60 per annum to John Hill as an annuity from the State of South Carolina. There is a gap in the receipts between the payment in 1819 and the payment made in 1825.]