

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Edward Hilton (Helton) S2312

VA

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State of Tennessee } SS

White County } }

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1832 personally appeared in open court before the worshipful Court of Pleas and Quarter sessions for White County in the State of Tennessee now in Session Edward Helton a resident of White County and state of Tennessee aged about seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. the first Tower of duty he performed was in the year 1777. He Inlisted into the service for Twelve months under Captain Jesse Allen. the name of his Lieutenant was Jesse Pollard, and the name of his Ensign was John Pettis. The name of his Col. was Francis Taylor. He was the Principle part of the time imployd in Guarding some British prisoners at Albermar barracks in Virginia [sic: Burgoyne's army captured at Saratoga on 17 Oct 1777 and kept at Albemarle Barracks from Jan 1779 through Feb 1781]. at the Expiration of his Tower of service he returned home in 1778 [sic].

In 1779 or 80 he was drafted to go in the service of the United States for Two months but had to serve about three months and a half before he was discharged. the name of his Captain was Thomas Henderson his Lieutenants name was Mathew Small. the name of his Ensign was Peter Hariss [sic: Peter Harris] the name of the Col. is not Recollected by the declarant He was marched from Henry County Virginia to ninety six in South Carolina and there was stationed about fifteen days [during the Siege of Ninety Six, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781] then had to Retreat to Camden in North or South Carolina [South Carolina] from the British where he was discharged.

He has no documentary evidence by which he can establish the four going facts – nor does he know of any living witness in the State of Tennessee by which he can prove the same. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or Annuity. Except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any Agency in any state

Edward hisXmark Helton

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the War department and propounded by the Court.

1<sup>st</sup> He believes he was born in Albermar County Virginia on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1761 or 62.

2<sup>nd</sup> When He Entered he was living in Bedford County Virginia. from thence he removed to Henry County Va. and was drafted. from thence He removed to Montgomery County Va. from thence in 1812 He reMoved to White County Tennessee where He has resided ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> He has stated as fully as he can from recollection the manner of his Entering the service and its General circumstances. he never was a substitute nor did he ever have any person substituted for him.

5<sup>th</sup> He has stated the names of Most of the Regular officers who were with the troops. He cannot be more full in stating the General circumstances of his services than he has already been.

6<sup>th</sup> He Received a written discharge from the service given by Col. Francis Taylor of the Regular Army. Which has been lost or mislaid so that he cannot find hit

7<sup>th</sup> He states the names of the following persons to whom he is Known in his present neighbourhood who can Testify as to his Character for Veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. Viz. Isaac Taylor, Thomas Walling, Jerymiah Denton, Col. David L. Mitchell, Col. Joseph Herd, Thomas Robertson and the Rev'd Izias Denton

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