

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hill W18014

Huldah Hill

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State of North Carolina, Anson County

On the 3rd day of February 1838, personally appeared before me James Gordon one of the acting Justices of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Huldah Hill of said County widow of John Hill who was a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution who first being duly Sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress July the 4th 1836, in favor of the widows of the deceased Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution who has remained unmarried. She states that she has remained a widow ever since and for two or three years service in the Continental line in this State before marriage & three months after marriage as well as now recollected which she claims a pension. She states that she was born in the above County the 7th day of February 1764 & here resided ever since. John Hill her husband was born the 4th day of February 1749, in Halifax County in the above State & raised & there resided at the Commencement of the Revolution as well as recollected till the forepart of the year before General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated in South Carolina [Gates was defeated at the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] he came to Anson County & married the Petitioner Huldah Jackson & immediately after Gates was defeated many People fled from here for safety & her husband carried her to his friends in Halifax County in a short time returned to Anson County & was immediately drafted for three months service & her brother Isaac Jackson under her brother Jonathan Jackson Captain her Father John Jackson was a Colonel & she thinks at the time was in service to the South. Captain Jackson marched his men immediately & at a place called Betty Bridge [Beatti's Bridge, August 4, 1781]¹ & at the time crossing the Bridge was attacked by the Tories her brother the Captain was shot with a ball broke his collarbone & lodged in his shoulder & was left on the place her brother Isaac was shot in the mouth the ball ranged on the side knocked out the most of his Teeth on that side he escaped being taken her husband endeavoring to escape & defending himself received several wounds on the head with the Sword but was taken Prisoner with a number of others on their march to Wilmington he was Paroled on account of wounds not to serve again & her husband returned home the above is to the best of her recollection which she had from her husband & brothers. She does not recollect her husband or brothers entered the service again. She does not believe her husband or brothers was ever on the Pension roll or received a Pension her Father & Brothers died years past she resides near the place whereon she was born & raised & one mile of the Place whereon her husband first Settled on after Marriage where he resided when he died which was the 14th day of August 1817. She states that she is too infirm at her stage of life to attend a Court of record other Proofs may be had by the Certificates

1 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_beattis_bridge.html

hereunto annexed,

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above.

S/ Huldah Hill, X her mark

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I James Gordon one of the acting Justices of the peace in & for the County of Anson North Carolina do certify that I was here born & raised within two miles of John Hill deceased & his wife Hulda now the widow of said John Hill & present Petitioner fifty-three years at that time said Hill it was reputed & believed that he was a Soldier of the revolution & soon after became religious a Preacher of the Gospel & Clergyman he here resided & here died respected by all of his acquaintance his widow is highly respected I have entire Confidence in her statement and believe them to be of the age she has here stated & that her husband John Hill died the 14th day of August 1817 & she has remained a widow ever since.

Given under my hand the day & year above

S/ J. Gordon, JP

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Amended Declaration of Huldah Hill widow of John Hill deceased who was a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution, Petition for pension

Be it known that before me James Gordon a Magistrate in & for the County aforesaid Personally Appeared Huldah Hill widow She being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following Statement that She is the widow of John Hill deceased & that she has not married since the death of said Hill the lapse of time her memory failing her she cannot well recollect months years People or hearing him State at the present the length of his Service before Marriage he at the time resided I suppose near two hundred miles from her & knew him not at that time of his first Service & that she knows of no person at the present day by whom She could Prove he is the identical man Performed the Service mentioned in the Certificate obtained from the rolls of the office of this State as there is others as you State of the same name Served in the line of this State the Service in this Country after Marriage she well recollects her brothers serving at the Same time & they all stated to be wounded at the same time in the fight at Betty's Bridge – She States that she will be obliged to rest her case on her former Declaration & the Certificate of Service of John Hill annexed thereto with the present Certificate, if there is any wrongness in the years or Statements made it is for the want of memory,

Sworn & Subscribed the 26th day of July 1838 before me

S/ J. Gordon, JP

S/ Huldah Hill, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Anson County

Be it known that before me James Gordon a Justice of the Peace in & for the County aforesaid Personally appeared George Hammon & was duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Statement that he is in his 89 year that he resided the above County before the revolutionary war near to John Jackson who was at that time Captain & I mustered under him & was well acquainted with him and family who was respectable he was the father of Huldah Hill widow of John Hill deceased who is the present Petitioner for Pension for service of her Husband rendered in the revolution at the commencement of the war I believe John Jackson was appointed Colonel of the Militia his son Jonathan was Captain, in the time of the war John Hill came to this County & I became acquainted with him & soon after he married Huldah Jackson I was not at the Marriage but have no doubt but he was lawfully married to Huldah Jackson the month or year I cannot recollect at this time some time after Marriage there was a

call for the Militia to go into Service for three months under Captain Jonathan Jackson, Isaac Jackson & John Hill went has privates I furnished a substitute they were marched from here & some time after they were gone I heard of the fight at a place called Betty's Bridge & Some time after the above men returned home one at a time all wounded Stating they received their wounds in the above fight John Hill sometimes after the close of the war became a Preacher of the Gospel a Clergyman lived and died respected he resided near me the time of his death I do not recollect Huldah Hill widow of John Hill & the present Petitioner for Pension is the identical widow of John Hill deceased & has never married since the length of time & loss of memory rendered me unable to State months or years.

