

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hill S13383

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(A)

State of Kentucky, County of Hopkins: SS

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Hopkins County aforesaid now sitting John Hill a resident of said County & State aged seventy-three 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 & served as herein stated. He states that he was born in the State of North Carolina in the year 1759 and substituted in Wilkes County in said State (the place of residence of this applicant) for one James Reynolds for a term of three months under Lieutenant William Reynolds, Major Britt [?] & General Caswell that he marched into the neighborhood of Charleston in South Carolina but did not arrive in time to join the Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] then besieged in the City by Sir H. Clinton [Henry Clinton] [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] – but was in hearing of the Guns of the two armies at the time that American General surrendered after the surrender he was marched to Cross Creek in North Carolina and thence to Salisbury where he was discharged having served out his full term of three months. He saw Col. Buford [Abraham Buford] on this tour a Continental Officer – he received a discharge signed by his Captain but the same has been accidentally burnt. He cannot recollect the date.

He afterwards in Wilkes County aforesaid volunteered for three months under Captain William Threlkeld in Colonel Nall's¹ Regiment of North Carolina Militia marched thence and joined the Army under General H. Gates [Horatio Gates] in the neighborhood of Camden in South Carolina was in the battle at Camden [August 15-16, 1780] was taken prisoner but made his escape & joined General Arrington [sic, William Henry Harrington?] at Cheraw Hill and served under him the residue of his term of three months – he received a written discharge but does not recollect by whom it was signed to it was destroyed by fire – does not recollect the date.

He volunteered at Cheraw Hill under General Arrington for eleven months & served in the Company of Captain Threadgill [William Threadgill] in Colonel McDowell's Regiment – he marched thence to Rocky River and aided in building a Magazine just below the mouth of said River on the Pedee [River] was in a skirmish with the enemy at Rocky River – after remaining at the Magazine on the Pedee some time, he was marched back having served his full time of eleven months. He received a written discharge signed by his Captain but the same has been burnt, cannot remember the date.

¹ Capt. William Nall of Wilkes County militia is known to have been at the Battle of Camden, but I am unable to identify a "Col. Nall" who might have been at the battle. There also was a Major John Nall of the Caswell County NC militia present at the battle

After his discharge at Cheraw Hill he set out for home in Wilkes County North Carolina and was on his way near Guilford Court house volunteered under Captain Isbell [Godfrey Isbell] of the North Carolina militia for three months and marched with him to York Town in Virginia & was present at the capture of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & his Army by General Washington, he was after the surrender of the British Army were discharged & returned home – having served his term of three months – he received a written discharge signed by his Captain at the same half been burnt – he cannot recollect the date.

He afterwards volunteered under Captain John Stone of the North Carolina militia for three months & faithfully served out the same in guarding the frontiers on the head of the Holston River against the Indians.

He has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John Hill, X his mark

[Charles Campbell, a clergyman, and William Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Kentucky, Hawkins County

Be it remembered that heretofore, to wit, at a Court held for the County aforesaid at the Courthouse in the town of Madisonville on the 13th day of August 1832 the following entry among others was made in the minutes of said Court, Viz.,

“John Hill a soldier of the revolution & applicant for a pension this day produced in Court his declaration under an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 and subscribed & sworn to the same. And the certificate of Charles Campbell & William Davis there under was also subscribed & sworn to in open Court. Whereupon the Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation and after putting the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department was a revolutionary soldier & served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Charles Campbell who subscribed the certificate above named is a clergyman in the County of Hopkins and that William Davis who also signed the same is a resident in the same County & is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.”

I Samuel Woodson clerk of the County Court of Hopkins County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true transcript of an entry in the minutes of said Court as the same now remains in my office. I further certify that the paper hereto attached marked A is the original declaration mentioned in said entry as having been subscribed & sworn to by the said John Hill and that the certificate there under written signed by Charles Campbell & William Davis's the original certificate mentioned in said entry as having been subscribed & sworn to by them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said County the 18th day of August 1832 and in the 41st year of the Commonwealth.

S/ Sam Woodson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$76.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for 23 months in the North Carolina militia.]