

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Alexander Hughs S38059

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Virginia, SS

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the General Court of Virginia personally appeared Francis Hughs aged 72 years; resident in Orange County in the said State 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 Francis Hughs enlisted in Orange County in the State of Virginia September 1777 in the company commanded by Captain John Francis Mercer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Continental line; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until June 1779 when he was discharged from the service in Petersburg State of Virginia, that he was in the battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & some skirmishes 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 except that enclosed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year first aforesaid

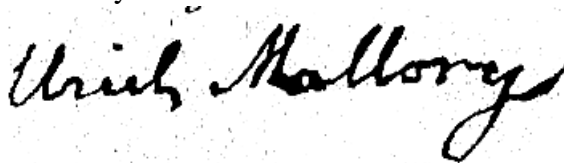
S/ H<sup>h</sup>. Holmes [Hugh Holmes]

I am well acquainted with General Morgan's & Colonel William Heth's handwriting & am satisfied that the signatures to the enclosed papers are genuine.

S/ Hugh Holmes

I do hereby Certify that Francis Hughes sometime in the Month of September in the year 1777 was Hired by William Pannill and myself both of the County of Orange & State of Virginia for the term of three years and that I delivered the said Hughes to a Mr. Montjoy [Mountjoy] an officer authorized to receive him and that he entered into the service of his Country for that time. Given under my hand this 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 1818

S/ Uriah Mallory



Sergeant Hughes of my Regiment has a Family. There are a sufficient number of sergeants in the company to which he belongs to spare him and has therefore my approbation for a leave of

absence on furlough.  
To Colonel Morgan  
November 25, 1778

S/ Wm Heth  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reg.

A handwritten document on aged paper, likely a military order or certificate. The text is written in cursive and is somewhat faded. It begins with "Sergeant Hughes of my Regt. has a Family - there are...". The text continues with "a sufficient number of days in the County to which he belongs to spare him... and now therefore my approbation for a... leave of absence...". There are several circular stamps or marks in the lower right portion of the document. The date "Nov 25 1778" is visible at the bottom left.

I do hereby Certify that Francis Hughes Soldier in the Virginia Regiment has leave of absence while he gets well of the Small Pox and then to join his Regiment.

S/ Alvin Mountjoy  
Lieutenant 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment

A handwritten document on aged paper, likely a military certificate. The text is written in cursive and is somewhat faded. It begins with "I do hereby Certify that Francis Hughes...". The text continues with "Soldier in the Virginia Regt. has leave of absence while he gets well of the small pox and then to join his Regt.". The name "Alvin Mountjoy" and the rank "Lieut. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt." are written at the bottom right.

Permit the Bearer hereof, Francis Alexander Hughs Sergeant in Colonel Heath's Regiment of the State of Virginia to pass and repass from his present quarters at Middle Brook [Middlebrook] to Orange County in Virginia he having leave of absence for one hundred & fifteen days; at the expiration of which he is to return to the quarters of the Regiment he belongs to, wherever it may happen to be, (sickness only excepted, of which a proper certificate must be produced,) on pain of being treated as a deserter, should he not punctually comply with the terms of this Furlough.

Given under my hand at Middle Brooke this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1778

S/ Danl Morgan

Colo. Comdt

**P**ERMIT the Bearer hereof,

*Francis Alexander Hays* in  
Col. *Heth* Regiment of the State of *Virginia* to

pass and repass from his present quarters at *Middlebrook* to *Orange*

*County* in *Virginia* he having leave of absence for  
*15* Days; at the expiration of which he is to return to the

quarters of the *Regt.* he belongs to, wherever it may happen  
to be, (sickness only excepted, of which a proper certificate must be  
produced,) on pain of being treated as a deserter, should he not punc-  
tually comply with the terms of this Furlough.

GIVEN under my Hand at *Middlebrook*  
this *22<sup>d</sup>* Day of *Decr* 1778

*Dan Morgan*  
*Col. Comd*

A mutilated muster roll of Captain Robert Powell's company, Colonel William Heth's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiments of foot for the month of September dated Newark October 28, '78, has been removed from this case to be forwarded to the War Department.

J. H. Nov. 11, 1910

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 30, 1818, for service as a private for 21 months in the Virginia Continental line.]