

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hill S13390

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State of Kentucky Bourbon County: Sct.

On this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April in the year 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful Justices of the Court for the County aforesaid now sitting Robert Hill a resident of said County of Bourbon aged 76 years the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March last 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated –

In Culpeper County State of Virginia in the fall of the year 1778 he became a volunteer militia man for two months under Captain Edmond Terrill. The Militia to which he belonged was raised for the purpose of guarding the prisoners taken under Burgoyne. In this service, he served out the two months; His company met prisoners between Culpepper Court House and Knowland's ferry [Noland's Ferry] and with others acted as a guard on the march till prisoners arrived at Albemarle Barracks.

In January 1779 in Culpeper County he enlisted and was appointed orderly Sergeant [under] Captain William Kirtley whose company belonged to Colonel Frank Taylor's [Francis Taylor's] Regiment of Guards; John Roberts was Major of the Regiment; he enlisted for the term of twelve months and served the whole term of twelve months at Albemarle Barracks as orderly Sergeant guarding the British Prisoners; at the end of his term he received a written discharge from Colonel Taylor, but has lost it.

In the spring of the year 1780 a part of the Militia of Culpeper County was called out by Colonel James Barbour, of whom he was one, to pursue some deserters, the deserters were taken in Culpeper County & carried to Richmond; he was in the service two months. In the fall of the year 1780 he was drafted in the militia for two months, in Culpeper County under Captain Henry Towles; the Militia rendezvoused at Robinson's River & were marched in pursuit of the British who had landed in the lower part of Virginia, but they took shipping & escaped. In this service I served out the two months & was discharged.

In August 1781 he was again drafted in Culpeper County in the Militia for two months under Captain Joseph Early, whose Company was attached to the Regiment of Colonel John Slaughter of General Stevens's [Edward Stevens'] Brigade, the militia was called out to resist Cornwallis who had marched from the Carolinas to Virginia. In this service he was engaged two months and was discharged a short time before Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781]. He states that he served in all a period of twenty months; that he was born in Culpepper County

Virginia; that he has a register of his age; that he moved from Virginia to Bourbon County State of Kentucky in the year 1789, and has been residing there ever since. He has no documentary evidence whatever in proof of his Services; He does not recollect to have received written discharges at the expiration of his terms of militia service, but if he did, they, as is that he received at the expiration of his twelve months tour, are lost. He states that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services, whose testimony can be had, except Mary Wood & John Casey – whose depositions [are] accompanying this declaration. He is however known to many Respectable persons in his neighborhood who can speak as to his character for Veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, and among others he will mention Clark Dennis Esquire a Justice of the Peace, John M Conn, William Conn, Adaniram Allen, Abraham Hill, James Wilson & George Grimes. There is no minister of the Gospel residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to the, and reputation in his neighborhood of his revolutionary services. 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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Robert Hill



[William Martin & James Garrard gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

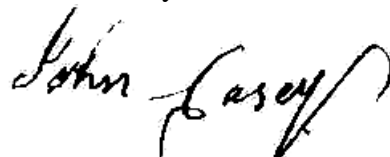
The deposition of Mary Wood taken at the house of Clark Dennis at Centreville in the County of Bourbon and State of Kentucky on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1833. The Deponent being of Lawful age and duly sworn saith that Robert Hill Senior now of Bourbon County and State of Kentucky was a resident of Culpeper County and State of Virginia during the war of the Revolution and that he served in the Militia from that County to the best of her recollection thereof for terms and she thinks two months each and that he enlisted in the regular service and served one year but does not recollect the dates of the month or year when he entered or was dismissed and further the Deponent saith not.

S/ Mary Wood, X her mark

State of Kentucky Scott County Sct.

This day John Casey appeared before me, John Price a Justice of the peace for this County & after being duly sworn gave the following deposition that he himself was in the Revolution that he was personally acquainted with Robert Hill while at the Albemarle Barracks guarding Burgoyne's Prisoners in Virginia. That the said R. Hill was then a Regular Soldier and I believe he was a Sergeant in Captain William Cirtley [sic, William Kirtley] Company, Colonel Frank Taler [Francis Taylor] had the command of the Troops at that Place and further the deponent saith not.

S/ John Casey<sup>1</sup>



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<sup>1</sup> WG could not find a pensioner whose service seemed to match that claimed by John Casey—he may not have applied for a pension or his papers have been misfiled.

[Attested March 1, 1833]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service in the Virginia service for 20 months as a private.]