

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hicks S35410

f17VA

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District of Kentucky, SS

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Fayette County for the said district, personally appeared William Hicks aged sixty-six years, resident in Fayette County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he, the said William Hicks enlisted in year 1776 in the State of Virginia Berkly [Berkeley] County in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepard [Abraham Shepherd] of the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Hugh Stephenson for three years; that he continued in the service of the United States until the year 1779 when he was discharged from the service in New York State near West Point Smith Cloocs [??]<sup>1</sup>, that he was in the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

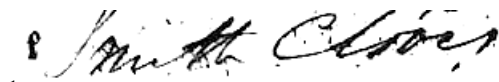
S Benjamin Johnson, Circuit Judge/

State of Kentucky Fayette Circuit SS June Term 1820

Be it remembered that William Hicks made oath in open Court and delivered a schedule of his property amounting to ninety dollars agreeably to an act of Congress passed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1820 concerning pensioners which is ordered to be entered of record in the words and figures following viz.

District of Kentucky SS Fayette Circuit

On this 1 day of July 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the said District and Circuit of Fayette County William Hicks aged 67 years, resident in Fayette County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows: That he the said William Hicks enlisted for the term of three years on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year 1776 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Shepherd in the 11<sup>th</sup> Regiment commanded by Colonel Hugh Stinston [sic] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he



continued to serve in the said Corps until 1779 when he was discharged near West Point, New York State, the date of his original declaration was the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818: and the date of pension certificate is the 5<sup>th</sup> day of March 1819. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed: one mare 4 years old value of \$40, one cow and calf and a 2-year-old do \$20, ten head of hogs \$10, Poultry of various kinds \$3: plates, spoons, knives and forks, pewter \$5, two spinning wheels and bed \$12 – \$90:

I live on a rented farm for which I pay rent, and pursue farming for a living. I have a Wife and one child living with me and one grandchild my daughter living with me is 18 years old, my grandchild is 5 or 6 years old, they all depend upon my exertions for support, I am now through old age, failing fast through old age in my bodily strength. Sworn to and declared before me on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 1820

S/ W. Warren, Circuit Judge

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]