

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of John Hites: R5062

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The State of Ohio. County of Holmes. Sct:

On this twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1833. personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas sitting in and for said County of Holmes, John Hites a resident of Hardy Township in said County of Holmes, aged seventy years on the 24th June last past, who being first 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 June 7th 1832. That he enlisted at first under Gen'l. LaFayette in France, landed at Rhode Island in the year A.D. 1780. [see note below] marched to Providence, in the United States, and joined the Continental Army under Gen'l Geo Washington at the Long Plains [sic: White Plains, 6 Jul 1781], so called, within fifteen miles of the City of New York - remained at New York till September 1781. and then marched to Little York, in Virginia, and was in the Seige at the capture of Lord Cornwallis [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]; then went to head quarters at Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg] Va. and was there employed, as an express, to carry letters to other military stations, as I understood the German, French, and English languages, and could on that account better avoid dangers, as it was thought by my officers; and then in the spring of 1782, marched to Baltimore under Gen'l. Rochambeau, and there ended my service with the close of the Revolutionary War, and was out two years in the service of the United States in said War, and since the close of said War, have resided in the United States and become a citizen thereof, have a wife laboring under the infirmities of age as well as myself. and am now unable to support myself and family on account of my extreme poverty.

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.

John hisXmark Hites

NOTE: Gen. Marquis de Lafayette was in France on a diplomatic mission from 11 Jan 1779 till 17 Mar 1780. Hite apparently sailed with Rochambeau on 2 May 1780 and arrived at Newport RI on 10 Jun.