

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Hill S5531

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State of Virginia. Prince Edward Count Sc. Be it known that at a court held for said County being a court of record on this 26th day of August 1832 William Hill exhibited in court the following petition and affidavit. "State of Virginia Prince Edward County Sc. on this 17th day of August 1832. personally appeared before me James McDearmon a justice of the peace for said County, William Hill a resident of the state and county aforesaid aged 74 years the 22nd ultimo. who being first duly 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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. Viz. In 1780 June 15 , he marched from the Head[?] Lynches tavern in the County of Caroline Va under Capt James Johnson, Lieut. Pemberton and Ensign Reuben Samuel, to Hillsborough North Carolina, at which place a Regiment was organised under Colo Holt Richardson of King William County Va, Lieutenant Colo Glen and Maj Boyd [sic: Boyce], which was under the command of General [Edward] Stevens. from Hillsborough he marched to mast Ferry, on Pedee river [sic: Mask's Ferry between Anson and Richmond counties NC on Pee Dee River], thence to Camden [SC], where he was engaged in a Battle under General [Horatio] Gates against Lord Cornwallis [16 Aug 1780]. thence he retreated to Hillsborough, and new garden [in present Greensboro NC] and returned home making a tour of four months absence from home. In 1780 the latter part of the winter he marched from Edward Taylors in Hanover County Va. under Capt Edward Bullock to Williamsburg, where a regiment was formed under Colo Mathews [probably Sampson Matthews] and Maj'r. Armstead, from thence they marched to old James Town thence various routes to Richmond, where they were joined by General Lafayette [29 April 1781], thence a retreat and was discharged at Byrds Ordinary in Louisa the last of May 1781, making three months. In 1781 the last of August, he marched from John Morrils tavern Hanover County Va under Capt John Thompson to old Williamsburg Va. where a regiment was formed under Colo Dark & Maj Armstead, which was also commanded by General Stevens. from thence to a certain[?] mill, thence to spring field, thence to Pigeon Hill near Yorktown, where Cornwallis was besieghed and taken [19 Oct 1781]; he was discharged a few days before the surrender of Cornwallis, making a tour of three months. His original discharge in all the above tours are lost; he knows of no person living by whom he could prove his services, having removed to his present residence or vicinity 51 years ago and having little or no intercourse with his old acquaintances in Hanover which is upwards of 100 miles distant. In the above cases he filled his own place in the service agreeable to a regular asline[?] of duty, having first filled his place in Caroline County in the sixth Division, he removed to Hanover and was called upon in the last mentioned county very soon to perform a [illegible word] the fifth division of Hanover, having filled its service and he still returning his number, Viz. the sixth, he was consequently called upon again. He hereby relinquishes his every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not in the pension roll of the agency of any state.

William Hill