

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hughs S1536
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832
State of Tennessee, County of McMinn: SS

On this 5th day of September personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of said County, John Hughs a resident of said County and State, aged about 80 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

He states he entered in to the Army under Captain Sevier and was in the Battle at Watauga River, and served under said Sevier a tour of six months. He then resided in Burke County in the State of North Carolina. He was then called out under Sinclair [Arthur St. Clair?], and served under him some length of time, and was engaged in the battle called Sinclair's defeat,¹ his Captain was Jacob Tipton, at Sinclair's defeat he lived in the same place in Burke County in the State of North Carolina – he states that from the debility's of extreme old age, he has forgotten a number of excursions & skirmishes that he was engaged in against the Tories, he moved from Burke County North Carolina into Blount County in the State of Tennessee and from Blount County to the County of McMinn in the State of Tennessee where he now resides he states that he received a discharge about the close of the War, but he has lost the same years since, and he does not now recollect, in what way the same was lost, he states he believes he is about 80 years of age but has no record of that fact.

He hereby are 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 5th day of September 1832

S/ John Hughs, X his mark

[Sylvanus Couch and Rachel Blevins gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ This veteran appears to be referring to an action in 1791. See, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Clair%27s_Defeat