

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hughes (Hews) ¹R5350

Nancy Hughes

f62VA²

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State of Georgia County of DeKalb: SS

On this fifteenth day of January 1845 personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of said County now sitting as a Court of Ordinary James Hughes a resident of said County & State aged Eighty-six years to the best of his recollection who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To the best of his recollection in the year 1781 in the spring of the year he entered the service as a private in the militia having been drafted, he entered or was drafted for two months in the company of Captain Stanton [William Stanton] & was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Allcock that he then resided in Culpepper County State of Virginia & marched from said County & joined the Army under the command of General Lafayette about sixty or seventy miles below & marched about with said Army in pursuit of the British & was stationed a part of the time about three weeks at a place called the Mobbing Hills [Malvern Hills] on James River, he was at this place when his term of service expired, and after the relief came he was discharged from the service but received no written discharge. He cannot say positively the precise length of time which he was in the service in this first tour by reason of old age & his loss of memory but according to the best of his recollection he served at this time not less than three months from the time he entered the service until he returned home, having been detained longer than two months waiting for the relief. He further states that in the fall of the same year he was called into the service again for another tour of two months as a private militia soldier, under the command of Captain Yancy [Richard Yancy] & Major Welch & was marched to Williamsburg & joined the Army under the command of General Lafayette from thence he marched to Little York & from thence he was attached as a guard & sent to the place on the James wherever where General Washington landed his Army to guard his baggage & that he was kept as one of the guard at this place during the siege of Little York & until Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. He says he was present when Cornwallis surrendered & was one of the guard who was sent to conduct the British troops over the Bule

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² As posted on Fold3.com, this file contains documents relating to the claim of Joseph Hughes and his wife, Cynthia Hughes W4983. This veteran's file should be in the New Hampshire veteran's index. Joseph Hughes was pensioned at the rate of \$53.33 per annum for his services in the New Hampshire service. The documents relating to James Hew (Hughes) are indexed by Fold3.com under the name James Hughes with the Virginia veterans.

Ridge [Blue Ridge] to the Barracks. He further states that he remained at this place for some time but cannot state exactly how long; but knows it was considerably over two months from the time he entered the service before the relief came. He was discharged but never got a written discharge at that time, sometime after his return home after each Campaign, each of his captains sent him a Certificate of his service, but they were given up in the payment of taxes, in the State of Virginia. He further states that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served in the two tours above specified not less than six months, all of which service was in the capacity of a private militia soldier, & rendered in the year that Cornwallis was taken. He states that he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services nor has he any documentary evidence of the same. He says he was born in Westmoreland County State of Virginia he thinks in the year 1758 or 1759 but cannot state positively as he has no record of his age. He states he was living in Culpeper County State of Virginia when called into service. Since the Revolutionary War has lived in the States of Virginia, North Carolina & South Carolina and now lives in DeKalb County State of Georgia. He states he was drafted both times when called into service. General Lafayette had command of the Army to which he belonged during his first period of service, and also during the second period until he joined the Army of General Washington at York town. He states that he received no written discharge from the service unless the Certificates above stated were so considered, which were given up as above stated.

He states that he is known to Thomas Harris Sr., Stephen Jett, Stephen Sprewell, Isaiah Kirksey & others in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ James Hughes, X his mark

[Josiah Power, a justice of the peace, and Matthew McCullers gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Laurens District

On this thirteenth day of December A.D. 1850 personally appeared in open Court before me W. D. Watts Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Laurens District in the State aforesaid James Hughes, Senior, aged ninety-three years, a resident of Laurens District in the said State, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War for and during the term of six months. That he was drafted in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on or about the ___ day of ___ A.D. ___ for the aforesaid term of six months. That he was in the company of infantry commanded by Captain William Staunton of the 2nd division of Infantry commanded by General Lafayette, and that he was in the Battalion commanded by Major McClumen [perhaps a mistaken attempt to refer to Major Christian Charles De Klauman], and Regiment commanded by Colonel Allcock – That during his term of service he was at the taking of Yorktown, where Cornwallis surrendered = That he served a part of his time in the company commanded by Richard Yancy = That immediately after the Close of the war he moved to North Carolina and settled in Lincoln County, where he resided six years, he then moved to South Carolina, and settled in Abbeville District where he remained two years, then moved to Laurens District and lived about forty years, when he moved to DeKalb County in

the State of Georgia where he lived about sixteen years, he then removed to Laurens District, South Carolina where he now resides –

He makes this declaration for the purpose of drawing such pension from the United States as all provided by the several acts of Congress for the services before mentioned in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War.

S/ James Hughes, X his mark

[Facts in file: The veteran married March 14, 1839 in the County Georgia, Nancy Powers. They were married by Josiah Powers, a justice of the peace (his relationship, if any, to the widow is not stated); on August 23, 1855 in called County Georgia, the widow, aged 80, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier; she was awarded a bounty of 160 acres under the 1855 act; in 1856 she was residing in DeKalb County Georgia; the veteran died February 6 or 7, 1852 in DeKalb County Georgia; the veteran was survived by children but the only child named in the file is Nancy Hughes who in 1852 was residing in Laurens District South Carolina; in 1853, the veteran's grandchildren, Zachariah Hughes, James Hughes and William Coursey were residing in DeKalb County Georgia (names of their parents are not shown);

Zachariah Hughes
James Hughes
William Coursey

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