

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Valentine Hipp R5043

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[fn p. 8]

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1832

On this 31st day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Mecklenburg County and State aforesaid open & held for said County on the 1st Monday of August 1832 which Court is now in session Valentine Hipp a resident of said County and state aged seventy-two years last may who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832. That he was born in South Carolina somewhere on Santee River was removed when very young into this County where he has lived ever since that he was born in the year 1760. That when he first entered into the service of the United States he volunteered under Colonel Robert Irwin [also spelled Robert Erwin] to go with said Irwin to Hanging Rock but was taken sick and returned home again and remained about two weeks when I joined the troops again at McCalpins [McAlpine] Creek and marched up the Catawba [River] where we were placed to watch the Tories I think this was a six weeks Tour. The next service was under Captain Thomas Givens General Rutherford commander Volunteered for three months in 1780 I think I was at the battle of Ramsour's on the day after the battle joined General Rutherford under Captain Thomas Givens as above stated from Ramsour's we marched to Salisbury where we remained until General Gates came on, marched with Gates into South Carolina when my brother John Hipp¹ took my place and sent me home. The next service was under General Davidson for six weeks a volunteer was with him when he was killed at Cowans Ford on the Catawba River. I think on the first of February 1781 although this was a six weeks Tour I remained with the Army about three months. The next service was under Captain Charles Polk in the Horse service Major Joseph Graham commanded I

¹ This MAY be the same man as [John Hipp R4911](#) but this veteran says nothing about either being at Gates Defeat or serving for his brother. John Hipp did live in Mecklenburg County, NC at the time he served.

volunteered and marched to Cross Creek now Fayetteville from thence to Wilmington thence to New Bern after the Tories this was a three month tour. I was regularly discharged in all the Tours I served except with Gates but has lost or mislaid them so that he cannot now have the benefit of them and that the whole of the time that he was engaged in the service himself added to the time his brother served in his place was about ten months or thereabouts – that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State – and that he has a record of his age at home – as to his character for veracity and as to his services he refers to the certificates of Joseph Graham his commanding officer and of Alexander Cathey & Allen Heron – there being no clergyman convenient who is acquainted with him –

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and the year aforesaid

S/ Ja. A. King

S/ Valentine Hipp, X his mark

We Joseph Graham² a resident of Lincoln County State of North Carolina and Alexander Cathey and Allen Huron hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Valentine Hipp who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration – that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that – I Joseph Graham further certify that the said Valentine Hipp served under me while I acted as a Major of cavalry in the revolutionary war and served under me as he has above declared.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature is 'J. Graham', the middle is 'Alexander Cathey', and the bottom is 'Allen Huron'. There are some initials and marks to the right of the middle signature.

[fn p. 15]

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1833

On this 30th day of May A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Corner Sessions of Mecklenburg aforesaid opened and held on the 4th Monday of May A.D. 1833 which said Court is now sitting Valentine Hipp a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amended declaration to his original declaration herewith enclosed and appended in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That being illiterate and not well acquainted with all the regulations of the war Department he got a person to draw up his declaration who understood the business as he thought better than himself. That when he first entered the service of the United States he was a resident of Mecklenburg County and in said service in the summer of 1780 volunteered under Colonel Robert Irwin for six weeks and during his sickness of two weeks was absent. That he joined the Army of Irwin again and served four weeks and was regularly discharged which discharge is lost. That in the next tour or campaign mentioned in declarant's original declaration when he got his brother John to take his place and when he went home he was absent from the Army eight days and no more – and resumed his station and served out the

² [Joseph Graham S6937](#)

time and that all the time his brother was in his place his brother John regularly answered to the name of declarant and was regularly discharged which discharge is lost. that when General Davidson was killed at Cowans Ford on the Catawba in the year 1781 and when declarant served as he has stated in his original declaration he acted as a Sentry of the outpost of the Army near the River. The declarant alleges that Captain Thompson on this trip gave him a ticket for the minute service including the six weeks for three months which he actually served, but that the ticket is lost, and that although he engaged with Davidson for six weeks he did serve three months. This declarant does aver as a fact of which he has no doubt (though he does believe that he served longer) that he did serve in the manner set forth in his original declaration and also in this his amended declaration ten months lacking eight days for which his brother answered in his place which would be of actual service nine months and two weeks. This declarant further states that there is no clergyman that lives in his neighborhood and that he lives on the Catawba River and the congregation in which he lives there is no resident clergyman – that the clergyman who has charge of the congregation lives in another quarter of the County and has only taken charge of the said congregation within a few years – that the former clergyman Parson Humphrey Hunter during the Revolutionary War was declarant's Lieutenant when Givens was his Captain, but that Hunter is dead and unable to certify to his character or testify to his services. This defendant begs leave to refer to his original declaration as to his character and services and beans that he answered all the exceptions laid against him all which is more respectfully submitted &c.

Sworn and subscribed this 30th day of May A.D. 1833 in open court

S/ Valentine Hipp, X his mark

[fn p. 3: On January 25, 1848 in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, Robert Hipp filed a claim under the 1838 act stating that he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Margaret Hipp, the widow of Valentine Hipp, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that his parents were married in Mecklenburg County sometime in the year 1785; that his father died November 9, 1838 and that his mother died May 29 1844 having remained the widow of his father until her death; that the children surviving the death of their parents were as follows: Nancy, who intermarried with Jackson Westmoreland, John Hipp, Robert Hipp, Margaret who intermarried with Jessey Johnson, Joseph Hipp and William Hipp.]

[Facts in file: in addition to the children who survived their mother, the veteran and his wife had a child named Andrew, born about February 1786; the maiden name of the widow is not stated in the file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.05 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months 14 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]