

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hill S38833

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State of Tennessee Overton County Sct. }

This 16th of September 1818

Before me Parry W. Humphreys one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts in & for the State aforesaid now presiding in said County came Robert Hill and inhabitant of said County aged Seventy Six years who being first duly sworn by me the truth to speak & declare touching his service in the Army of the United States in the time of the revolutionary War with a view of obtaining the benefit of the Provisions of the Act of Congress passed the last Session entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War Declares & Says that at the town of Bedford in the State of Virginia he enlisted with Captain Leftwich [perhaps Thomas Leftwich] for the term of 18 months in the fall of the year that the American Lay at the Valley Forge he marched with his Captain & joined the Army at that place he was of the Rifle Corps but who was the first Colonel or for what Regiment he does not remember but knows that it was of the Virginia line & was some time under Colonel Dick & sometimes under Colonel Morgan [Daniel Morgan], he served out the time then reenlisted for two years which time he also served out. He was three years & six months in Service in the rifle Corps in service of the United States on Continental establishment; he was during the time of his Service in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778], in the Battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], of Germantown [October 4, 1777] & many other actions & skirmishes of inferior importance. He was finally discharged by General Green [Nathanael Greene] at Hillsborough in North Carolina. As to his discharge he has long since lost it believing it of no value he was careless of its preservation.

He further says he is poor, has no means of subsistence but his personal labor & the kindness of his friends – being capable by reason of his great age & infirmities of performing personal labor that he is in such reduced circumstances in life as to require assistance from his country for his support.

S/ Robert Hill, X his mark

State of Tennessee Overton County: April Session 1822

On this 25th day of April 1822 Personally appeared in Open Court of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Overton County and State of Tennessee West It being a Court of Record Robert Hill aged between Eighty One and two years resident in Overton County and State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (to wit) in the fourth Regiment Virginia as well as he

now recollects in Captain Leftwick's [sic] Company he also served in Captain Dick's Company also of the Virginia Troop but don't recollect the Regiment, and in many other situations during the War, and under different other captains being several times transferred to different Companies during which time he was in Actual Service between four and five years he was at the battle of Hillsborough, Brandywine, Little York [Siege of York September-October 1781] where Cornwallis surrendered [October 19, 1781] and in many Others, and was discharged at Hillsborough by General Greene and the date of his Original Declaration was sometime in the month of September 1818, as well as he now recollects and the number of his pension Certificate is 11273 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 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 whatever and that the whole of my property is set out and described in the Schedule hereto Annexed Marked A which is as follows (to wit) Two cows and two calves \$20, one two year old heifer \$5 – One small 2-year-old Steer \$4; one Colt ten or eleven months old \$5, One Sow and One pig \$2.50 – that he pursues no Occupation on account of his inability to pursue any Occupation from old age that he has no family that he is unable from Inability an old age to support himself without the aid of private or public benevolence.

S/ Robert Hill, X his mark

[In a letter dated May 9, 1822 to the Commissioner of Pensions, the veteran makes reference to a nephew John Daugherty, deceased, who had helped the veteran make his initial application for a pension but who had since died.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing September 16, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years and 6 months in the Virginia Continental line.]