Sworn & subscribed this 26th day of July 1838

S/ George Hammon, X his mark

S/ J. Gordon, JP

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State of North Carolina Anson County

Be it known that before me Andrew Polk a Justice of the Peace in & for the aforesaid personally appeared James Duncan and after being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Statement in support of the Claim of Huldah Hill widow of John Hill deceased, Petition for Pension for the Services of her husband in the Army of the revolutionary war, he States that he is a sisters son of J. Hill, deceased who was the husband of the Petitioner Huldah Hill widow he States that his father James Duncan at the time of the marriage of John Hill resided in Robertson County [Robeson County] in this State near the Creek below Betty's Bridge he States that he was between nine & ten years of age at the time & he was with John Hill in Anson County at the time of the marriage of said Hill the Parents of Huldah Jackson was against the Marriage with John Hill her father not at home there appeared to be an agreement between J. Hill & Huldah Jackson to meet him said Hill at a neighbors & to go with him to a Justice of the Peace & Marry my uncle John Hill carried me with him & Huldah Jackson met him & rode behind me to a Justice & John Hill was married to Huldah Jackson & I was present the Circumstance I well recollect but the month & year I do not, after the Marriage was the fight at Betty's Bridge I was then at my father's in Robertson County & heard the report of the Guns at the time of the fight at Betty's Bridge Captain Jonathan Jackson was brought to my father's wounded & there continued some time his uncle John Hill as he understood was taken Prisoner by the Tories & was marched to Wilmington he being badly wounded & had a brother in law a Tory in Company, by his influence obtained a furlough & on his way home called at his father's & I saw his wounds some time after my father moved to Anson County & I have continued to reside near the Petitioner I well know to be the widow of John Hill deceased & that she has not married since the within circumstances I well recollect the months or years is not recollectd,

Sworn & subscribed the 30th day of July 1838 before me

S/ A. Polk, JP

S/ James Duncan, X his mark

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State in North Carolina, Anson County

On the ___ day of February 1839, at the House of Huldah Hill widow of John Hill deceased, said widow appeared before me James Gordon one of the Judges of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the above County & after being duly Sworn according to law doth on her oath make this Supplemental Declaration in order to obtain the Provision of the Act of Congress the 7th June 1832, that she is the identical widow of John Hill deceased, & that she has not Married since & that her husband was a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution. She states that it is not in her power at the present day to prove that John Hill her husband is the identical man that

performed the Service set forth in the Certificate obtained from the Secretary of the State of North Carolina any other way than she has done in her former Declaration. His last service she well recollects. As to her Marriage to John Hill she had at the time a Short acquaintance & her Parents opposed it & in the absence of her Father & without the knowledge of her Mother & family John Hill sent James Duncan for her a boy she supposes about 10 years of age & she went with him to John Hill & was married by Stephen Miller as she understood a Justice of the Pleas & James Duncan present. She marrying from home & the Confusion in the Country at the time She supposes her husband kept no date of their Marriage till after the birth of her first Child then a Register was kept of the family in a large Bible belonging to a family & the following is a true statement from the family Register,

John Hill was born February the 4th day 1749, Huldah Jackson now the wife of John Hill was born February the 7th day 1764, Married in the year 1780,

The following is correct from the family Register of the names & births of the Children of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife,

John Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill was born the 9th day of January 1781,
Sara Hill the Daughter of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 23rd day April,
1783

Abraham Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 22nd day of July
1786,

Isaac Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the ninth day of January
1788,

Jacob Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 21st day December
1790

Elizabeth Hill the Daughter of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 12th day of
November 1793

Jonathan J. Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 9th day of
January 1795,

Jonathan Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 27th of February
1797,

Huldah Hill the Daughter of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 6th day of
October 1799,

William Hill the son of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 7th day of
September 1804,

Rebehah Hill the Daughter of John Hill & Huldah Hill his wife was born the 23rd day of
April 1809,

That her husband John Hill died the 14th day of August 1817,
Sworn & subscribed before me the day of February 1839.

