

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hide (Hyde) S9601

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State of North Carolina Macon County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions April Court 1836

This 13 day of April 1836 personally appeared William Hyde aged seventy-six years in open Court before the justices of said court now in session being a Court of Record for the County & State aforesaid said William Hyde being a resident citizen of said County & State 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 and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service as a volunteer private Soldier on or about the 1st of October 1780 under Captain James Ramsey under General William Davidson (he was afterwards killed at Cowans Ford in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina in 1783) for a 3 months Tour which he served out & was discharged & was discharged by Captain George Smith also then commanded the company at call Barringer's in the County of Rowan North Carolina at the end of the 3 months the term of his enlistment.

Entered again & next as a substitute for private Joseph Smith on or about the 1st of April 1781 under Captain John McFarland at the Fort on Catawba River in Burke County North Carolina on the Frontier against the Cherokees. The Fort called John Davidson's Fort for the term of 3 months & served out the same & was discharged & discharged by Captain McFarland. Entered again as a substitute for Henry Helterbrand [Henry Hilderbrand?] for the term of 3 months on or about the 1st of February 1781 under Captain Daniel Smith who commanded the upper Fort on the Catawba River in Burke County North Carolina Served out the Term in said Fort and was discharged by said Daniel Smith at said Fort.

I was next a volunteer under Captain Samuel Killian against the Cherokees in the year __ made an incursion into the Cherokee Country burnt their towns on the Cowee [River] & Round about in what is now Macon County North Carolina and returned at the expiration of one month

and was discharged about the last of September or 1st of October the same year by said Captain Samuel Killian.

That in the first term of 3 months when he was under General Davidson they fell under General Green [Nathanael Greene] in Mecklenburg and served under him when the British were at Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina that Colonel Washington of the Dragoons, General Morgan of the Rifle Corps, General Smallwood as he thinks he was styled and many Regular or Continental officers served at the same time & places, that he has no documentary evidence of his services, that he knows of, no person who can testify to his services unless some of the old man of Burke should be alive & to be come at by him which he does not know.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

When and where were you born?

ans. I was born in Pennsylvania Lancaster County

Have you any record of your age?

Answer I have not.

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

I lived in Burke County North Carolina when called into service; I continued to live in Burke for 3 years I then moved to Lincoln North Carolina and lived there from that time until about 1791 or 2 then moved back to Burke & lived there until 1795 or thereabouts & then moved & lived in what was then Buncombe but now Hay [Haywood] County, NC and now the part of it which is the present County of Macon where we now are and where I now live.

How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute? & For whom?

The first tour of 3 months I was a volunteer, the next tour of 3 months I was a substitute for Joseph Smith, the last tour of 3 months I was a Substitute for Henry Hilterbrand & the last time that I served only one month against the Cherokees I was a volunteer

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

The regular & Continental officers I recollect seeing in the service were General Green, General Morgan, Colonel Washington & General Smallwood. I entered the service as a volunteer under Captain James Ramsay of Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment of militia [spelled 'materia'] General William Davidson commander of the Militia marched into Charlotte as soon as the enemy left & there we fell under General Green pursued the British thence through the Waxhaw settlements & to the Big Pedee [River] in South Carolina, there encamped 8 or 10 days: crossed the River & marched down 15 or 20 miles & there encamped until my time expired & I was discharged. The 2 next tours of 3 months each I was a Substitute for Joseph Smith at Davidsons Fort on the Frontiers as before stated Served the 3 months out in Fort & was discharged, also the next term of 3 months when I served as substitute for Henry Hillerbrand at the upper Fort as before stated I served the 3 months out in Fort & was discharged. Winter serving the 2 tours at the forts as above stated General Charles McDowell of the militia was chief in command & also was he in the last term of Service of one month when his Army came over against the Cherokees we marched from the line of forts on the Catawba in Burke crossed the mountains & destroyed the Cherokee towns in what was then called the middle settlements we killed but 3 Indians & wounded to General McDowell's force was but 300 men and we learned that the Cherokee were

embodied 900 strong over at the Overhill towns & we advanced no further for our time of engagement was just about to be out & when my time was out I was discharged by Captain Killian on Richland in the Indian Country & every man had to shift for himself as our provisions had been given out.

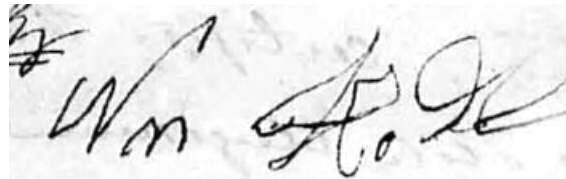
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

The 1st tour I received a discharge in writing from Captain George Smith who then was in command of Captain Ramsey's Company, but have long since lost it believing it was of no value but in my service at the forts & against the Indians I received no written discharge, at Davidsons Fort I was discharged by Captain John McFarland who was then in command, at the upper Fort I was discharged by Captain Daniel Smith & by Captain Samuel Killian on the last tour of one month.

State the name [of] persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior & your service of the Revolution.

Amongst many others but few of whom can he can get here at court are Charles Stiles Esquire & John McDowell Esquire both clergyman and old Mr. Ute Sherrill.

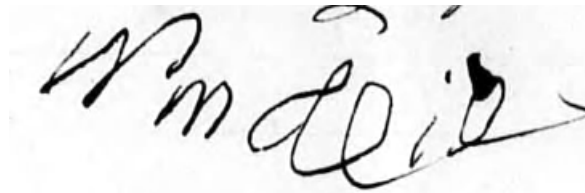
S/ Wm Hodl

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Hodl". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Charles Stiles, a clergyman and Ute Sherrill gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Macon County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Court 1836
This 10th day of October 1836 personally appeared William Hyde in open Court being a Court of Record and being duly sworn in open court on his oath says that owing to age infirmity and loss of memory he cannot recollect dates any better than by him stated in his declaration heretofore made – that he has used all the exertions he is capable of and that he cannot find other living witnesses of his service, other than Stephen Ballew of Burke who has made the affidavit hereunto annexed marked (8). He further swears he verily believes he served as by him set forth that he has made a diligent search for other persons who had served with him but that all of them are either dead or removed away so that they cannot be found by him. He is poor old infirm and yet had to walk at least 250 miles for the purpose of making search for witnesses & to procure the testimony of said Ballew.

Sworn to in open Court

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Hyde". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

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State of North Carolina Burke County

This day came Stephen Ballew¹ before me Robert C Pierson one of the acting Justices of the Peace for Burke County in the State of North Carolina and maketh oath that he is well acquainted with William Hyde now of Macon County but formerly of Lincoln County North Carolina and that he was well acquainted with him during the War of the Revolution that he served with said William Hyde as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution against the Common Enemy in the State of North Carolina and South Carolina in the southern campaign under General Green [Nathanael Greene]. That he Ballew belonged to the company of Captain Clark and Hyde the company of Captain George Smith in the same Regiment the name of the commanding Colonel not now recollected that they served for 3 months together and were both honorable discharged and that he served with said William Hyde for 3 months at the old Fort in Burke County during the revolution protecting the frontiers against the Cherokee Indians and was honorable [honorably] discharged, and afterwards served a tour of 2 months at a place called Davidsons Fort in Burke County with said William Hyde and that he does not now recollect whether Hyde was discharged at the same time that he was but to the best of his recollection he Ballew did not serve but 2 months in the last tour and was honorable discharged.

S/ Stephen Ballew, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Stephen Ballew S16835](#)