

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hills S16413

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State of Indiana Dubois County: On this 14th day of May in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Court of Probate now sitting John Hills of the County of Dubois was born in the year 1761 on the 16th day of May in said year aged seventy-two years, who first being 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 on the 10th of October in the year 1777 under Captain Brittain Harris, that he his Colonel was named Thomas Eaton, that at that time he resided in Warren County North Carolina, that he was marched through South Carolina to the State of Georgia that he was engaged in a battle with the British at the mouth of Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]¹, from thence he was marched back to South Carolina to a place called Purrysburg, from thence to a place called the black swamp in which campaign he served six months and on the 10th day of April 1778 he received a discharge from Colonel Eaton, which discharge is lost, afterwards in the month of January 1780, I entered the service under Captain Jordan Harris was in the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781]² North Carolina from thence he was marched to a place called Ramsays Mill on deep River at which place my tour ended in this Tour he served 3 months and received a discharge from General Butler, which discharge I have lost. I then in the month of July 1782 entered the service under Captain Francis Thornton and was stationed at General Thomas Eaton's Ferry on Roanoke River where I remained 3 months and was discharged in the month of October 1782 which discharge I have lost, he then in the month of November in the year 1782 volunteered under Edmund Gamel and was stationed at Salisbury North Carolina during the Term of twelve months having charge of a baggage wagon, he was then discharged by Captain Edmund Gamel which discharge was given to the Commissioners appointed to pay the twelve months men in North Carolina. He states that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no living witness or witnesses by which he can establish his services. He recollects Robert Hill,

¹ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

John Barns & John Thompson who served with him and was discharged at the same time he was. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Simon Morgan, Clerk

S/ John Hills

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".

[Henry Barker, a clergyman, and Thomas C Hills gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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