S/ J. Gordon, JP

Huldah Hill, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Anson County: Be it remembered that before me James Gordon one of the Judges of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of the above County appeared Elizabeth Bartley widow, States that she was born the 25th day of July 1771, and after being duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following statement that She is the Sister of Huldah Hill Widow of John Hill Deceased, She states that her Parents was opposed to the Marriage of her sister to John Hill a short acquaintance & She supposes other reasons is not recollected & in the absence of her Father as she understood in the Service of his Country & without the knowledge of her Mother or family her sister Huldah went from home & She supposes was

married which was in the forepart of the year before Gates defeat at Camden after that Circumstance my Father' S family was Carried to Hillsboro for safety John Hill carried Sister Huldah where he was raised with his relations as I suppose how long the state of all before the return or how long after before the draft for the Service I have no recollection or of dates my brother Jonathan Jackson was Captain as understood my brother Isaac Jackson & John Hill as she supposes was Privates & after being gone some time the 3 men returned & stated they were all wounded & that day received their wounds in a fight at a Place called Bettys Bridge the above Circumstances is well recollected but dates is not recollected.

Sworn & subscribed before me the 22nd day of February 1839

S/ J. Gordon

S/ Elizabeth Bartley, X her mark

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State of North Carolina, Anson County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions July Term 1845

By Norfleet D. Boggan Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Anson County certify that satisfactory evidence has been exhibited to said court that Huldah Hill widow of John Hill died on the 28th day of August 1840 and left John Hill, Isaac Hill, Jacob Hill, Jonathan J. Hill, Huldah Hill and William Hill who survived her.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal of office and subscribed my name is 15th day of July 1845.

S/ N. D. Boggan



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State of North Carolina

Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Hill a private soldier in __ Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted on the 17th day of March 1776, for three years, and was discharged on the 1st day of February 1780.

Given under my hand at Raleigh this 8th day of February 1838

S/ Wm Hill [Secretary of State]

[pp 9-12: family Bible register]

Jacob Hill was Married to Maria Davies June the 6, 1820

Jonathan J. Hill was Married to Nancy [illegible] Nov. the 2th 1817 [?]



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John Hill the son of Abraham Hill was born February 4th day of 1749

Isaac Hills [sic] was born January 9th of 1788

Huldah Hill daughter of John Jackson was born February the 7 th day of 1764	Jacob Hill was born the 21 st of December 1792
John Hill the son of John Hill was Born the 9 th day of January 1781	Elizabeth Hill was born the 12 th day of November 1793
Abraham Hill was Born July 22 nd of 1785	Jonathan Hill was Born the 17 th day of February 1797
Sarah Hill was born April 23 rd 1783	

<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHS. FAMILY A</p> <p>John Hill the son of Abraham Hill was born February 10th day of 1769.</p> <p>Huldah Hill the daughter of John Jackson was born February 25th the 7th day of 1764.</p> <p>John Hill the son of John Hill was Born the 9th day of Jan^y - 1781.</p> <p>Abraham Hill was Born July 22nd of 1785.</p> <p>Sarah Hill was born April 23rd 1783.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECORD. BIRTHS.</p> <p>Isaac Hill was born Jan^y 9th of 1788.</p> <p>Jacob Hill was Born the 21st of December 1792.</p> <p>Elizabeth Hill was Born the 12th day of November 1793.</p> <p>Jonathan Hill was Born the 17th day of Feb^ry 1797.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1811 1787 47</p>
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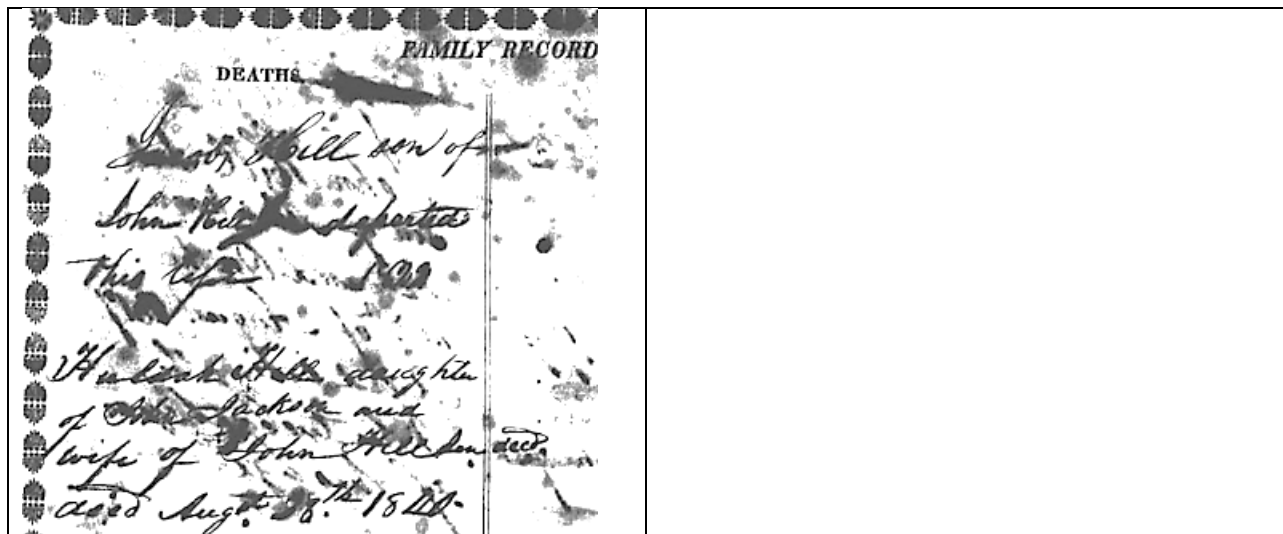
Huldah Hill Junior was Born 6 th day of October 1799	John Hill son of Abraham deceased on the 14 th of August 1817 being the 68 th year of his age
William Hill was born the 7 th of September 1804	Sarah Hill Departed this life October 1789
Rebecca Jackson Hill was Born April 23 rd 1809	Abraham Hill Departed this Life March 22, 1815 [could be 1805]
Jonathan Jackson Hill was born January 9 th 1795 and Departed this life the same Day	Rebecca Jackson Hill Departed this Life October __, 1811

