

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hicks S38027

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State of Alabama Greene County SS

On the 7th day of December in the year 1829 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the County aforesaid, William Hicks resident in said County, aged seventy-two 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 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, that he the said William Hicks enlisted for the term of two years on or about the first of January 1776 in the State of Virginia, Spotsylvania County, in the Company commanded by Captain George Stubblefield or Stubberfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Josiah Parker in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment: that he continued to serve in the said Corps until on or about the first day of January 1778, when he reenlisted for the term of three years at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania in the company or Troop or Horse commanded by Captain Alexander Spotswood Dandridge in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland in the line of the State of Virginia, that he continued to serve under the said last mentioned enlistment until the latter part of the year 1780 when he was discharged from the service in Halifax in the State of North Carolina, 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 Virginia, and that the following all the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – to wit. I have been for the last eleven years in need of the charity of my Country, but being in a new Country & one far distant from the land of my nativity & having lost my discharge & therefore unable to identify myself (or evidence of my services by any proves to be procured in this State) I have procrastinated this application until now. I am urged to it by absolute necessity.

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 18th 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 18th 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 (to wit) one horse 11 or 12 years old, 2 cows & 2 calves, & one heifer with a young calf & one barren cow.

S/ Wm Hicks

Wm Hicks

That since the 18th of March 1818 no changes have taken place in my property except such as has been produced by the increase of my cattle & a consumption thereof for my sustenance. I am a Wheelwright by trade, but from the infirmities of age increased by the laws of and I during the revolutionary war & very great bodily disease existing at present, I am without ability to pursue it, my wife is deceased, my children have intermarried & or poor so much so that they cannot give me any assistance consistent with their duty to their families & I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself without the assistance of my country or private charity.

Sworn to & declared in open court on this 7th day of December 1829

S/ William Hicks

[The veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing January 4, 1830, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 3 years.]