

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Edwin Hickman Sr. S8712¹

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State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On the 15th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for said County, now sitting (being a court of record having by Law a seal and clerk) Edwin Hickman a resident of Stokes County and State of North Carolina aged 70 years on the ninth day of August last, 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 seventh 1832, That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated (Viz.)

This applicant states he entered in the North Carolina militia as a drafted soldier for three months under the command of Captain Absalom Bostick sometime in the month of June 1780 – that he rendezvoused at Old Richmond then the County seat of Surry now included in Stokes County from thence marched to Salisbury in Roan [sic, Rowan] County N. C. from thence to Phifer's Mill, thence he says he marched and joined General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] brigade, near Beatties Ford on the Catawba [River] thence back to Salisbury remained there a few days, that he then marched to the trading Ford on the Yadkin [River], returned to Salisbury and there remained for the space of between 10 and 15 days. From Salisbury at he marched southwardly and having been taken sick on the route was left by permission left in the care of a Mr. Bluman. He states that he was in actual service about seven or eight weeks previous to his illness and was not called upon after his recovery from sickness by which he was disabled or five or six weeks. This term of service was for three months, the performance of which he has no other means of proving but by his own oath. He further states that in the spring of 1781 he served a tour of four weeks under Captain Gaines or Captain Cloud and received a discharge from Captain Gaines which is enclosed.

He also states that he served a tour of six weeks under the above named Captains, this company was attached to the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens], during this campaign that he was in a battle against the British at Alamance in Guilford County North Carolina. That he was also in an engagement at Whitesell's [sic, Wetzel's] mill on the Reedy fork of Haw River also in Guilford County, that he received a discharge for the above tour of six weeks which is also enclosed. He states that in the above stated tours Major Joseph Winston was his Major.

In the fall of 1781 that he served a tour of three months under Captain Humphreys in General

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Rutherford's Brigade and in Col. James Martin's Regiment for which term of service a discharge from his Captain is enclosed countersigned by Colonel Martin.

He also states that he served a tour of two or three weeks under Captain James, whose company was attached to the command of Major Smith & Colonel William Shepperd, he has no means by which he can prove the last named tour but by his own oath.

He swears that he was born in Culpeper County in the State of Virginia on the ninth of August 1762 and that when he first entered the service he was living in Surry County North Carolina and is now living in the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina and has done since the year 1789, that he entered the service as above stated, that he has stated the officers, Regiments, service and all the circumstances relating thereto as nearly at this time as near as it is in his power to recollect.

That he never received any discharge but what is herein stated and enclosed. That he is known to John Venables Esq. and Joshua Cox senior who can and will testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of [the] revolution.

S/ John Venables, JP

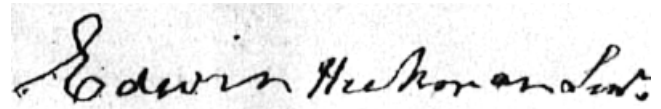
S/ Joshua Cox

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

Test:

S/ Jas B. Frost

S/ Edwin Hickman, Sen^r.



Sworn to and subscribed this 14th day of December 1832.

S/ J. S. Venables

S/ Jas [?] Winston

S/ Jas B. Frost

State of North Carolina, Stokes County

On this the 20th day of April A.D. 1855, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace, with in and for the County and State aforesaid Edwin Hickman and a resident of the County & State aforesaid aged 93 years who being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Edwin Hickman who was a private in the Company commanded by Captain Absalom Bostick in the Regiment of North Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel James Martin in the Revolutionary War; and that he (see old papers) in (the old papers) County & State of (see old Pension papers) on this __ day of __ A. D. 17__ for the term of __ and continued in actual service in said war for the term to of more than 14 days and was honorably discharged at __ in the State of __ on the __ day of __ A. D. 17__ all of which will more fully appear on reference to a declaration with the evidence of service filed by this applicant in the War department upon which a certificate of pension issued on the 19th day of February 1833.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which he may be entitled under the Act passed the 3rd day of March 1855. He also declares that he has never received or applied for County land under this or any act of Congress. And that J. Mastin Esq. of Winston, Forsyth County & State of North Carolina is duly authorized to prosecute this his claim and receive any warrant that may issued thereon.

S/ Edwin Hickman {Seal}

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Camp at Baldwin

Edwin Hickman a Soldier in Capt Humphres Company

from Surry Colonel James Martins Regiment
 having faithfully served the 3 months tower
 of Duty to Wilmington and is hereby discharged
 by order of Brigadier Genl. Rutherford
 November 15th 1781 D. Humphres Capt
 Countersigned Ja Martin Col

A handwritten military discharge certificate on aged, stained paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Edwin Hickman at Baldwin a Soldier in Capt & Officers Company from Surry Col: James Martins Regiment having faithfully served the 3 months tower of Duty to Wilmington and is hereby Discharged by order of Brigadier Genl. Rutherford November 15th 1781 D. Humphres Capt Countersigned Ja Martin Col". There is a small number "55" written in the right margin.

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 June[?] the 24th Day 1781 N. Carolina Surry County
 This may Cartify that Edwin Hickman Sarved Six
 Weeks Last spring ? Which was to be Considered in part
 of a tower of Duuty By order of Jenaral Davason
 When the British Mached throw this State Given
 Under my hand James Gains Capt

A handwritten military certificate on aged, stained paper. The text is written in cursive and reads: "Sept the 24th Day 1781 N. Carolina Surry County This may Cartify that Edwin Hickman Sarved Six Weeks Last spring which was to be Considered in part of a tower of Duuty By order of Jenaral Davason When the British Mached throw this State Given Under my hand James Gains Capt". A circular seal is visible at the bottom center of the document.

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 Sept the 23d 1781 N. Carolina
 This may Cartify that Mr Edwin Hickman
 Served for weekes Last Spring in part of
 the ? with ? pickkins against
 the British in this State Given under
 My hand James Gains Capt

Sept. the 20th 1781 Col. Garrison
This may certify that Mr. Edwin Garrison
served for several years in the
army of the United States against
the British in the State of Georgia
my hand & seal James O'Connell
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$29.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months and 24 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]