

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hill S5536

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Virginia Hanover County SS

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of the County of Hanover now sitting John Hill a resident of said County and State aforesaid aged eighty-two years, 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 7th 1832.

That he volunteered in the minute service of his own state in the County of Hanover in January 1776 and was a Corporal in the company of Captain John Winston with Thomas Price Lieutenant and John Hendrick Ensign – that the company was drilled at Taylor's Tavern in Hanover and was called into service in the first of April – that he marched with his company to Hanover Town and there joined the other Company of Hanover under Captain Dabney, and the one from Louisa under Captain James Dabney – marched thence to Williamsburg and York to Hampton in their the Regiment was organized under the command of Colonel Samuel Meredith and Major James – that there they took the place of the Regular Regiment and remained till sometime in October – then removed to Portsmouth and again took the place of the Regulars and remained there till Christmas and were then discharged making nine months service, that he was in no battle – saw no regular troops, and remembers no event of interest except the Declaration of Independence when there was a great bonfire and dance – That on the 5th of January 1781 he was drafted on the occasion of Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion – that he marched as a Corporal in the company of William O. Winston from Hanover, but at Williamsburg was attached to the company of Captain Richardson – marched by Richmond in Madbum Hills [Malvern Hills] to Williamsburg and then to Sandy Point, and was there discharged after three months service – that he was in no battle, saw no regular troops but was commanded by one Major ___ Dick, was employed in guarding boats at Sandy Point and met with no event of note – that again in the month of September in the same year he was drafted and served as a Corporal, a tour of two months under the command of Lieutenant Bumpass, and was employed in guarding prisoners for the first month at Hanover Court House, and the second at Richmond – was at Hanover Court House when General Washington's baggage passed and repairs [were made to] one of the carriages – that he saw many regular troops pass the courthouse but does not remember particulars, and was in no battle nor does he recollect any material event – that he was born in the County of Hanover near his present residence, and was drafted from that County – was born on the 28th March 1750, has no register – that he never received a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence – that Captain Thomas Price,¹ Hensley Grubbs² and John

¹ [Thomas Price S5954](#)

² [Hensley Grubbs S37962](#)

Mallory³ are the only persons in his knowledge who can testify to any part of his service – And that he refers to Philip B. Winston the Reverend William Wood and William D Winston Esquire for his character for veracity and the reputation of his service – 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 –

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Hanover Virginia in 1750 on the 25th of March

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

The record of my age was burnt in my father's house 1774

3. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

Always in the same neighborhood.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom?

Answer. First volunteered and then drafted twice as above stated.

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

Answer. I remember Colonels Meriwether & Hardiman and as to the rest of my Declaration contains the truth.

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

Answer. I never received a discharge other than a verbal one.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity, and there belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Reverend William Wood, Philip B Winston Esquire and William D Winston.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Hill

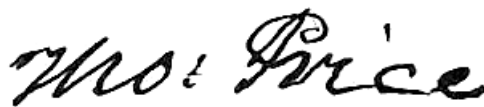
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Hill". Above the signature, the word "WAS" is written in small, faint letters.

[William Wood, a clergyman, and William D Winston gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I Thomas Price a resident of the said County hereby certify that John Hill who has subscribed the foregoing declaration was a member of the Company of minute men from Hanover under the command of Captain Winston, that he marched with that company to Hampton and then to Portsmouth, and that he served out the whole term till the troops were discharged.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Price

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thos. Price".

I John Mallory a resident of the said County hereby certify that John Hill who has subscribed the

³ [John Mallory W3436](#)

foregoing declaration served in the year 1776 in the minute service in the company from Hanover under Captain Winston that he marched with the troops to Hampton and afterwards to Portsmouth and continued in service till discharged in the last of December.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Mallory, X his mark

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On this 27th day of September 1832 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace and a Judge of the Court of the said County Hensley Grubbs a Citizen of said County, and as it appears to me, a credible person, who being first duly sworn deposes, that he has known John Hill an applicant for a pension under the late act of Congress, ever since his boyhood – that they joined the minute service at the same time in the company from Hanover under Captain John Winston, that he and said Hill marched into service at the same time and that he served the whole of service at Hampton and Portsmouth, making 9 months service. Given under my hand the day and year aforesaid

S/ P. H. Price, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50.71 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Corporal for 13 months and 25 days in the Virginia service.]