

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Hilliard S9576

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State of No Carolina } Court of Pleas & Q'ter Sessions  
Warren County } August Term 1832.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court now sitting, Thomas Hilliard of the County aforesaid, aged about 70 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832 – towit–;

That he was born in the County of New Kent – State of Virginia – that when quite young his Parents moved and settled in the County of Granville NoCarolina. That he does not know his precise age having no register of it but is confident he is upwards of seventy years old. About the last of February 1779 he volunteered in Granville aforesaid for three months in the Militia under the command of Capt. Smith Lieut Rice, both of said County. that the company to which he was attached was marched to James Bilboe's fishery on Roanoke River in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia where they were employed in catching and harvesting shad for the army – the fishery and seine being pressed for that purpose. That he received at the end of the three months from Capt. Smith as he now thinks a discharge which he has lost or mislaid & cannot now find. In the next year 1780 the class to which he belonged furnished a substitute which exempted it from the draft then called for – About the last of January 1781 he was drafted in the County of Granville aforesaid for three months service as a Militia man under the command of Capt. Gideon Gooch and was marched with his company to Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] N. Carolina where they joined the twelve months men [militiamen drafted for 12 months] commanded by Col. [Nicholas] Long of the County of Halifax N.C. and Maj'r. Armstrong. That he remained at that place and was employed with the Militia and State troops in protecting the General Assembly of N. Carolina then and there convened and in keeping the Tories in check, who had threatened the General assembly and committed much mischief in the neighborhood and country around under Col. [David] Fanning by plundering houses – destroying property – and in some instances killing the Whigs. This affiant states that at the expiration of this second service he received a discharge from Col. Long as well as he remembers but this with his other discharge has been lost or mislaid, so that he cannot now find them – never considering them of any use after the termination of the war. He recollects the names of Capt. [John] Trent & Capt. McFarland who commanded companies of militia at Hillsboro at that period. During the latter service he heard that the battle of Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] was fought and that Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] afterwards marched with the American forces under his command towards the South and Cornwallis with the British troops toward Wilmington N.C. and back through Halifax N.C. to Virginia.

This affiant hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any state and that he never has received any compensation for his services.

He knows of no person by whose personal knowledge he can prove his services & the only corroborating testimony in his power is that provided by the respectable persons who have sworn to and subscribed the annexed affidavit. He lived in Granville during his services aforesaid within a very few miles of his present residence the County of Warren where he has ever since resided being taken from the County of Granville – it was first called Bute – and afterwards Warren.

Sworn to in open Court

