

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hiles S31125

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The declaration of John Hiles in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

On this 20th of August 1832 John Hiles personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Scott County Resident of said County and State of Kentucky aged __ years 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 of the 7th of June 1832.

The said John Hiles states that he was a resident citizen of the State of Virginia in the County of Frederick – that he served two 3-month tours of militia duty making in all 6 months, that the first tour of 3 months was for the purpose of taking old Cornwallis, that he was present during the whole siege & had the pleasure to see said Cornwallis & his men surrender [October 19, 1781] to General Washington. He cannot recollect the precise time this tour commenced but it ended about the close of the Siege & surrender. He was then ordered to guard the Prisoners to Winchester Barracks where he volunteered & agreed to stay & guard the Prisoners another tour of 3 months which he faithfully performed making 6 months in all – he was under Captain Bell the first 3 months and the last 3 months he was under Captain Peter Hysill [Peter Hiskill] or some such name.

S/ John Hiles, X his mark

And the said John Hiles stated in open Court that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to the day and year aforesaid

S/ Ben. B. Ford, Clk.

State of Kentucky Scott County viz.

This day Palser Hiles Brother of John Hiles aged about 70 years of age came before me the subscriber a justice of the Peace in said County & made oath that he has read the declaration of his Brother John Hile [sic] as to his revolutionary services & he states that the same is true to his personal knowledge. He knows that said John Hile did serve two tours of militia duty in the year 1781 of 3 months each that said John was at the taking of Cornwallis & then served 3 months guarding the Prisoners at Winchester Barracks. Given under my hand & seal this 24th day of August 1832

S/ John Price, JP

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