

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gabriel Hughes W19836 Mary Hughes f80VA
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State of Virginia County of Mathews: to wit:

On this 13th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting Gabriel Hughes a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia aged 69 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 the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. When he was enrolled he will was in Captain Richard Billups' company, Thomas Gayle Lieutenant: Henry Forest was Ensign he served one tour of duty whilst he belonged to this company – he was then turned over to Captain Philip Tabb, James Gwynn Lieutenant, Houlder Huggins Ensign, Colonel Sir John Peyton, Colonel John Page and Major Throgmorton were the field officers – he was discharged after the siege of York [October 19, 1781] and was very seldom called out after that time, sometimes when the refugees barges would come up into the creeks they would be called on guard – he was in an engagement at the time Tarlton's horse [Banastre Tarleton's horse regiment] cut the French horse to pieces near Gloucester at Whitney quarter [?]¹ – there was a squad of four companies commanded Captain Hudgins, Captain Buckner, Captain Triplett and Bullet under Major Wicks joined to Colonel Mercer's Grenadiers, he was under Captain Hudgins, went to the assistance of the French horse, as soon as the French horse said Mercer came to their assistance they rallied and went at it again – several of the horseman got wounded in that first engagement – he saw the physicians sewing up the throat of one man but poor fellow he died. He resided in Kingston Parish Gloucester County when he was called into the service and has resided there ever since – he was called out with the militia of Gloucester County – he was one of one hundred and twenty-five men sent from Gloucester at the time Arnold [Benedict Arnold] went up James River, they marched through part of King & Queen County crossed at the brick house, marched about 10 or 12 miles in New Kent Arnold was then coming down the River and they were ordered to Williamsburg and from Williamsburg they went to Burwell's ferry and saw all the Fleet passed down the River and anchored little below them that night – he went several times over to Williamsburg and York – when Cornwallis came to York, the Gloucester militia were drawn into line of Battle near

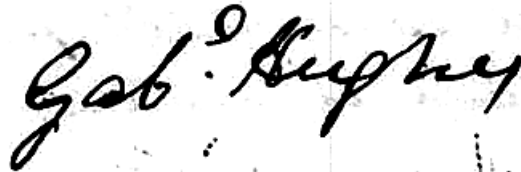
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Whittings Mill in the edge of King & Queen they then encamped in Hubbard's old field just over the Mill on the Gloucester side – here they had a standing encampment, he left the main body there and went down on the enemy's lines, they were getting their breakfast one morning at Thornton's place about three miles below G. Ct. House [Gloucester Court House], where they had been staying about three days and Tarleton's horse made attack upon them and took three men prisoners – He never served with any of the Continental troops – he was acquainted with John Hughes, Captain James and Thomas Baytop Captains of the regular line – he had no written discharge or any pay he has no documentary evidence to show when he served or was discharged, he can prove his service by Richard Hurst² and Thomas Davis³ – he thinks that the various times he was out made more than two years – he was born in Kingston Parish Gloucester County November 7, 1762 he was put on the muster roll at sixteen, his father's at the ages of his children down in a Bible he took a copy from that record which copy he exhibits here in court where the original is he does not know.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Gab'l Hughes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gab'l Hughes". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[Hugh Hudgins and Richard Hurst gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia Gabriel Hughes who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection it was not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade, to wit: For one month I served in 1778 on guard at Lilley's neck under Captain Richard Billups ordered out by the Colonel of the County Sir John Peyton, For one month during the same year I served another tour of one month at Cricket Hill near Gwynn Island, For one month I served at the same place under the same officers ordered by the Colonel in 1779 – in March and April of same year I served another month – in June in July another month I was on duty – in September and October I served a month – in 1780 March & April I served one month – in June and July I served a month in August and September I served another month, all these tours of duty were at the same place under the same officers called out by like orders – For two months and twenty days I served from the 10th of February 1781 to the last of April as a volunteer from the County of Gloucester – one hundred and twenty-five men were made up under the command of Captain Philip Tabb to go after Arnold who was going up to Richmond, I was one of them. For three months I served under Lieutenant Houlder Hudgins who acted as our Captain during the siege of York – at this time the whole Gloucester militia was on duty – After my discharge from there I served one month under the same officer at Cricket Hill, we were ordered out by the Colonel. I do not recollect the number of our Regiment –

² FPA S9593

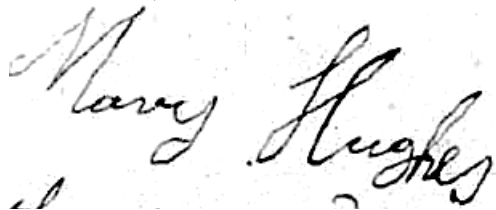
³ [Thomas Davis W539](#)

during the periods of service mentioned herein I was in actual service and engaged in no civil employment – and for such periods of service amounting to fifteen months and six days as a private militia man I claim a Pension. That is no clergyman in my neighborhood whose certificate I could get.

S/ Gab'l Hughes

[Attested October 2, 1833]

[p 15: On December 10, 1838 in Mathews County Virginia, Mary Hughes, 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Gabriel Hughes, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 31, 1785; that her husband died October 20, 1836; and that she remains his widow.



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[p 4: family record:

Mary Hughes was born October 18th 1765 [?, last digit unclear]⁴

Gab'l Hughes was born November 7th 1762

Sarah D Hughes Daughter of Gab & Mary Hughes was born 10th of January 1786

Elizabeth Daughter of Do born 12th of February 1788

Thomas son of Do April 30, 1791

Mann Page some of December 25, 1792

Ann Lux⁵ Daughter of Do 20th April 1796

Mann Page some of Do 12 June 1799

Frances daughter of Do 3 June 1806

Gab'l Hughes was married to Mary Williams 31st of March 1785

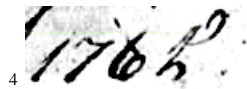
Gab'l Hughes the sum of Gabriel & Ann Hughes was born the 7th of November 1762 departed this life October 20th 1836

Mary Hughes was born 18th of October 1765

Elizabeth Daughter of Gabriel & Mary Hughes was born 12 February 1788

Ann L. Hughes the d/Do was born 20th April 1796]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months and 6 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]



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⁵ The War Department staff interpreted this name as either "Ann Lucy or Ann Luse"