

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Highnote (Hignote, Hignot) W10108

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State of Indiana Washington County: SS

In the Washington Circuit Court October Term 1833 –

On this 12th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of said Court now sitting it being a Court of Record Philip Highnote a resident of the said County of Washington and State of Indiana aged eighty 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 he entered said service in March 1776 at the County of Richmond in the State of Georgia where he then resided by enlisting as a private Soldier for one-year into a company under the command of Captain Green, Agnatuis Few [Ignatius Few] was one of his lieutenants, the company was attached to the Battalion under Major Havershaw [perhaps a mistaken reference to John Habersham], and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Elbert [Samuel Elbert]; the whole forces were under General McIntosh [Lachlan McIntosh] – these troops were raised by the State of Georgia, and called the Georgia State troops & did not belong to the Continental Establishment – that the Battalion to which this declarant belonged was raised to defend the Sea Board, that he marched with said Battalion in said company to Savannah, and performed duty in said company during the whole period of his enlistment (1 year) which service consisted in defending Savannah and the Sea Board in that quarter, was at Savannah when the news came of the declaration of independence – that the troops at Savannah were sickly during that year, and about 400 out of 700 died, – that he received a written discharge at that place, having served as stated the full term of one year – which discharge is lost.

Afterwards about the month of September 1777 at the same County of Richmond in the State of Georgia, he again entered said service as an Indian spy and performed duty as such Spy under the orders of Captain Carr & Captain Sinkfield [probably Samuel Sinquefield], who had the command at the station called Carr's & Sinkfield's Stations – that he undertook by engagement with said Captains to serve as such Spy for one-year at \$1 per day, & fired [?] himself – that he served as such the full term of one year from the time of his said engagement which term expired in September or October 1778 & that he never yet received one cent for said service – that his companion who rode with him during said year was killed by the Indians. After said year expired about September 1778 he made another engagement with said Captains to serve 6 months longer as an Indian Spy upon the same terms mentioned in his 1st engagement that he did serve during the whole of said term, in that capacity in company with one Samuel Alexander for which service he received nothing & that said term expired about the month of

March 1779 – that his services all together as an Indian Spy as aforesaid amounted to 18 months

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That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, – He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 –

The declarant further states that he is acquainted with Samuel Applegate a clergyman, whose testimony he procured on a former application & sent to the Department, testified from his acquaintance with him that he was of the age he represents & that he was reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a soldier of the Revolution – that said Applegate is now absent from home, that he is the only Clergyman living in the neighborhood sufficiently acquainted with this declarant to give such testimony, and that he cannot at this time procure the same from a Clergyman without much expense & inconvenience.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

S/ Philip Highnote, P his mark

[William H Carter and Thomas Forsey gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following are the interrogatories propounded by the Court to the said Philip Highnote, with his answers to the same as required by the Department –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Bucks County, near Philadelphia on the 15th day of March 1753 –

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a Record of my age taken from an old Bible by my mother which record is in the hands of my son Philip who is now residing in the County of Jackson, State of Indiana. I have not seen said record for some time past; it may be lost; if it is in existence, it is at the place here named.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I was living in the County of Richmond in the state of Georgia when 1st called into service in March 1776, at the same place when called into service the second time about the month of September 1777. I have lived since the revolution in the State of Georgia for a number of years. I then moved to the State of Tennessee where I lived 12 years, – I then moved to this County of Washington State of Indiana, where I have resided for the last 22 years & now reside, but am about moving to the County of Jackson in said state.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was 1st called into service by enlisting or volunteering into the Georgia State troops, and second, by contract with Captains Carr & Sinkfield to serve as an Indian Spy. –

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

A. In the first service mentioned above the troops in which I served consisted of but one Battalion which was composed of 7 [?] companies under Major Havershaw, the Battalion belonged to Colonel Elbert's Regiment which was under General McIntosh – I cannot recollect the names of the Captains owing to old age and the loss of memory except the one, & lieutenants under whom I served, who are mentioned above –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what

has become of it?

Ans. – When my first term of service mentioned above expired I received a written discharge from some of the officers; who signed it I cannot say; that I cannot read – that I kept said discharge till after I moved to this County when I lost it – that one Cyrus Marsh now residing in said County of Jackson saw said discharge before it is lost, –

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

A. Walter Lockhart, John Pew Esquire, John Martin, Abner Martin, Edmund Martin, Joseph Martin, Benjamin Wells, Henry Wyman, Henry Wyman, Jr., Christian Bisler, Colonel Dover, Joseph Wells, Reuben Wells, Samuel Applegate Clergyman, John Richardson, Thomas Foray & Eli Forsey & Colonel William H Carter –

[f p. 5: On July 3, 1843 in Clay County Indiana, Agnes Hignote, aged 74 years on July 24, 1842, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Philip Hingote [sic], a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in November 1786; that her husband died April 18, 1839; that her maiden name was Agnes Scott; that they were married in Wilkes County Georgia by publication; that they moved from Wilkes County Georgia to Claiborne County Tennessee and from thence to Washington County Indiana and from thence to Putnam County Indiana in which her husband died; since his death she has moved to Clay County Indiana; she gives the dates of the births of her children as set forth below; she signed her application with her mark. F. p. 10: Henry Ernhart and his wife Jane Ernhart gave a supporting affidavit.]

[f p. 24: list of the children of the veteran:

Alexander born July 5, 1788

Mary Magdalena born August 5, 1790 married ___ Welles

Craft born August 3, 1792, not alive in 1843

Charity born July 26, 1794

Jane born August 1, 1796, married March 8, 1831, Henry Ernhart [51 in 1844]

Hiram born April 23, 1798

Philip born December 14, 1801

Asahel born January 11, 1804

Nancy born August 27, 1805

Dorcas born June 24, 1807

all were said to be living in Indiana in 1843 except one daughter living in Missouri, her name not specified.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private one year in the Georgia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]