

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absolom (Absolam) Hughes S31149

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State of Kentucky County of Barren

On this 17th day of September personally appeared in open Court Before the Judges of the Barren Circuit Court being a Court of record now sitting Absalom Hughes a resident of Kentucky in the County of Barren aged 77 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 the 7th 1832.

In 75 sometime in the month of October I volunteered in Charles City County State of Virginia under Captain John Grigory [John Gregory] and David Merry Lt. [Lieutenant], Major Hardiman Commanded; our services was required for the purpose of driving Governor Dunmore [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia] off as it was stated he was destroying the magazine. I received my discharge in Charles City County. In 76 I volunteered a minute man for one year under Captain Edward Marabel, David Marry Lt., was marched to Williamsburg, and stayed there something like two weeks and returned again to Charles City County where we continued the balance of the year at a place called Sandy Point on James River.

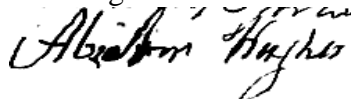
In June 77 I volunteered at Charlotte County Virginia under Captain Thomas Williams, Thomas Collier Lt., and in which Company I received the appointment of Sergeant – went by way of Petersburg thence to Williamsburg thence to Hampton thence to Portsmouth. After being on service something like 2 months was discharged at the latter place.

In 81 in June I entered the service in the militia from Charlotte County in Virginia under Captain Gideon Spencer marched to Prince Edward Court-House where we were attached to the command of Major John Overstreet from Prince Edward we marched and joined General Lafayette on the Pamunkey River thence on aforesaid march to the Rapidan River at a place called the Raccoon Ford where we met General Wayne and in Hanover County at Dandridge's old fields I was taken sick and left by the Army and continued there till Corn Wallace [Cornwallis] was taken at little York [October 19, 1781] in all he believes he was about two years in actual service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and Further declares that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid I never had but one discharge which I have lost.

S/ Absalom Hughes



[James Bibb and Richard Fulcher gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky County of Barren & Circuit Sct.

On this 20th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Baron Circuit Court now sitting Absalom Hughes aged 78 years the 15th day of June 1833, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1833.

That he has heretofore to wit on the 17th day of September 1833 appeared before the Judge of the said Court for the purpose of making out his Declaration for a Pension, that the same was made out, sent on to the War Department for consideration & returned with objections 12, 13 and 17. That for the purpose of obviating these objections he now again makes this Declaration, as an amendment to his original Declaration. That he served as herein stated & under the following named officers. In the month of October 1775, according to the best of his recollection, he volunteered as a private in the Virginia Militia in Charles City County Virginia under Captain John Gregory [John Gregory] and David Merry Lieutenant, Major Elith Hardiman Commanded. He was born in said Charles City County on the 15th day of June 1775, and lived in said County during the Revolutionary War: and during all of his services. Under Captain Gregory he joined the Company at the Courthouse of said Charles City County and marched to Williamsburg for the purpose of meeting Governor Dunmore, who, it was stated, was endeavoring to destroy the magazine. He received an unwritten Discharge by disbandment in Charles City County, having served to the best of his recollection four weeks.

In 1776 in the Spring he again volunteered as a private in the Virginia militia as a minute man for one year under Captain Edward Marrabel [Edward Marrable or Marable], Lieutenant David Merry, in the same County, was marched to Williamsburg where he stayed about two weeks, when he was marched back to Sandy Point on James River, where he served out the year as a private as aforesaid; he was then disbanded without receiving a written discharge.

In June 1777 he again volunteered in Charlotte County Virginia under Captain Thomas Williams, Lieutenant, Thomas Collier; in which Company he received the Appointment of 1st Sergeant, marched by the way of Petersburg, thence to Williamsburg, thence to Hampton thence to Portsmouth. At the latter place he received a written discharge from Captain Williams after having served at least two months in the capacity of first Sergeant to the company.

In June 1781 he was drafted from Charlotte County where he had gone to see his brothers, & directly he got there under Captain Gideon Spencer, first Lieutenant Thomas Collier, 2nd Joseph Collier, 1st Sergeant John Eubanks, and was attached to the command of Major John Overstreet, Sergeant Major Benjamin Overstreet, and marched and joined General Lafayette on the Pamunkey River & marched to Rapidan fork of Rappahannock River to a place called the Raccoon Ford, where he & the troops met General Wayne [Anthony Wayne].

At Dandridge's old field in Hanover County he was taken sick and left by the Army and continued there until Cornwallis surrendered (October 19, 1781). He was out on this Tour up to the time he was taken sick for the space of three months lacking two days and was three months more before he got home, making in all six months. There are other short tours of duty which he did, and can say that he was in the service for at least two years; but is willing, if the Department cannot allow him a Pension for two years; to take it for the periods of service above specified. It his [sic, has been?] so long & as he was attached to the Virginia militia, he does not remember any Continental Regiments or Companies by name or number. In the Service he knew by sight General Wayne, General Lafayette, Colonel Mathews, others he cannot now remember. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. 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.

In answer to the questions prescribed by the War Department he says – 1st he was born on the 15th day of June 1755 in Charles City County Virginia – 2nd – he has no Record of his age, but there is one in Virginia in Charles City County in a Register of the church. – 3rd – When called into the service every time he lived in Charles City County. He was called into Service in other counties, but his residence was in Charles City County during the whole of the Revolutionary War. In 1784 he moved into Halifax County, from thence in 1814 he moved into Barren County Kentucky, where he has lived ever since. 4th – On his first, second and third Terms of service he volunteered on the 4th he was drafted. – 5th – he would state, as the Regular Officers who served with the troops where he served General Lafayette, General Wayne, & Colonel Mathews & Colonel Stubblefield. He does not remember the names or numbers of any Continental or militia Regiments. – 6th – He received no written Discharge, except on the Tour of two months when he acted as Sergeant, when he received one from his Captain Williams, which is now lost. When he acted as Sergeant he received the appointment from his Captain & was not commissioned. – 7th – he would name Richard Fulcher, Captain William Ellis, William Morrow, James Jr. and Moses Campbell, James Campbell, Senior, William make Adams, Henry Lee and Samuel Lee, and would name others if it were necessary.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Absalom Hughes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Absalom Hughes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Absalom Hughes".

[Zachary Quesenberry, a clergyman, and William Ellis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Sergeant for 18 months in the Virginia militia.]