

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Hudgins S10884

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State of Virginia County of Mathews: To wit:

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting, Hugh Hudgins a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia aged sixty-eight years, 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. He was under Captain Philip Tabb, Houlder Hudgins, Lieutenant, Colonel Peyton [Colonel John Peyton] was the commander of the line, he entered first January 1780 and left in February 1782, he lived in Kingston Parish part of Gloucester County when he entered and has lived there ever since his discharge, he entered as militia-man called out by companies, he was in no pitched battles, he was stationed at the Guard-house at the mouth of Queen's Creek in Kingston Parish, there were twelve men stationed there all the time of the siege of York, he was not with any regular Officers – he has no written evidence in his possession of his entrance or discharge. He thinks he can prove his service by Thomas Davis and Gabriell Hughes [Gabriel Hughes], he was born in Kingston Parrish G. County in March 1764 he knows of no record of his age, he was out rather upwards of two years, he acted as a private. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ Hugh Hudgins



[Humphrey Billups, a clergyman, and George P. Owen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia Hugh Hudgins who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection it was not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade to wit:

For 3 months and 15 days in the year 1780 I served under Captain Philip Tabb, H. Hudgins was our Lieutenant, by order of Colonel Peyton we were stationed at the guard House at the mouth of Queen's Creek – For three months during the same year I served in the [2

indecipherable words] ¹between the counties of Gloucester and Middlesex to prevent the Negroes from going to the British, we took sixteen in one night, killed one and crippled another – We were very much exposed to the invasions of the enemy and were frequently called out for a night and a day at a time – For three months I served at Purten's Point² in 1781 in the old fortifications thrown up there by Lord Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia] he invaded Gwynn's Island [Gwinn Island] – Houlder Hudgins commanded us at the time, the Captain came occasionally to see how we were going on; For three months I served during the same year, about the time Lord Cornwallis came to little York, I placed on guard at the mouth of Queen's Creek under a Corporal and Sergeant and twelve men. The Captain and other officers with the rest of men were down on the enemy's line near Gloucester Town. I served on guard at other places at other times but I do not recollect the particular periods and the links. The number of the regiments I do not recollect, Colonel Peyton commanded it and it was by his order that we were called out – I was a private militia-man all the [tours] and during the periods mentioned herein high in actual duty and was engaged in no civil occupation – And for such periods of service during the Revolutionary War amounting in all to twelve months as a private I claim a pension.

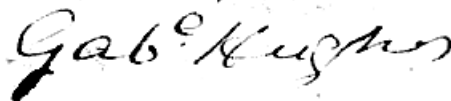
S/ Hugh Hudgins

The Affidavits of Thomas Davis and Gabriel Hughes both of lawful age, made at Mathews County to accompany the declaration of Hugh Hudgins made before the court of Mathews County on the 15th day of August 1832, to which he has now added an amended declaration –

These Affiants being first duly sworn depose and say that they knew Hugh Hudgins before he went into the service and have known him ever since, that he was in the service in the Revolutionary War, he entered the service about first of January 1780 and left in February 1782 – he served in the militia of Gloucester County commanded by Colonel Sir John Peyton – he belonged to Captain Philip Tabb's company – he acted as a private they believe all the time – they have heard the declaration made this day and leave he served fully as long as he has stated therein, that he was not engaged in any employment during these periods, that he was called out by order of Colonels of the Regiment and further they say not.

S/ Thomas Davis³

S/ Gab'l Hughes⁴



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rowe guard

rowe guard?? or road guard??

2

Purten's Point

³ [Thomas Davis W539](#)

⁴ FPA W19836

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service.]