

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Joshua Hill S7017
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State of North Carolina, Beaufort County

On this 21st day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions of said County, now sitting, Joshua Hill, a resident Citizen of the said County aged about 75 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: that is to say – he enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Armstrong, who commanded a Corps called minute men in the County of Pitt in this State & his enlistment was in said County – perhaps in the year 1778 or '9 – as his recollection is too imperfect to be exact as to dates – his term of enlistment was for six months & he served out his said enlistment in Captain Armstrong's company, Colonel Gorham was Commander of the Regiment, but has forgotten the Major's name. His said Company was marched for Camden South Carolina but did not reach there in consequence of the Enemy being there in strong force – and this was marched through the Scotch & Tory settlements near Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, in this State, and was in the Battle at the said Cross or Moore's Creek – after which, the residue of his term of service was spent in the lower parts of North Carolina – where he was discharged. About 12 months after his discharge & returned home, he volunteered for a term of three months in the Company of Captain Hodge, in the line of Continental troops of said State; -- this latter engagement of service was also made in the said County of Pitt – and he performed it in the said Company & was discharged at the expiration of his said engagement, near the Town of Salisbury in the said State: but has entirely forgotten the names of the Superior Officers with whom he had but a very slight acquaintance. He has no documents at this late day to show his service or to refresh his memory, having mislaid or lost all he had very many years ago. All those of his neighbors who served with him in the Army are now dead – and he knows of no person who can testify to his service.


He is now old & unable to labor & in narrow circumstances & has a family dependent on him for support.

He hereby relinquishes his 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, except that of the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Ellison, Clk

S/ Joshua Hill

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Hill". The signature is written in a cursive style with some ink bleed-through or smudging.

[Lodowick Reddit & Thomas Allen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]