

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Hughes R5352

Tabitha Hughes

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State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

On this the 21st day of September 1840 personally appeared before me Charles M Chappell a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Tabitha Hughes a resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged 74 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows. That she is the widow of Stephen Hughes, who was a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution, that she is unable to recollect the precise date of his enlistment or the various movements of the Army to which he was attached nor the names of the Officers under whom he served as he resided in Charles City County Virginia when he enlisted I was not acquainted with him for several years after the close of the War but have often heard him say that he was a regular soldier & I have frequently heard him speak of the officers under whom he served but from old age and the loss of memory I am unable to recollect their names but 4 for proof of the services of my deceased Husband Stephen Hughes I would refer the Honorable Department to the Muster Rolls of Virginia filed in your office and to his brother Joseph Hughes.

She further declares that she was married to the said Stephen Hughes on the 2nd day of January 1788, that her Husband the said Stephen Hughes died on the 16th day of January 1830, that she was not married to him previous to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 (Viz.) at the time above stated.

S/ Tabitha Hughes, X her Mark

State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

I Tabitha Hughes hereby certify that the small Bible here with enclosed to the Department of War is the original family register kept by my Husband Stephen Hughes in his lifetime, that the record therein contained is in his own handwriting and is a true register of the births of my children.

Given under my hand this 21st day of September 1840

S/ Hughes, X her Mark

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State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

I Joseph Hughes age 76 years the 13th of April next Certify that my brother Stephen Hughes deceased (who was the husband of Tabitha Hughes who is now applying for a pension) was a regular soldier in the Army of the Revolution that he resided in Charles City County Virginia when he first enlisted a minute man, that he was twice called upon & served about four weeks each tour. He then enlisted for twelve months, and as well as I now recollect marched to

the North where [he] was attached to the regular Army, after the expiration of his term of enlistment, he was twice drafted, and served to Militia Tours of three months each. I was not in the service with my Brother and cannot therefore state the names of the Officers under whom he served. I further certify I was present at the time mine Brother Stephen Hughes and Tabitha Finch were married and I certify that they were lawfully married on the 2nd day of January 1788 by the Reverend Thomas Dobson in the County of Halifax Virginia. I also Certify that my Brother Stephen Hughes died on the 16th day of January 1830 and that Tabitha Hughes his widow has never intermarried since the death of her Husband Stephen Hughes. Given under my hand this 21st day of September 1840.

S/ Joseph Hughes, X his mark

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<p><i>John Hughes was born November 20th 1788</i></p>	<p>John Hughes was born November 20th 1788</p>
<p><i>Richard Hughes was Born March 6 day 1790</i></p>	<p>Richard Hughes was Born March 6 day 1790</p>
<p><i>William Hughes was born May 25th [?] day [illegible]</i></p>	<p>William Hughes was born May 25th [?] day [illegible]</p>
<p><i>Charles Hughes [illegible] 28, 1795</i></p>	<p>Charles Hughes [illegible] 28, 1795</p>
<p><i>Stephen Hughes was born September 6 1797</i></p>	<p>Stephen Hughes was born September? 1797</p>
<p><i>Absalom Hughes was born February 27th 1800</i></p>	<p>Absalom Hughes was born February 27th 1800</p>
<p><i>Elizabeth Purson [?] was born August 14 [?] 1802</i></p>	<p>Elizabeth Purson [?] was born August 14 [?] 1802</p>
<p><i>Henry Hughes was born December 10 1806</i></p>	<p>Henry Hughes was born December 10 1806</p>

[p 9: On November 27, 1852 in Halifax County Virginia, John Hughes, a resident of said County gave testimony that he is the son and administrator of Tabitha Hughes deceased widow of Stephen Hughes, a revolutionary war pensioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hughes". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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[p 11: Finding by the court of Halifax County Virginia on May 27, 1850 that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited that Tabitha Hughes widow of Stephen Hughes a resident of the County of Halifax died in said County February 28, 1849 and left 6 living children: John, Richard, Charles, Stephen, Absolom and it Elizabeth Hughes.]