

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hughs S21311

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State of South Carolina, District of Pickens

On this sixth day of October 1834 personally appeared before the Honorable A. P. Butler, one of the associate judges of the said State in open court at Pickens Court House, William Hughs, a resident of the district aforesaid, aged seventy-six 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<sup>th</sup>, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he entered the service of the United States in April 1774 as well as he recollects as he was then only 16 years of age, at Newberry District or then County S.C. as a volunteer in Capt. Thomas Duggan's [sic, Thomas Dugan's] Company one of the Lieutenants was named Casey [probably Levi Casey]—Lieut. Handy McCreary, Col. Williams [James Williams]—General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] on what was called the Florida Expedition, marched by Augusta Ga., Midway, Sunbury, Cherokee Hill, St. Tilley [sic, Satilla River], St. Mary's, into Florida, only remained there a few days perhaps 5 or 6 and returned towards home. He was in no battle. He turned out for three months but was nearly four months before he was dismissed. He is positive he was not less than three and a half months in service at this time in 1774 or 1775. In 1776 or '77 he volunteered under Capt. Duggan and was marched to Brown's Station on Reedy River near the Tumbling Shoals and was stationed there to guard the then Frontier against Tories and Indians; [he] was in no battle with them but continued in the service at the least four months and was then dismissed. He again in the Spring of the year 1779 as well as he recollects he volunteered again under Capt. Casey, John Bergin was a lieutenant under Col. Hays [sic, Joseph Hayes] and joined Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] in the Mobley's Settlement in Fairfield County, went on with Pickens to 96; was sent out frequently on scouts; they were too weak to attack the Fort and after remaining in camp & service at least three months, he was dismissed and he went home again. He again the same year as well as he recollects volunteered with Capt. McCracken under Col. Smith; went against the British; was marched to Orangeburg S. C., Ashapoo, and Bacon's Bridge where they joined Genl. Greene's Army and remained there to the end of his engagement and after it & was dismissed. He is positive he was out this time not less than three and a half months. About the time he got home the British evacuated Charleston a circumstance he well recollects—soon after he got home and soon after the British left Charleston, he volunteered again under Capt. Stark and Col. Casey for six months to go against the Tories who were committing all sorts of depredations—They went

down on Bush River & then towards Augusta—Up and down Saluda River was most of the time on Bush River as the most of the Tories were in that quarter. He served out his term of six months and was dismissed. He was out this tour not less than six months, during all his services he found his own horse and cloths—and he saith he was out often for short periods, in fact, he was generally out for he could not stay at home. But during the Tours herein stated he is very sure he did not serve less than twenty months. He was in no Battle. He does not know of one living witness who can prove his services except Benj. Neighbors <sup>1</sup>who was with him in the Florida Expedition.

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 and he answers the interrogatories required up the War Department to be put by the court as follows:

1. He was born near Georgetown in the state of Maryland on the 14th of October 1758.
2. He has no record of his age but there was one in his father's family Bible Newberry.
3. He lived in Newberry South Carolina (where his father had moved when he was seven or eight years of age). When he was called into service, after the war and he continued to live in Newberry until about the year 1805 when he moved into Pendleton, now Pickens district, where he has lived ever since and now lives.
4. He was always a volunteer.
5. He was with General Greene's Army near three months; during that time he recollects of seeing him only once and does not recollect to have seen any other regular officer.
6. He never got a discharge (a written one).
7. He does not know a man who would dispute his word, but is best acquainted with Colonel Joseph Grisham, Major Keith, the clerk of court, William. D. Sloan, the sheriff, Samuel Reed, late sheriff, [&] Col. Jesse Norton. He would appeal with confidence to all to whom he is known. At this late period, being illiterate, he cannot recollect the dates as his memory is much impaired by old age and infirmity.

Sworn to & Subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ William Hughs, X, his mark

Before: W. L. Keith, C. C.

[William M. Morton, a clergyman, and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Benjamin Neighbors S19000](#)