

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hisle S38025

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At a Court continued and held for Culpeper County on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818

Be it remembered that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818 before the Court of Culpeper County in the State aforesaid personally appeared Benjamin Hisle aged 56 years resident in the County of Culpeper, who being 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 the said Benjamin Hisle enlisted in the State of Virginia in the County of Culpeper in the company commanded by Captain John Roberts of said County sometime in the month of January in the year 1779 that the Regiment he belonged to was commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor. That he continued in the Said Corps in the service of the United States for the space of about two years when he was discharged from the said service in the Town of Winchester Virginia, that he was in no General Battle, having been engaged in guarding prisoners of War during that time, and that he is in reduced Circumstances and stands in need of assistance of his Country, that his discharge has long since been lost or destroyed; that he has other evidence in his power of his said services, to wit the Certificate of John Slaughter Esquire the Ensign who enlisted him which is hereto annexed.<sup>1</sup> And it is ordered to be certified to the Secretary of War that it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the said Benjamin Hisle did serve in the Revolutionary War as stated in the above declaration against the Common Enemy and that he is in reduced Circumstances and in need of support as is therein stated.

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S/ T. Lightfoot

State of Virginia County of Culpeper SS

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1832 personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, and a member of the County Court of the County aforesaid, being a Court of record Benjamin Hisle a resident in said County, aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and the first of May 1820: that he the said Benjamin Hisle enlisted for the Term of two years on the \_\_\_ day of January 1779 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain John

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<sup>1</sup> the affidavit or certificate of John Slaughter does not appear in this file.

Roberts in the Regiment of guards commanded by Colonel Francis Taylor, in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps at Albemarle Barracks in Virginia and elsewhere until the spring (May) of the year 1781, when he was discharged from the service in the month of May 1781, in the State of Virginia; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any State except that of Virginia, and that he many years ago made an effort to be placed on the pension roll, very directly after the law was passed creating a pension office, giving pay to Soldiers of the Revolution for their military service, that he proved his service by highly respectable testimony then living, by Colonel John Slaughter who was the Ensign to the Company to which he was attached, who is since dead and by [a] private who served with him during the term of enlistment. That his claim as set forth in the declaration, then made, was returned with an endorsement upon it "of" no such Regiment as the guards, is known at this office" or such a remark in substance; from which he has been induced and deterred from renewing at an earlier period his claim, and which he is informed under the present law, he is most probably entitled, he therefore solicits of the War Department a reconsideration of his claim – And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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, whatever, having no property of any description, nor have I had any since 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 subsisting almost exclusively upon the Charity of my relations, and neighbors, that my family consists of myself, my wife who is old and very infirm and one daughter, the rest of my children having left me.

S/ Benjamin Hisle, X his mark

Sworn to and declared on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 1832, before William Walden a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Culpeper State of Virginia. Given under my hand the date above mentioned.

S/ Wm Walden

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 19 1832 for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]