

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hough ¹ W1183

Elizabeth Hough

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State of North Carolina Anson County

On this the 16 day of December 1832 personally appeared before me Benjamin D. Kirby one of the Acting Magistrates in and for the County of Anson & State aforesaid John Hough Seventy One years of age and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

I John Hough was born in North Hampton [sic, Northampton] County North Carolina in the year 1761 and in the year 1780 about the middle of June I was drafted for a three months Tour and on the 10th of July 1780 the Soldiers was ordered to meet at Halifax NC there I was placed under the command of Colonel Benjamin Sewell [sic, Benjamin Seawell] Lieutenant Colonel William Brickell and Captain Henry Bunn and Lieutenant William Sherrard & Boyen Burnett Ensign from thence we marched to Crabtree NC from thence we marched to Wake Court House NC from thence we marched to Ramsey's Mills on Deep River in Chatham County NC & from thence to Coales Bridge [sic, Cole's Bridge] on Drowning Creek in the County of Cumberland where we remained some time in order to prevent Lord Cornwallis from crossing that stream & to impede him in his march Northward from thence we were ordered to march to Hiksies Mills [Hicks' Mills] in South Carolina in order to join the Army commanded by General Gates [Horatio Gates] which was stationed near or at Camden South Carolina. After reaching Hiksies Mills which was in August 1780 and as well as I can recollect we understood the [sic, that] General Gates was defeated [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] & I saw several of the American Troops retreating from thence we were ordered to march to Chatham County NC & from thence to Bell's Mills on Deep River & from thence to Sloanes Ferry [sic, Sloane's Ferry] on the Adkin River [sic, Yadkin River] from thence we marched to Salisbury NC & from thence to Charlotte NC. From Charlotte NC we had to retreat and was driven back by the British forces commanded by Lord Cornwallace [sic, Cornwallis] & Colonel Talton [sic, Banastre Tarleton]. In Sloane's ferry on the Yadkin River where we remained some time when three hundred men was chosen from Colonel Seawell's Regiment after we reached Salisbury and placed under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] and sent 60 or 70 miles to the Waxhaw settlements to join the Regulars commanded by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] as well as I now recollect among the number chosen I was one where I remained a short time say 5 or 6

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weeks in which place General Greene marched his Army, from the North of us safe from Hillsboro NC when my term of duty expired & I received a discharge from Colonel Benjamin Seawell one half which discharge from time has been mutilated & destroyed but a copy of the same which was recorded by my Brother who served in the Army with me & who is since dead is herewith transmitted with the remainder of the Original Certificate.

Camp near Salisbury the 3rd 1780 this is to certify that the Bearer hereof John Hough from North Hampton County and Colonel Benjamin Seawell's Regiment having performed his Tower of Duty is therefore discharged

Signed Benjamin Seawell

during which time I acted as Sergeant of the Army when I returned home to Northampton County NC where I remained until June 15 1781 when I was again drafted for a three months Tour & was stationed at Halifax North Carolina under the command of Captain Theophilus Thomas & Captain Boyen Bennet [Boyen Burnett] and Lieutenant Colonel William Brickell & Lieutenant John Taylor where we remained until the 22nd of September 1781 during which time we were actively engaged in erecting a Fort to prevent Lord Cornwallis from marching his Army back from Virginia where he was then stationed when intelligence was received that he had been taken by General Washington when I received a Discharge from Theophilus Thomas a copy of which is hereby transmitted with the original and both I served seven months & upwards and was drafted each time.

September 21st Day 1781 this is to certify that John Hough in Captain Thomases Company in Lieutenant Colonel Brickell Regiment has served his Tower of Duty he is Therefore discharged by order of General Jones

Signed Theophilus Thomas Capt.

during which tour I acted as Orderly Sergeant. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Quest 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in North Hampton County North Carolina March 2nd, 1761

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

Answer. My age is recorded in a Book by him my Father in which the age of all his family was recorded by himself, the title of the Book is the *Whole Duty of Man* and is now in my possession

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

Ans: When called into Service I was living in Northampton County NC in a short time after the Revolutionary War I moved to Anson County NC where I now live

Quest 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: -- in each of my Tours I was Drafted

Quest 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.

Answer. The names of the officers & the general circumstances of my Servitude is embodied in my Declaration

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

Answer. For my first tour I received a discharge and it was signed by Benjamin Seawell a part of it has been Torn off & lost the balance I forward with my Declaration & a copy of my discharge which was entered in a Book kept by my Brother who served with me for my last servitude I received a discharge which was signed by Theophilus Thomas Captain which is herewith transmitted. I never received a Commission although I in both tours acted as Sergeant & the last time as orderly Sergeant

Quest 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.

Answer. I am acquainted with the Reverend John Culpepper, John Smith Esquire Colonel Bogen & Lemuel D. Kirby, William Carpenter & Isaac Carpenter and John Lockhart who served with me during my first Tour in Colonel Benjamin Seawell's Regiment. I know of no person who can testify as to my first Servitude.

