

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Hill S5528

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State of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 7th day of November 1832

On this 7th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the County Court of Albemarle now sitting Richard Hill a resident of Albemarle County and State of Virginia aged Seventy Seven years, who being first sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The declarant states that he entered the service of the United States under Captain Harris, the day and year he cannot state being a very illiterate man. He was a drafted militia man, he thinks that he was about twenty years of age when he entered the service, if right in this, the draft must of been made in the year 1775 in this conjecture he cannot place confidence as he has no register of his age nor memorandum to refer to refresh his memory. He says that John Taliaferro was Lieutenant and Richard Durrett Ensign. Upon this tour he marched first to Richmond, thence to Yorktown or Hampton and was in service two months at least; that Jonathan Munday entered the service with him who is now alive & a resident of Albemarle County, and they served together until discharged. He was in no action but saw the British fleet off Hampton in the Bay. He says he was under the command of General Nelson [probably Thomas Nelson]. He lived in the County of Albemarle at the time of the draft; though he was born in the County of Orange on the 15th of September in the year 1755, that he has no register of his age, he does not know that any was ever made, that the first tour of duty lasted two months. The declarant further states that he served a second tour of duty as a drafted militia man, that he this tour he entered under Captain Bennett Henderson and belonged to Colonel Lindsay's [Reuben Lindsay's] Regiment, thence he was marched by the wilderness Tavern in the line between the Counties of Orange and Spotsylvania, that this expedition was commanded by the Marquis Lafayette; From the wilderness he marched into Culpeper County and there rested a few days thence marched back to Raccoon Ford on the Rapidan River in the County of Orange, thence marched across what is called the three notches road, and cut a road through the County of Louisa now known by the name of the Marquis' road and was marched through Richmond soon after Tarlton's [Banastre Tarleton's] expedition by Charlottesville and the evacuation of Richmond by the British troops, and discharge some distance below Richmond, this tour was of two months duration.

The declarant further states that he was drafted in Albemarle and served two tours of duty in that County at the Barracks there erected for the prisoners which he thinks were taken at ___ the most of whom were Hessians, that during this tour he was under Captain Henderson – These

tours were two months each. He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service, that he is wholly unable to state with precision the months or years he entered the service for these different tours. That he was born in the County of Orange near Raccoon Ford. He says he moved to Albemarle when quite young and has resided in that County ever since. He does not recollect ever to have had a written discharge. He says that John Goss who is a minister of the Gospel in the Baptist Church is his neighbor and that Wiley Dickerson, John Douglass and John Bowcock are his neighbors who can testify as to his reputation. He further states that shortly previous to the time Cornwallis was taken [October 19, 1781], he was again drafted and hired a substitute to whom he gave two thousand dollars Continental money & that he was taken before the tour was out. That this makes the period of eight months service besides the tour he served as a substitute.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Hill, X his mark

Thereupon the Court propounded to the Applicant in open Court the following Interrogatories

1. Where and in what year were you born?

A. I was born in Orange County State of Virginia in 1755.

2. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

A. I have none.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live?

A. When called into service I lived in Albemarle County Virginia where I continued to live since the Revolution & where I now live.

4. How were you called into Service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom?

A. I was drafted.

5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. I don't now remember more than I have stated in my declaration.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

A. I don't recollect that I had any written discharge.

[John Goss, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia.]