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Pension Application of Edward Hughes S5574

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State of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County, 7th January, 1833.

On this 7th day of January, 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle, now sitting, being a court of record, Edward Hughes, a resident of the county of Albemarle, and State aforesaid, aged seventy seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832;

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States at Charlottesville in Albemarle County, where he then resided, under Capt. Wm. Fontaine [William Fontaine]; and marched under him to the Long Bridge, near Norfolk, where he was attached to the 14th Regiment [sic: not authorized until Oct 1776], commanded by Colo. Charles Lewis and was in the engagement with the enemy at that place [Battle of Great Bridge, 9 Dec 1775] – from thence he was marched to Norfolk where he remained until the enemy burnt Norfolk [1 Jan 1776] & continued in service there till the period for which he was enlisted, being twelve months, was out – when he was marched to Richmond & discharged. From thence he returned to Albemarle, where, in a short time, he again enlisted in the Army of the United States, for three years, under Capt. John Marks – was marched, in a short time, to Fredericksburg – thence to Dumfries, where he, with the other Troops, were inoculated for the small pox – was then marched to Alexandria, where the troops remained till they recovered from the inoculation – from thence they were conveyed by water to Baltimore & from thence by water to Philadelphia. At Philadelphia he was attached to the 14th Regiment, still commanded by Col. Charles Lewis – he was in the battles of Brandy-Wine [Brandywine, 11 Sep 1777] & German Town [Germantown, 4 Oct 1777] – being still commanded by Jno. Marks & Col. Charles Lewis. After these battles he was removed from the 14th Regiment, or it was broken up by the service it had undergone [renumbered as 10th Virginia Regiment, 1778], & he was attached to the 1st Virginia Regiment, & was under the command of Lieut. Matt. Jouett; Capt. Jno. Marks, & Col. Richard Campbell & was marched by the way of Baltimore & Fredericksburg to Chesterfield C. H. in Virginia, where the troops to which he was attached remained during the winter – from Chesterfield C. H. he was marched on in the Spring to North and South Carolina – where his regiment was attached to the army commanded by Gen. Greene [Southern Department commanded by Nathanael Greene beginning early Dec 1780] – whilst in the South he was in the battle of Guildford C. H. [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] & Siege of Ninety Six [SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. He was also in the battle of Eutaw Springs [SC, 8 Sep 1781] a short time after which he was discharged & returned again to Albemarle where he has resided ever since. He cannot recollect the years in which he enlisted, nor in which the foregoing events took place. He further states, that he was born on the 4th day of March, 1756 – there was a record of his age but it, as well as the two discharges he received from service, have been destroyed by his dwelling being consumed by fire. He refers to Jno. Jones; Sabrit King [pension application W9253] & Wm. Kerby [W7998], who can testify as to his veracity, & their belief & knowledge that he was a soldier in the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

Edward hisXmark

Hughes

Thereupon the court propounded to applicant the following interrogatories.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in [blank] county the 4th day of March, 1756.

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

Ans. I had a record of my age, but it was destroyed by fire.

3^d. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I lived in Albemarle County, Va. where I have lived ever since the Revolutionary war, and where I now live.

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

Ans. I enlisted in the Army of the United States, twice.

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?

Ans. In my first term of service I was under Capt. Wm. Fontaine & the Regiment was under the command of Col. Chas. Lewis – in the second term I enlisted under Capt. Jno. Marks & the Regiment still commanded by Col. Ch. Lewis. I was afterwards attached to the 1st Va. Regiment commanded by Lieut. Matthew Jouett; Capt. John Marks & Col. Richard Campbell & this Regiment joined the army commanded by Gen. Greene. – the general circumstances of my services, I have stated fully in my declaration.

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

Ans. I recieved a discharge at the end of each term of service, but by whom given, I do not now recollect – they were both destroyed by fire.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known, and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief or knowledge of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Ans. I refer to Sabrit King, Jno. Jones and Wm Kerby, who can testify as to my services, as a soldier of the Revolution.

[Sabrit King and John Jones deposed that they had served with Hughes in the North, and William Kerby deposed that he had served with him in the South.]

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Edw'd. Hughs/ age and height omitted/ farmer/ born and residing in Albemarle County/ light-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted for the duration of the war, date of enlistment omitted.

Hughes died on 27 Nov 1835 leaving unnamed children.