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Pension Application of James Hillan S38028

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Washington County } Sc

On this nineteenth day of November 1822 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record for the said County of Washington James Hillan aged, nearly, sixty four years resident in the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows The said James Hillan entered the military service of the United States in Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina about the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight as a private in the Company commanded by Captain James Jacks [sic: James Jack] of Col [Archibald] Lytle's Regiment of the north Carolina line in Continental establishment, called the "new levies of North Carolina," that he was marched by said officers to Moons creek [sic: Moon Creek] where he received a furlough – that afterwards he was marched to Purisburgh [sic: Purysburgh] in South Carolina where he joined the army commanded by General [Benjamin] Lincoln and was assigned to Captain Goodwins [Uriah Goodwin's] company in the Regiment commanded by Colo Malmedy [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne] of the Continental line. That he was in the battle of Stono in South Carolina [Stono Ferry, 20 June 1779] and that he has long since lost his discharge – he served nine months. And 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person 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 – a small quantity of corn fodder and oats – two pots – one axe – one grubbing hoe – one shovel plough – one cutting knife & box – Three clevisses – one Table – one old loom – a few pewter plates – a few old pails – one small keg – one pair of drawing chains – a small quantity of flax – a few old bridle bits – and one pot rack of the value of \$35.00.

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State of North Carolina }
Lincoln County } [several illegible words] personally appeared before me Jacob Alney a Justice of the peace in the County aforesaid General Joseph Graham [pension application S3967] and Jonas Bradsha [sic: Jonas Bradshaw, W3932] both of said County and being duly sworn according to Law on their Oaths respectively deposed & sayeth –

That in pursuance of an Act of Assembly of the State of North Carolina for raising their quota of Continental Troops a Company was raised in the County of Mecklenburg in said State in which [two illegible words] together with James Hillan [several illegible words] into service and marched from Charlotte early in the month of June 1778 & marched under the command of Capt. James Jack as far as a place called Moons Creek near the Virginia line on Dan River where the [illegible word] of Troops from the other Counties in said state joined The terms of Inlistment was that each man was to serve 9 months from the time of their arrival at Bladensburg in the State of Maryland, at Moons Creek intelligence was received of the Battle of Monmouth [28 June 1778] & that the British Army had evacuated Philadelphia [18 June 1778] & gone to New York that said troops were not wanting to the north & that such of said men as choose should be furloughed for 6 months except sooner called on most of the men & these deponents and James Hillan accepted of the furloughs and returned to their respective homes in the month of August

in the said year 1778 and in the month of October following received orders to meet in Charlotte and marched from thence on the 5th day of November (at which time it was computed their 9 months commenced) marched to Purisburg in the State of South Carolina where the whole quota of North Carolina was organized in two Regiments under the command of Colos. [James] Armstrong & Lytle the Brigade commanded by Brigadier Gen'l. [Jethro] Sumner the whole under General Lincoln the company from Mecklenburg County was selected as a company of Light Infantry from the Regiment to which it was attached & such Companies from each Regiment after some time were organized into a Battallion and placed under the Command of Colo Malmedy (a frenchman) who was said to be Commissioned by Congress in which Corps these Deponents & James Hillan served the remainder of their said term of 9 months Viz until the 5th day of August 1779 the deponents & James Hillan were in the Battle of Stono & in several skirmishes where the Light Infantry and Cavalry alone were engaged In August 1779 the whole were discharged some at Bacons Bridge [on Ashley River near Dorchester SC] and part on their return to Charlotte the Deponents distinctly recolects the said James Hillan serving the whole term of said service in the capacity of a private – Jonas Bradsha served as a private & Graham as Serjeant in said Company. Gen'l Joseph Graham states that to his knowledge at that time there was great negligence in making out & preserving proper Muster Rolls of the said troops by the Officers commanding them the above sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October 1822

[signed] Jos Graham [signed] Jonas Bradshaw