

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hill W19770

Mary Hill

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Virginia, Page County Sct.

On this 20th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me Elias Overall a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Page in the State of Virginia, Mary Hill a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-three years, who 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 passed July 7th 1838, entitled "an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" That she is the widow of John Hill who was a private in the Virginia State or Continental line (not certain which) that her husband the said John Hill enlisted for the term of two years as well as she recollects, that the said John Hill enlisted the second time in the Revolutionary War for the term of __ years, that she is very certain that said John Hill served under different enlistments five years or more in the said War.

She further declares that she was married to the said John Hill on the 24th of March in the year 1781 or 1782, that her husband the aforesaid John Hill died on the 19th day of October 1810, that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794, Viz.: at the time above stated, – that the marriage took place in the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, and that her name before marriage was Mary Rieley.

S/ Mary Hill, X her Mark

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I Robert Russel¹ the United States pensioner aged about eighty-four years of Warren County and State of Virginia do testify that I was well acquainted with John Hill, and served with him in the revolutionary war, in Captain Michael Rader's company, and marched from the town of Woodstock, now in Shenandoah County and State of Virginia on the 10th or 11th day of March in the year 1777 on to Pittsburgh and joined Colonel Gibson's Regiment, where we remained some time and then were sent down the Ohio River in boats to Wheeling, where said Company joined Colonel Shepherd's Regiment and remained there until the 14th day of November ensuing when said Hill, with others – were dismissed from there, it not being considered necessary to keep so many men there any longer, for the defense of the post. I being sick with the smallpox remained there until the 17th of March following, when I was dismissed from the Army, and returned home, about the 26th of the same month; and in the month of November 1778, I rode to

¹ [Robert Russell S6041](#)

North Carolina, and after being there a short time I joined a volunteer Company of cavalry commanded by Captain Litteral [John Luttrell], and remained in that section until the spring of 1781, nearly all the time in service, under different engagements, and during the time I was in that section I frequently heard of the said John Hill and two of his brothers George Hill and Simon Hill, being in the Infantry under General Green [Nathanael Greene], I returned home to Virginia in May 1781 and about one year after I returned home, George Hill² and Simon Hill³ returned to my neighborhood where they remained till about 26 years ago, when they removed from this section to Muskingum County in the State of Ohio, and during the time the said George Hill and Simon Hill lived in my neighborhood I frequently saw them, and heard them tell of their services in the Southern Army under General Greene, and heard them say that John Hill aforesaid was with them all the time they were there, and I always understood that the said John Hill was married in Fauquier County Virginia to Mary Riley, and that said John Hill died about the year 1810 in Shenandoah County Virginia and have understood that George Hill and Simon Hill both received pensions before their deceased.

S/ Robert Russell, X his mark

[Attested in Warren County Virginia March 18, 1841]

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The amended declaration of Mary Hill made the 18th day of September 1840 in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838. Testifies, that her Husband John Hill often told her, that he served under Captain Chilton in the Revolutionary War, that he was in the Battle at Ninety Six [probably the Siege of Ninety Six from May 21-June 19, 1781], and that his Captain was killed at Ninety Six, and that she believes it was Captain Chilton aforesaid that was killed at the Battle aforesaid, that the said John Hill then served under another Captain whose name she does not recollect and who was also killed in Battle, – that the said John Hill was afterwards commanded by Captain Jennings, – Captain Chilton and Captain Jennings were Virginia officers of the Regular Army – and that she believed John Hill said Captain Jennings resigned and that he was then commanded by a Captain whose name she does not recollect.

S/ Mary Hill, X her mark

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The deposition of George Riley aged eighty-two years, Testifies that he had no particular acquaintance with John Hill, till after Cornwallis's Defeat at Yorktown in Virginia, this affiant, saith, that he was present and saw John Hill and Mary Riley married, the said Mary was the sister of this affiant, – affiant cannot state with precision the date of said marriage, – This affiant served in the Revolutionary war as a militia man from the County of Fauquier Virginia and left the Army of short time before Cornwallis' defeat, at which time John Hill and Mary Riley were not married, John Hill and Mary Riley were married between the time of Cornwallis' defeat in October 1781 and 1783 – This Affiant was married early in the spring of 1783, and well knows that John Hill and Mary Riley were married before that time, and were living together as man and wife when affiant was married, – This affiant had no personal knowledge of John Hill's revolutionary service, but will state that at the time of John Hill's marriage aforesaid, it was then said, and generally understood and believed, that the said John Hill, had served as a private in the Army of the Revolution, and that to the best of affiant's recollection, the Service of the said John

² Probably the same man as [George Hill S41642](#)

³ probably the same man as [Simon Hill S41644](#)

Hill was in the Regular Army of the Revolution, this was general reputation, and never disputed.

S/ George Riley, X his mark

[Attested in Warren County Virginia January 9th, 1839]

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The deposition of Charles Churchill aged 75 years Testifies that he was well acquainted with John Hill of Fauquier County Virginia before the commencement of the Revolutionary War, and after said War ended, that in the early part of said War John Hill enlisted in one of the Virginia regiments to serve as a private for 3 years, and served out his enlistment, and that he was the same John Hill who intermarried with Mary Riley of Fauquier County Virginia, affiant cannot give the date of said marriage positively, but is positive in stating that John Hill was not married till after his service ended in the War aforesaid, and that the marriage of John Hill and Mary Riley did take place before the year 1789, affiant was married in the year 1789, and John Hill and Mary Riley were married previous to that date.

S/ Charles Churchill

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Churchill".

[Attested December 1, 1838 in Warren County Virginia]

[Widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line.]