

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hicks S1527

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State of Indiana Washington County: Declaration of John Hicks in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

In the Probate Court of the County of Washington Indiana at the May Term thereof 1833

On this 18th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge thereof now sitting as such Court – it being a Court of Record, John Hicks a resident of said County aged 70 [?]¹ 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States and served in the State Troops of Virginia under the following named officers and as herein stated. That he was enlisted by Benjamin Johnson Sergeant in Cumberland County Virginia where he then resided and within one half mile of Turkey Cock Church[?]². He recollects James Oslin, Benjamin Johnson of his company privates. Marched to Williamsburg Virginia and performed Garrison duty there for six months, when he was there discharged but his discharge is lost. That he enlisted as aforesaid in the month of April 1776, the day he is unable to state. That, as well as he recollects, in October 1777 he was drafted from class No. ___ in Botetourt County Virginia at the [indecipherable word]³ town of said County where he then resided, having after his discharge as aforesaid left Cumberland for Botetourt for the purpose of learning the hatter trade [?]⁴ with his brother Henry Hicks, and joined a company commanded by Captain Rowland [probably Thomas Rowland], his first name not recollected. He recollects Lieut. Breckenridge, his first name he thinks was William, and also [indecipherable word]⁵ of said company, John Slaughter, Burdan [?] Hawkins,

1 *70 years*
2 *Turkey Cock Church*
3 *the*
4 *hatter trade*
5 *privates*

__Webb and __ [indecipherable name] Hayden. That he marched to the point as it was called, that is, the point at the junction of Kanawha and Ohio rivers, served in said term of three months and was discharged at said point by his Captain __ Rowland sent his discharge is lost and the declarant on his oath aforesaid further states that on the 25th [?] day of September 1779, he enlisted the service, as a substitute for James Reynolds a private and joined a company commanded by Captain John Stevenson at the seven mile Ford, on Holston River in Virginia and he believes in Washington County where he then resided, was marched to Blockhouse on Holston River, thence to Peppers Station in Powell's Valley Virginia remained at Powell's Valley two months marched thence to the falls of Ohio, and was discharged by his Captain at the Falls on the 25th day of December 1779, but his discharge is lost. That during his last mentioned term he was principally engaged in the pack horses service, between Peppers Station and Blackmore's Fort on Clinch River Virginia. This declarant further states, that he is much debilitated by age, that his memory is thereby essentially impaired, and that he has given all the circumstances of his service that he can well recollect; but, that he is positive he served one year in the State troops of Virginia, as a private soldier, in manner as above stated, with this exception only, that in point of dates he may labor under some inconsiderable mistakes. And this declarant on his oath aforesaid further says that he was born in Henrico County Virginia on the 12th day of March 1759, he has a record of his age in his father's family Bible, which is now in the possession of the declarant. That after the Revolution he resided twenty-six years in Virginia, five years in North Carolina at the head of the Yadkin, sixteen years in Tennessee, and that three years ago he removed from Tennessee to this County where he has resided ever since. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person he can procure who can testify to his service, and that he can prove no clergyman who is sufficiently acquainted with him, without great inconvenience to testify for him as required by the Department. He refers to the following persons residents of his neighborhood to prove his character for truth and his reputation of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, Robert Newman and Edward Newman. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

S/ John Hicks



[Robert Newman and Edward Newman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On June 25, 1839 in Hawkins County Tennessee, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefits from the Indiana agency to the Tennessee agency stating that he has removed to Tennessee to reside with his son (not named) because he, the veteran, is getting old and infirm. He signed this document with his mark. William Hicks gave a supporting affidavit but his relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia.]