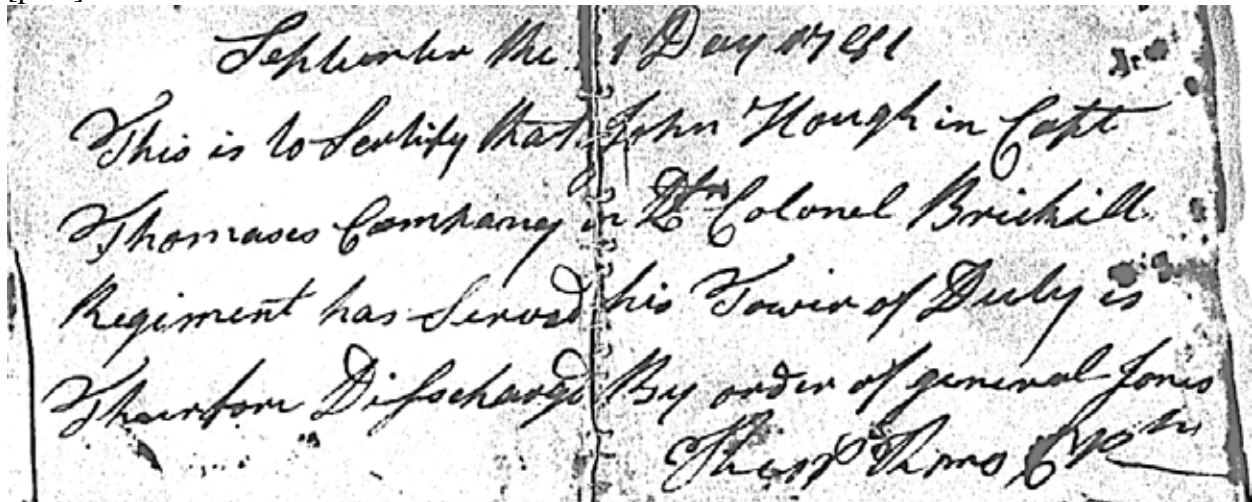
S/ John Hough



Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 16th of December 1832

S/ Benjamin D. Kirby, Esquire

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I John Lockhart² maketh oath that in or about the month of June 1780 I volunteered my services for three months & the soldiers was ordered to meet at Halifax North Carolina I was placed under the command of Colonel Benjamin Sowell [sic, Benjamin Seawell] & marched under his command the various routes stated in John Hough Declaration & I further maketh oath that John Hough served his tour of Duty as stated in his Declaration & that he was at Ramsey's

² [John Lockhart S8850](#)

Mills on Deep River and at Hickses Mills in South Carolina and received a Discharge near Salisbury on or about the 5 of November 1781 [sic, 1780]. I further maketh oath that that during our term of duty with Colonel B. Sewell who was our principal Commander together with the officers named in Mr. John Hough's Declaration that we served the same tour together & was Discharged the same time & at the same place & each of us received Discharges my own I have lost & further maketh oath that I have had a limited acquaintance with Mr. John Hough ever since that he has been living in this County for 25 years or more. I further maketh oath that all the facts set forth in the Declaration as describing his first tower of my own knowledge is true & those of the second Tower I believe to be true. I further maketh oath that John Hough is a Citizen of Anson County NC that he is old & infirm & has been afflicted for many years & that he is not able to appear before a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions or before a Superior Court of Law & equity to swear to his declaration in order to obtain his pension under the Act of Congress passed the 27th of June 1832 [sic] & further state that John Hough has been head surveyor of this County for many years & retained that office for 10 years or thereabouts & I further state that I believe him to be a man of Character & Truth this the 26 January 1833.

S/ John Lockhart Sr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Lockhart Sr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 5: On April 11, 1853 in Anson County North Carolina Elizabeth Hough, 58, filed an application for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Hough, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$20 per annum; that her husband died March 20, 1847; that her 1st name was Elizabeth Newton; that she was lawfully married to John Hough about the 25 day of December 1815 by John Smith, Esquire, that she remains a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 60: In October 1853 in Anson County North Carolina, Mrs. Elizabeth Hough filed an affidavit stating that there was no record of her marriage that she knows of; that she is the widow of John Hough a pensioner for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$20 per annum; that her name was Elizabeth Newton; that she married him on or about December 25, 1815; that her husband died March 20, 1847; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 2: On April 10, 1855 in Anson County North Carolina, Elizabeth Hough, 58, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of John Hough; that she married him in Anson County North Carolina on or about the middle of December 1815; that they were married by John Smith, a magistrate, that her husband died at home on or about the last day of March 1847; that her maiden name was Elizabeth Newton. She signed this document with her mark.]

[The veteran's widow was still living in Anson County, NC as of 1869 when she applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefits following the Civil War.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]