

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hough S7026

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State of Pennsylvania City of Philadelphia: SS

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1834 personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania now sitting John Hough a resident of the District of Northern Liberties in the County of Philadelphia aforesaid aged seventy-nine 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 provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. This deponent removed to Loudoun County Virginia in the year 1778 where he continued to reside till the year 1782. When General Arnold [Benedict Arnold] invaded Virginia the militia were called out to oppose him & this Declarant was drafted to serve for three months in the beginning of January 1781 and he went out as a private in Captain Emory's Company of Drafted militia, belonging to Colonel Peyton's Regiment about the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 1781 as a private. The company was composed of classes of Loudoun County militia. The company rendezvoused at a ford on Goose Creek (near which this declarant resided at a mill he then occupied) on the road leading from Leesburg to Alexandria. The Companies composing the Regiment of Colonel Peyton also assembled at the same place where they remained a short time until joined by the Colonel & then marched to Fauquier Court House thence to Charlottesville thence towards Richmond where Arnold had destroyed a large quantity of provisions and property; and encamped here a short time. Captain Emory's Company and all the companies belonging to Colonel Peyton's Regiment continued to march from place to place in the neighborhood of James River and Petersburg and Williamsburg in order to prevent the British from marauding and destroying the stores and property in the vicinity, during the whole period for which we were drafted, and were actively engaged during this period, during which time the British Army and soldiers committed a great excesses on the people. Captain Emory's Company and this declarant was discharged about the middle of April 1781 and arrived at home about ten days afterward. From the time declarant marched to join the company at Goose Creek to his arrival at home after his discharge (during all which time he was in the service of the United States) he was in the service at least three months and a half. General Baron Steuben had the General command during this time as Declarant was almost a stranger in Virginia when he was

drafted and removed from the state in 1782 he does not remember the names of all the places the Company marched through and by during this campaign. After Lord Cornwallis returned from North Carolina Declarant was drafted again to turn out about the first of July 1781 to serve a tour of three months in the Militia, he then resided in in Leesburg (to which place he had removed from Goose Creek after his first tour) when this last draft was made, and went out again as a private in Captain Smith's Company of Leesburg Militia attached to Colonel Humphreys Regiment between the first and 6<sup>th</sup> of July 1781. This company was composed of classes and met at Leesburg where they remained a few days when the Company and Regiment and this declarant marched to Fauquier Court House, thence to Gloucester County, down the North side of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers to a place on the North side of York River nearly opposite York Town in Gloucester County before mentioned where the Regiment of Colonel Humphreys encamped with the American Army then under the command of General Lafayette and remained with the Army till after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781]. The time of this company which was drafted for three months expired about the first of October 1781 but the company was urged to remain and agreed to remain till the capture of Cornwallis. After Cornwallis surrendered Colonel Humphreys guarded a number of British prisoners (about 500) to Nowlands ferry [Noland's ferry] on the Potomac River, about 12 miles from Leesburg, where they were taken into the charge of the Maryland militia after which Colonel Humphreys marched his Regiment to Leesburg where the whole Regiment was discharged a few days after about the first day of November 1781. Declarant was out in the service at least three months and twenty-five days on this tour. He was not in any battle this tour except a skirmish where the British attempted to cross the York River and were repulsed. Declarant well remembers General Washington, Generals Lafayette and Wayne [Anthony Wayne] at Yorktown. There were many French officers there also whose names he does not recollect. General Washington joined the Army in August. Declarant from age and loss of memory cannot state the names of all the officers who served at the time he was in the Service, nor all the places through which he marched during his service in the two tours above mentioned, nor the precise time he marched out and returned home, but according to the best of his recollection he marched out and returned the times above mentioned and that he served not less than three months and a half as a private in Captain Emory's Company of Drafted militia and three months and twenty-five days as a private in Captain Smith's Company of drafted militia, in all not less than seven months *and ten days, for which service he claims a pension. He has no documentary evidence of his services* and knows of no person living who can testify to his services in the Revolutionary war from their personal knowledge. 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. Declarant was born in Warminster Township Books County Pennsylvania on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1755 and is now weak and infirm.
2. He has no record of his age which was recorded in his father's family Bible, which some years ago was in the possession of his sister in law Mrs. Humphreys but he does not now know where to find the same.
3. Lived on Goose Creek Loudoun County Virginia when called into the service the first time above mentioned and in Leesburg in Loudoun County Virginia when called into the service the second tour above mentioned, and continued to reside in Leesburg till the fall of 1782 when I removed to Philadelphia County Pennsylvania and remained there till 1786 when I removed to Bucks County Pennsylvania and lived there till 1791 when I removed to the County of Philadelphia where I continued to reside to the present time and now live.

[4.] I was called into the service as a drafted militia man and served as such both tours above mentioned except the latter part of the second tour when my time having expired during the siege of Yorktown, I was requested to remain in service till the event of the siege and voluntarily remained till the Surrender of Lord Cornwallis & the delivery of the prisoners to other Authority at the Potomac as above mentioned by Colonel Humphreys.

5. The names of the Regular officers who were with the troops where I served as near as I can recollect and the general circumstances of my services are stated in my declaration, above may, and the reason an earlier application was not made I had been told and thought I must go to Virginia to make the application where I served until otherwise informed about two months ago.

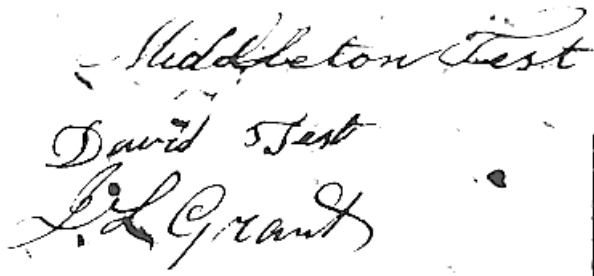
6. I never received any written discharge. At the expiration of each tour the company was discharged by a verbal orders from the Captain which is the way all of the militia were discharged as I always understood.

7. I am known to Jacob Lukens Grant, David Test, Joseph Jackson, Isaac W Norris, Isaiah James, Middleton Test and Doctor Chalhby James in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ John Hough



[Jacob Lukens Grant, Middleton Test and David Test gave the standard supporting affidavit.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.42 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private in the Virginia militia for 7 months and 10 days.]