

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Hill S1670

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State of Tennessee, McNairy County: SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord 1833, Personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions in said County and State of Tennessee, Daniel Hill Senior aged Seventy Six years next September, 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 as a volunteer Soldier in the year 1780 (the month nor day not now recollected) under Captain James Wilson and Colonel John Sevier, then a few days after I volunteered, I rendezvoused on Chucky River [Nolichucky River] then Washington County North Carolina, so soon as the Regiment was mustered into service, they took up their line of march and went directly into the Cherokee Nation of Indians, who was at that time committing a Great many Outrages against the whites, when we reached the nation, we marched in a measure all through it first one place and then another killing a great many Indians, destroying their crops and taking Indian Prisoners. I think this was in the fall of the year as well as he now recollects. After they had finished their business in that quarter and served three months the length of time he volunteered for the Troops returned home and I was discharged, I received my discharge from a board of Commissioners in North Carolina and deposited the same in the Land Office of North Carolina, which I have never heard of since.

In the year 1781 I was drafted for the term of three months and went out against the British under Captain James Wilson and Colonel John Sevier, a few days after I was drafted he Rendezvoused at Captain Landon Carter's in Washington County so soon as we were mustered into Service, we took up our line of march for General Marion's [Francis Marion's] Army who was lying in the Swamps of Santee in South Carolina. We went across the mountain to a place called Tuckaseegee Ford on the Catawba River, there we waited about two weeks for Colonel Robertson's Regiment to join us. After he joined us we then went directly on our march passing General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army who was lying on the High hills of Santee, and after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], from General Greene we got provisions, powder and Lead, after staying there but a very short time we went immediately on and joined General Marion in the Swamps of Santee, after we joined him I was kept out first one place and then another to get provisions for the Army, while lying there I perfectly recollect that a Company of our Army went out and took about ninety or One hundred British Prisoners between there and Charleston. I was at the Camp when they brought in or arrived there in a short time afterwards, I was drafted for the term of three months which I served as a mounted horseman. When my time was out we marched directly home and was discharged. I received my discharge from a Board of Commissioners of North Carolina and deposited the same in the Land Office of North Carolina which I have never heard of since.

In the year 1782 I was again Drafted and went Out against the Cherokee Indians under Captain James Wilson and Colonel John Sevier a few days after I was drafted we rendezvoused at the Long Island on the French Broad River now East Tennessee. So soon as we was mustered into service, we marched directly on to the Cherokee Nation of Indians, who was still massacring and killing the whites on the Frontiers every chance or opportunity they could meet with. We marched through the Nation destroying their Towns, we killed a few Indians and took a great many prisoners. After I had served my Term of three months Out we marched directly home and was discharged. I went out as a mounted Militia I received my discharge in the same way that I did my first and second and deposited in the Land Office of North Carolina which I have never heard of since. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any state. I have no Documentary evidence to prove my Services nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove my first Tour by, but I can prove by James Robertson my second and third trips he being out at the same time with me,

Question 1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was Born in the Jerseys on the 4 day of September in the year of our Lord 1757 and lived there a few years after his Birth and then his father moved to Loudoun County State of Virginia.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age in a large family Bible now in my house in McNairy County. I copied my age from a Bible at my father kept, the age of himself and family in

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I resided in Loudoun County State of Virginia until I was 18 or 20 years old, then I moved to Washington County North Carolina, but now known as East Tennessee here I was living when called into Service, and continued to live there since the Revolution until a few years since, then I moved to McNairy County Tennessee where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer. I was a volunteer the first Tour I performed, the other two tours I was drafted.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I do not believe that we had any regulars with us at the time I performed my first and third tours, when I performed my second tour I saw General Greene at the high hills of Santee. I also was with General Marion and knew him when I saw him, the Balance of the Interrogatory I have Answered in the body of my Declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer. I received discharges for my services given by the Board of Commissioners of North Carolina, and deposited the same in the Land Office of North Carolina which I have never heard of since.

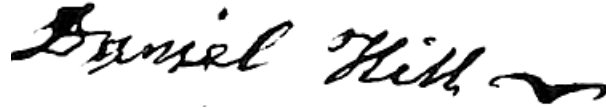
7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I have been acquainted with Parson Francis Beard of my neighborhood for a number of years: he can testify as to my character for veracity and his belief of my Services and also the neighborhood beliefs of my services in the Revolution. I am also well acquainted with James Robertson of McNairy County, and have been acquainted with him since the year 1781, he can

testify that I did do and performed the two last tours mentioned in my Declaration and also that it is his belief that I performed the other Tour mentioned and also that I have always been reputed and believed to have been a soldier of the Revolution by the neighborhood Generally. The said Robertson can also testify as to my character for veracity,

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S Daniel Hill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Hill" with a decorative flourish at the end.

S/ W. S. Wisdom, Clk

[Francis Beard, a clergyman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I James Robertson [James Roberson]<sup>1</sup> residing in the County of McNairy and State of Tennessee, hereby certify that I have been acquainted with Daniel Hill who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration ever since the year 1781 that I believe him to be seventy-six years old next September. I further certify that the said Hill did do and perform the Second and Third tours mentioned in his Declaration myself being Out in the same Campaigns, and know that he is the Identical same Hill and served said two tours as he states. And that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that I concur in that opinion.

S/ James Roberson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Roberson" with a decorative flourish at the end.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$37.50 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia as a cavalryman.]

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<sup>1</sup> [James Roberson \(Robinson\) S1718](#)