

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hughes R5354

Nancy

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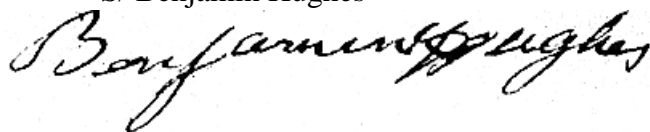
State of North Carolina Cleveland County

On this 5th day of December 1853 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting for the County of Cleveland in the State of North Carolina Benjamin Hughs a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland: 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 Acts of Congress passed June 7 1832, July 4 1836 and July 7 1838, granting pensions to soldiers of the Revolutionary War and certain widows of Soldiers who served in the said Revolutionary War. That he is the son and one of the heirs at law of Nancy Hughs widow of William Hughes who was a private Soldier in the Virginia Continental line in the war of the Revolution and as such served the United States against the common enemy for the space of two years. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States sometime in the year 1777 or 78. That his said Father William Hughs was a resident of the State of Virginia when he entered the service – and that at the end of said service he was drafted or volunteered and was in the service until about the Close of the War. That said Services was performed in the States of Virginia North Carolina and South Carolina. That he was at the Battle of Guilford & the Surrender of Cornwallis: all of which to the best of his knowledge, believe and information from his said Father William Hughs in his lifetime: that Declarant further states that his said mother Nancy Hughs was married to his said Father William Hughs sometime in the year 1777 before his said Father entered the service as this Declarant has often heard his father & mother say: that his said Father William Hughs died on the 17 day of June 1833 – and that his said mother Nancy Hughs widow of the said William Hughes remained a widow until her death which was on the 5 day of March 1843 and that Declarant makes this application for himself and on behalf of his Brothers and sisters now living, to which – Starlin Hughs, Young Hughs, and Rebecca Blanton – that they may be allowed the amount of pension to which his said Father William Hughs and his said mother Nancy Hughs widow of said William Hughs would have been entitled to had they applied in their lifetime. Declarant further declares that he never knew or heard of his said Father or Mother making any application for a pension in their lifetime.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before

S/ Silas Williams Clerk

S/ Benjamin Hughs



[fn p. 4: Burwell Blanton gave testimony on December 5, 1853 in Cleveland County North Carolina that he was well acquainted with the veteran and his widow during their lifetime; that the children named in the foregoing application all the children and heirs of the veteran and his widow; that the attached family record has been in his possession since the death of the widow.]

[fn p. 8: Jackson Blanton gave a supporting affidavit in Cleveland County on March 7, 1854, in which he states, among other things, the reputation of the veteran as a soldier of the revolution; he names the heirs of the veteran and his widow; he states the dates of death of the veteran and the widow as engraved on the grave stones; that they both died in Rutherford County (now Cleveland); and that he has no interest in the claim [presumably this means that he has not the husband of Rebecca Blanton, one of the heirs].]

[fn p. 16: Certificate dated November 19, 1856 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a William Hughes for service in the military during the revolution.]

[fn p. 25: Certificate signed by the clerk of County Court for Lunenburg County Virginia stating that he has examined the marriage bonds and records in his office and found no bond or record relating to the marriage of William Hughes to Nancy Bowers in the year 1763 through 1797.]

[fn pp. 10-14: family record

Rebeca Hughes was born October 6, 1789

Nancy Hughes was Born August 14, 1795

Young Hughes was born June 4th 1787

Richard Hughes was born 1810

Burwell Blanton was born November 23 1809

John Justice was borned the ??? 1820?

Lewis Justice

Benjamin Hug??? was born Jany [illegible]

No 8055

Nancy Hughs decd widow of William

N.C.

James Harden 28 [?] Apl. 1854

James Harden Mch 23 1855

Benj. Hughs Jany 30/57