

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Solomon Hicks S31128

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State of Kentucky County of Livingston: SS

On this 10th day of September personally appeared before the Circuit Court of Kentucky for said County Solomon Hicks a resident of the said County of Livingston in the State of Kentucky aged seventy-four or five 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 provision made by Act of Congress issued June 7th 1832 – That he enlisted in the first Regiment of the South Carolina line of Continentals; in the year __ with William Hicks who was Lieutenant in said Regiment: That the said Regiment was a light Infantry Regiment; that Courtney Pinckney was Captain of the company and Thomas Pinckney Colonel of the Regiment. That he enlisted for two years. That his first experience of regular service [paper torn text missing] the battle of Sullivan's Island. That the enemy's fleet consisting [paper torn, text missing] Men of War sailed up between the islands and fired on [paper torn, text missing] The battle lasted from 10 in the morning until late at [paper torn, text missing] and that the firing from the forts on both islands upon the enemy's ships was resumed with the dawn of day – but that six of the vessels spread sail and moved off, having first set fire to the seventh which was the best ship they had – (it having got aground).

That he was stationed six months on James Island, about the same time on Sullivan's Island and the balance of his time in Charleston, when and where he received an Honorable discharge upon printed paper, which he preserved for many years but which was at length worn out by time and handling. He received the same from a man named Armstrong [paper torn, text missing] was (as deponent thinks) a Major or ranked as such; William Hicks [paper torn, text missing] Lieutenant – Courtney Pinckney Captain & Thomas Pinckney Colonel and General Gadsden Commander in chief. –

That his service in the first Regiment was not his first nor his last; that he had previously served as a volunteer for three months under Captain Jesse Walton and Lieutenant Ben Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] (who afterwards [paper torn, text missing] to be General). This service was against the insurgent Scotch – [paper torn, text missing] then lived in Surry County on Yadkin River in North Ca [paper torn, text missing] that it was after his return from this service against [paper torn, text missing] that Hicks and Armstrong recruiting officers for the first [paper torn, text missing] came to Surry County and enlisted him. – After – receiving his

discharge from the first Regiment, he returned to Surry and there was a call for men to go with the commissioners to run the line between Virginia and North Carolina. He volunteered in the company which attended the North Carolina Commissioners and served three months.

Soon after his return from running the line there was another call for men to go and meet Cornwallis who had landed troops [paper torn, text missing] Ashley River opposite to Charleston and thrown up breast works. He went as a Substitute for three months in the place of one Carroll [paper torn, text missing] was drafted. – Allen was Captain – Lytle was Colonel – the [indecipherable word] [paper torn, text missing] took the town, but after little and his command had been sent out to fight the Tories on Pedee [River]. But the Tories dispersed and a little [paper torn, text missing] keeping his men upwards of a month longer than then regular [paper torn, text missing] ged them – he had various other tours of service and [paper torn, text missing] ly with the Tories – The last was a three months tour in [paper torn, text missing] pany against the Tories on Bush River and Saluda –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or [paper torn, text missing] cept the present and he declares that his name is not [paper torn, text missing] roll of any agency in any State – Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in presence of

S/ Solomon Hicks, X his mark

Answers to seven Interrogatories propounded to the said Solomon Hicks by the Court

Answer 1st – I was born somewhere on Dan River in Virginia and in what year I do not certainly know – and have no certain means of ascertaining – I was [paper torn, to] 14 or 15 when I first volunteered to March against the Scotch [paper torn, the text missing] urgents. I have been reckoning it up and think that I shall be 76 next June [?]

Answer 2nd – I have not – I have only my memory & guesswork

Answer 3rd – I lived in Surry County on Yadkin River when I first volunteered against the Scotch and also when I enlisted under Lieutenant Hicks. I have lived since the Revolutionary war part of the time in Surry County, part in South Carolina, and for 18 years, (the longest that I have ever lived [paper torn, text missing] place) in Franklin County Georgia – and having been living in this [paper torn, text missing] ood for 16 years –

[paper torn, text missing – I always volunteered except once when I went to fight Cornwallis [paper torn, text missing] as a substitute for man named Carol, who gave me a chunk of [paper torn, text missing] to serve for him three months – I took it and was detained in the [paper torn, text missing] ter than four months.

Answer 5th – I have no distinct recollection of more than I have mentioned –

Answer 6th – I did receive a regular printed discharge upon the close of my term of enlistment – and kept it safely for many years but it was at length worn out by time and handling.

Answer 7th – I know Col. McCawley, Doctor Brown – Squire Duval, Robert Hodge and generally all the landholders in my section of the County and also Major William Wills

S/ Solomon Hicks, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]