BIRTHS. FAMILY RECORD.	RECORD. DEATHS.
<p>John Hill Senior was Born the day of October 1799 William Hill was born the 7th of September 1804</p>	<p>John Hill 1843 John Hill Sen. son of Abraham deceased on the 14th of August 1843 aged being the 76th year of his age</p>
<p>Rebecca Jackson Hill was born April 23^d 1809</p>	<p>Sarah Hill Departed this Life Octobe 1789 1843</p>
<p>Jonathan Jackson Hill was born January 9 1805 and Departed this Life the same Day</p>	<p>Abraham Hill Departed this Life March 22 1805</p>
	<p>Rebecca Jackson Hill Departed this Life October - 1811</p>

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Jacob Hill some of John Hill departed this Life 1822 [last digit unclear could be 1824]

Huldah Hill daughter of John Jackson and wife of John Hill Senior deceased died August 28th 1840



[p 33: On April 24, 1845 in Anson County North Carolina, Jonathan J Hill and William Hill, each separately certified as to the genuineness of the family register kept by their father and mother of the ages of their children in the family record submitted in support of their mother's application for a pension.

Jonathan J. Hill

William Hill

[p 17: Transcribers note: the following appears to be some sort of summary of the evidence contained in the file. It is not signed so it is impossible to establish the identity of the author.]

John Hill

He was born in Halifax County North Carolina February 4, 1749 Son of Abraham where living, whilst in the Army until his discharge from the Army in the spring of 1780 when he appears to be residing in Anson County two hundred miles from Halifax County North Carolina where after a short courtship he was married in June 1780 to Huldah Jackson born February 7, 1764, daughter of Colonel John Jackson, there was, on account of the brief acquaintance, some family opposition to the immediate marriage, which took place while her father was absent. James Duncan, residing in Robeson County (after the war in Anson County) who married a sister of John Hill had a son James, aged 9 or 10 years, who acted as messenger between the parties & carried the bride behind him on horseback to the Justice of the Peace who married them in his presence. After the war John Hill became a clergyman & died August 14, 1817 – She applied for pension in February 1783 & died August 28, 1840. He enlisted, probably in Spring of 70 743 years, no further details of this service can be give [sic] as the certificate of the Secretary of State North Carolina is misplaced or lost & no military Rolls of that State or on file. Not long after his marriage he was drafted for 3 months in Anson County with his wife's brother Isaac into a Company commanded by another Brother Captain Jonathan Jack, marched to Betty's bridge the crossing were suddenly & violently attacked by a body of Tories, & Captain Jonathan Jackson received a bullet that after breaking the collarbone lodged in his shoulder & his brother Isaac received a bullet in his mouth broke out nearly all his teeth on one side & Hill was also wounded,

who endeavoring to escape received several sword wounds on head, was captured. The Tories proceeded with the prisoners towards Wilmington, but among the Tories was his brother-in-law, who obtained a parole for him & left him to be cared for by his brother in law James Duncan in Robeson County.

Children who survived widow

Elizabeth Bartley of Anson County born July 25, 1771 was a Sister to Widow Huldah & a witness

After General Gates defeat at Camden South Carolina (August 16, 1780) [indecipherable word or words] south of Anson County (Charleston South Carolina having surrendered May 12, 1780 & the British scattered over the principal places of the State superseded all local authority with great military activity) caused great alarm & for safety her parents [several words obliterated] & her husband took her temporarily to his relatives in Halifax County.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending August 28, 1840 when she died. Her pension was based on her husband service as a private for 2 years in the service of the state of North Carolina.]