

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hughes (Hughes) ¹ W18082 Ann Hughes f84VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 5/13/14

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State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

On this 12th day of June 1839 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions now sitting in the Court house at Germantown in the County of Stokes aforesaid Ann Hughes a resident of the said County of Stokes aged seventy-seven years the 17th of this present month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838 entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows:" That she is the Widow of John Hughs, that she has just reason to believe her said husband served in the War of the Revolution as a Regular soldier, & Quarter Master officer for the Term of three years, as she understood from his report, and that he entered the service in Brunswick County Virginia under a General Scott [Charles Scott] in a Brigade of Virginia Troops and believes he stated that he entered said service in the year 1776 or 77. She cannot recollect which, and marched northwardly & heard him say he was in the Battles of Taking the Hessians [Battle of Trenton, December 26, 1776], Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], and Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and after he served his term for which he engaged he received a discharge which she expects he deposited it in the land office at Richmond Virginia where he stated that he obtained a Bounty of Land in consequence of his Services aforesaid, to which she begs leave to refer the Pension Department for more Satisfactory proof of her said husband's Services. She further expects to prove by a Mr. Hartwell Barham the aforesaid services rendered by her said Husband John Hughs Deceased as they in her presence frequently when they met talk over old passages that had occurred while they were together in the above mentioned Campaign, for which she claims a pension. She further declares that she was married to the said John Hughs on the on the 22nd July 1781, in the County of Surry State of North Carolina at her Father Matthew Moore's by William Meredith a Justice of the peace for said County of Surry. That her husband the aforesaid John Hughs died on the 26th of July 1826 in Surry County aforesaid. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the Service but the marriage took place previous the first of January 1794, viz. at the time above stated; and further she states that she had the following named children born of her body during the time of their living in union together as man and Wife (to wit) Matt. M Hughs, our first Born the 5th of May 1782, 2nd Polly M Hughs born the first June 1785, Archelus Hughs [Archelaus Hughes]

¹ BLWt1086-300—Capt. Issued Aug. 10, 1789 to Richard Platt, assignee No Papers

born 28 November 1787, Letitia D. Hughes Born the 17th of March 1790, Leander Hughs Born 4th of September 1794 – John A. Hughs Born 14th May 1797 & the last Ann P. Hughs was born 12th September 1806 which the family Record that accompanies this declaration will more plainly appear which was written by this affiant's husband, John Hughs Deceased, in a Testament & by her kept & now cut out of the same for the purpose of sending with this her declaration. Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year first above mentioned.

S/ Ann Hughs

Ann Hughs

John Hughs born ~~17~~ ¹⁷ ~~1753~~
Ann Hughs born 17 June 1762
John Hughs married
22nd July 1781
Math. M. Hughs born ¹⁷⁸² ~~1781~~
John M. Hughs born 1 June 1789
Arch^d Hughs born 28th Nov 1787
Letitia D. Hughs 17th March 1790
Leander Hughs 4th Sept 1794
John A. Hughs 14th May 1797
Ann P. Hughs 12th Sept 1806

John County
I, Ann Hughs, witness
of the above mentioned John Hughs and
made oath that the above is the true
family record of her & her children &
Marriages and their children
written and subscribed by John

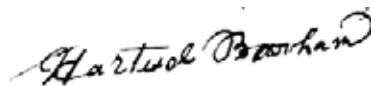
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State of North Carolina County of Stokes: SS

Be it known that on this 7th day of June 1839 before me Charles Banner one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Stokes aforesaid personally appeared Hartwell Barham² aged eighty-two years last March pensioner of the United States who is a resident of the County aforesaid, and highly respected as a person of probity and truth by a numerous train of Citizens of said County with whom he is acquainted, and he being duly sworn according to law declares on his oath that he was well acquainted with a certain John Hughes in time of the Revolutionary War which first acquaintance he happened at a place called the Valley Ford [sic Valley Forge] about eighteen miles above Philadelphia at head Quarters of the American Army in the year 1777, he believes. But had saw him before that period in the Army Acting as an officer, Quarter Master this deponent believes said John Hughes was from Brunswick County Virginia & first enlisted under Captain Lucos [Lucas] in General Scott's Brigade this deponent being a private soldier at the same time in the 15th Virginia Regiment under Captain Maberry in General Woodford's [William Woodford's] Brigade. But frequently saw said John Hughes acting as an officer Quarter Master, and was with him at Trentown [Trenton] in taking the Hessians, and at the Battles of Brandywine, Germantown, but never was so intimately acquainted with said John Hughes until at Winter Quarters 1777 and afterwards this Deponent states that he saw said Hughes frequently & was in the Battle of Monmouth in June 1778, and believes that Hughes served at least two years in the Army with this Deponent, and was esteemed by the officers & Soldiers as an active useful officer as quartermaster aforesaid during the War, and since the Revolutionary War ended, this deponent states that often times he met in Company with said Hughes in Surry County North Carolina, after his marriage with a Daughter of Matthew Moore Esquire and that he is the identical person that served in the Army and Battles as above mentioned with this deponent and heard from good authority that said John Hughes died some about 14 or 15 years last passed in Surry County North Carolina upwards of 50 miles from this Deponent: and further states that he saw his widow a few weeks passed who remains on married & resides in Stokes County with her Daughters who intermarried with William A. Lash & General Joseph Winston who married another of her Daughters, but has removed to the West that said Mrs. Hughes is a respectable character and own Sister to the Honorable Gabriel Moore³ formerly a Senator in the Congress of the United States from Alabama. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above mentioned before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

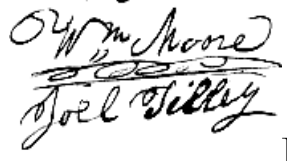
S/ Hartwell Barham



² [Hartwell Barham S41418](#)

³ MOORE, Gabriel, a Representative and a Senator from Alabama; born in Stokes County, N.C., around 1785; pursued an academic course and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1810; studied law; admitted to the bar in 1810 and commenced practice in Huntsville, Mississippi Territory; member, Mississippi and then Alabama Territorial house of representatives and served as speaker in 1817; delegate to the Alabama State constitutional convention in 1819; member, Alabama State senate 1819-1820, and served as speaker in 1820; elected to the Seventeenth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1821-March 3, 1829); was not a candidate for renomination in 1828; Governor of Alabama 1829-1831; elected to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1831, to March 3, 1837; chairman, Committee on Revolutionary Claims (Twenty-second through Twenty-fourth Congresses); unsuccessful candidate for election in 1836 to the Twenty-fifth Congress; moved to Caddo, Tex., in 1843, where he died in 1845; interment in Moore Family Cemetery, Caddo, Wilson County, Tex.
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=M000898>

[p 17: William Moore, a brother of the widow, and Joel Tilley, both residents of Stokes County North Carolina gave testimony that they were present at the marriage of the widow to John Hughes in the summer of 1781 at the house of the late Matthew Moor in Surry County North Carolina


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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 7th day of August 1783, in the name of John Hughs or Hughes, as a Captain of Cavalry for £319.11.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782. To pay as Quartermaster in first Regiment from 1 January 1778 to 1st November 79 – as Lieutenant from 1st November 79 to 31st March he one & as Captain from 31st March to 31st December 1781.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
16th day of March 1835.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Auditors Office Virginia
3 June 1840

Sir

In reply to yours of the 30 ultimate, I send you a copy of Hughes settlement on our books. It appears that he received Land bounty for 7 years service. It appears also by Dunscomb's settlements that he served until 15 November 1783 – but as his service as Q. M. [quartermaster] appears to have commenced one January 1778 I do not readily perceive how he could have been in service 7 years. It also appears from Dunscomb's settlement that he received commutation.

Very respectfully

S/ James E Heath Auditor

I find that Hughes also received £33.12 on account of depreciation as Q. M. Cavalry exclusive of Fort appears on the enclosed account – so that he might have served prior to one January 1778

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[p 10: Affidavit dated May 6, 1852 filed in Stokes County North Carolina by JM Covington, administrator of the estate of Ann Hughes, deceased, in which he states that the widow died in Stokes County North Carolina August 23, 1848 survived by the following children: Ann P. Lash, Mary Dobson, Letitia D. Winston, Matthew M Hughes, Leander Hughes and Archibald Hughes.]

[p 14: On January 28, 1853, Ann P. Lash gave testimony that she is a daughter of Ann Hughes.

Ann^d T^d Lash

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10th The United States in full with John Hughes Co^{rs}

	dollars	90		dollars	90
1782 To pay as captain drag ^t from January 5 th to Dec ^r 31 st ---	600		By Paul Brown for pay	100	"
			By W. Portman & Co ---	8	"
			Balance due ---	492	"
				600	"
1783 To pay from January 5 th to November 15 th ---	525		By G. Barrington on Nov ^r	80	52
			By four months pay	200	"
			Balance due ---	244	58
				525	"
To five years full pay in lieu of half pay	3000		By certificate ---	3000	"
Sworn to the 2 ^d December 1784. John Hughes			Sett ^d by himself ---		

I hereby certify, that the above ~~is~~ true
extracts, taken from a Book on file in
this Office, entitled, "Copies of accounts as
settled with the Officers, non-comm^d Officers,
and privates of the late Regular Army
of Virginia - by Andrew Munscomb, a Gen^l
Court of Army accounts, and particu-
larly appointed for that State.
Given under my hand at the Auditor's
Office, Richmond, this 4th day of June 1782
W^m Johnston
Aud^r.

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19th The United States in acct with John Hughes No^o

To pay as Lt in 1 st Reg ^t of 3 rd from 1 st Jan 78 to 1 st Nov 79	336	-	-	1781	By pay & subsistence rec ^d at same time	557	-	-	55	11	3/4
To pay as Lt from 1 st Nov 79 to 31 st March 1781	170	-	-	Feb	By cash of Treasurer of Virginia	480	-	-	60	-	-
To pay as Capt from 31 st March to 31 st Dec 1781	135	-	-	Sept	By do on account	300	-	-	5	-	-
To 1 Retain ^g rations from 1 st Jan 78 to Aug 78	31	-	-		By sundries of Capt. Stite	-	-	-	5	17	8
To 1 Retain ^g rations from 1 st Aug 78 to 31 st March 79	12	-	-		By do at Yorktown Virginia	-	-	-	20	-	-
To 2 Retain ^g rations from 31 st March 79 to 31 st Dec 81	37	-	-		By balance remaining money - Certificates	535	11	-	53	0	3/4

I hereby certify, that the above is a true & exact copy taken from a Book on file in this Office, entitled "Copies of Accounts (of the Officers of the Continental Line) settled by State Auditors."
 Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 19th day of June 1852.
 R. Johnston
 Dist Auditor.

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With John Hughes No^o

1781	By pay & subsistence received at Sunday times	557	-	-	55	11	3/4
Feb 79	By cash of Treasurer of Virginia	480	-	-	60	-	-
Sept	By do on account	300	-	-	5	-	-
	By sundries of Capt. Stite				5	17	8
	By do at Yorktown Virginia				20	-	-
	By Balance remaining money - Certificates				23	0	3/4
	7 th August 1783	535	11	-			

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this 19th day of June 1852.
 J. E. Heath aud

The above is truly copied from a Book of Settlements made with the Officers of the Continental Army of the Army of the Revolution.

Given under my hand at the Auditor's Office Richmond this 19th day of June 1852
 J. E. Heath aud

D^r The United States In Acct.

No 342	<i>To pay as DM in 1st Regt. S.O. from 1st Jan^y 1778 to 1st Nov^r 1779</i>	330	"	"
	<i>To pay as Lt. from 1st Nov^r 79 to 31st. Mar 1781</i>	170	"	"
	<i>To pay as Capt from 31st March to 31st Dec 1781</i>	135	"	"
	<i>To Retained Rations from 1st Jan^y 78. to 1st Aug^t 1780</i>	31	"	"
	<i>To Retained Rations from 1st Aug^t 80. to 31 Mar 1781</i>	12	"	"
	<i>To 2 Retained Rations from 31 st. March 81 to 31st Dec 1781</i>	27	"	"

[Veteran's widow was initially pensioned at the rate of \$380 per annum (increased to \$600) commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband service as a Captain & Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that Captain John Hughes entered the 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment in June 1776, has never been cashiered or superseded and remained in the said Regiment until the expiration of the War.

Given under my hand this 7th of March 84

Thomas Pemberton Captain
1st Regiment Light Dragoons
Ed Carrington
Lt. Colo.

I do Certify that Captain John Hughes entered the 1st Regt of Light Dragoons on Continental establishment for June one thousand seven hundred and Seventy Six, has ^{never} been cashiered or superseded and remained in the said Regt until the expiration of the War given under my hand this 7th of March 84

*Thomas Pemberton Captain
1st Regt Light Dragoons
Ed Carrington
Lt. Colo.*