

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joel Hill ¹ W23288

Anne (Anna) Hill

f81NC

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State of Alabama, Limestone County

On this 10th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the County Court of the County of Limestone, State of Alabama now sitting Joel Hill a resident of the County of Limestone aforesaid aged seventy 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 June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That as well as he recollects the time, in the month of July 1779, he entered into service in the Militia of the State of North Carolina, as a volunteer, in the Company commanded by__ Wooldridge [Gibson Wooldridge] as Captain, and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Martin Armstrong. That he lived at that time in Surry County in said State of North Carolina & immediately after Joining said Troops he was marched from thence to the place near the South Carolina line where he was stationed until he was discharged. That he served three months on this Campaign & before the time elapsed John Morgan took command of said Company as Captain & Mark Hardin was the Lieutenant. That the troops with whom he served was under the command of General Davidson [William Lee Davidson]. That in the year 1780 he again served as a volunteer for three months in the company of said Militia at first commanded by his Brother Robert Hill as Captain in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paisley [John Paisley], that a month or two after said company had been in service his Captain was crippled & said Company was afterwards commanded by __ Pierce [William Pierce]. That after Joining said Troops & while on this march to Join the Army under General Gates [Horatio Gates], he was detached under said Paisley & Major John Armstrong to disperse the Tories who had collected under Col. Bryant [Samuel Bryan] in their rear-- that he had some skirmishing with the Tories & after serving out the three months for which he volunteered as aforesaid he was discharged. That in the year 1781 he again served two months under said Captain Robert Hill in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Winston – that he was marched & Joined the Army under the Command of General Greene [Nathanael Greene]; that he missed being at the battle of Guilford [Guilford County Court House, March 15, 1781] being detached as a horse Guard. That the company in which he served in this campaign were mounted men. That he recollects to have seen while on this campaign Major Micajah Lewis (who was killed) & James Jackson a Major in the Regular service. That after his discharge from this tour, he was almost constantly on duty as a militia man in the company commanded by his Brother the said Captain Robert Hill in suppressing the Tories & guarding the country against small parties of the British – until about

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January 1782, he was marched in said company commanded by said Robert Hill down to the neighborhood of Wilmington where they captured some British & Tories at a place called the Brick House [November 15, 1781].² That this Detachment was commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] & that said detachment consisted of mounted men & there were no regulars with them.

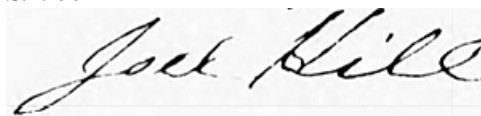
That he was born in the County of Caroline State of Virginia on the 26th May 1763. That he has the record of his age taken from his Father's Family Bible. That said County of Surry in North Carolina, now forming Stokes County, was the place of his residence during the revolutionary [war] & where he entered the service. That he always went into service as a volunteer & has stated all the circumstances of his service as far as he can now recollect. That he never received a written discharge of his service & has no documentary proof of the same & knows of no person in the Western Country whose testimony he can procure to prove his service – but that are living in North Carolina & South Carolina several persons who know of his service amongst them Robert Hill,³ Josiah Hill &c.

That after the revolutionary war, in 1787 he removed from said County of Surry to Richmond County State of Georgia from thence in 1809 he removed to Edgefield district South Carolina & from thence in 1818 to Limestone County State of Alabama where he has lived ever or in its & where he still resides. That he can prove his character for veracity & their belief of his revolutionary services by__ who are his neighbors.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Joel Hill



S/ Robert Austin, Jr., Clerk

[Clinton Tucker, a clergyman, and Nathaniel Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Stokes County North Carolina November 12th, 1832

My Dear Brother,

I expect that you have for some time been looking for a letter from me. But my age & infirmity will be a sufficient apology for my not writing sooner, & your last letter which came to hand two or three weeks since called for information which I am even now unable to give notwithstanding I have tried to bring to my recollection the proofs you required of me respecting your services in the Revolutionary war. My memory is so bad that I find it impossible to certify the length of any tour or expedition in which you were actually engaged & have delayed writing with the hope of seeing some of our old fellow soldiers who might brighten my recollection or perhaps make oath themselves to your revolutionary services. I very well remember that you served in the war as a soldier but find it impossible at present to certify as to the length of time or the actual expeditions in which you served. And I am sorry that I have not been able to converse with anyone with whom it is likely you served since I received your letter. I am satisfied that you in common with others ought to share in the bounties of the Government and will yet try to find out something which may be of service to you. It is possible that some persons may now be living in this County with whom you served. I will give you the names of most of the old

² http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_brick_house.html

³ Probably the same man as [Robert Hill S7012](#)

soldiers who have lately applied for pensions here & if you served with any of them you can send me word about it & I will cause their certificates to be forwarded to you, together with my own affidavit if the bare recollection of your being a revolutionary soldier will avail you anything.

At our last County Court in September about thirty applications were made for pensions & I expect a number will apply hereafter.

I will give you the names of all that it is probable you served with viz.: William Merritt, Charles Davis, Joseph, Ephraim & Benjamin Banner all of whom are living not very far from me. Should you recollect that you served with any of them write to me on the subject & I will cause the necessary affidavits to be sent to you as soon as it can conveniently be done.

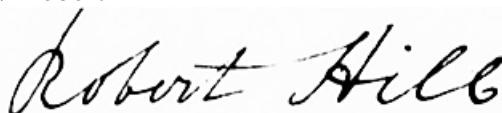
I am an applicant myself for a pension but had to get others to bear testimony for me having forgot nearly all about it.

When you write again let me know of your situation in life & how you are settled & pleased with the country in which you live. I am living on my old plantation yet & expect to die on it & am making out to live as the saying is free from want & almost without being in debt: Two of my sons Joel & John my youngest live by me & Robert lives in Surry County. I cannot tell where Caleb is. If you know or ever hear anything from him let me know it as he has not written to me for several years. I have only three Daughters now living one is in Surry & two of them in this County. No white person lives in my family except myself & your old sister my wife. We are both (as you know) getting very old & cannot expect to remain long in this world being nearly always in bad health & suffering all the afflictions common to old age.

I shall expect to hear from you soon after you get this letter And should be glad to see you which I am certain I shall never do unless you will pay me a visit.

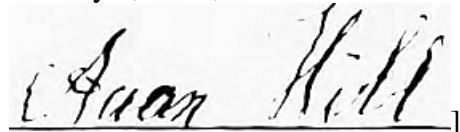
With my best wishes for your prosperity & happiness together with that of your family, I remain your affectionate brother.

S/ Robert Hill



[p 42: On September 21, 1837 in Jackson County Arkansas, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit from the Alabama agency to the Arkansas agency stating that he has removed from Alabama to the state of Arkansas because he has several children living in Arkansas and had the opportunity of selling his land in Alabama. In this document he describes himself as the same person who formerly belonged in the companies commanded by Captain John Morgan and Captain Robert Hill in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Joseph Winston.]

[p 15: Anna Hill, 76, filed on October 22, 1846 for a widow's pension stating Joel died on January 6, 1843; that she married Joel in Richmond County Ga on October 16, 1791.



[p 18: Bible record:

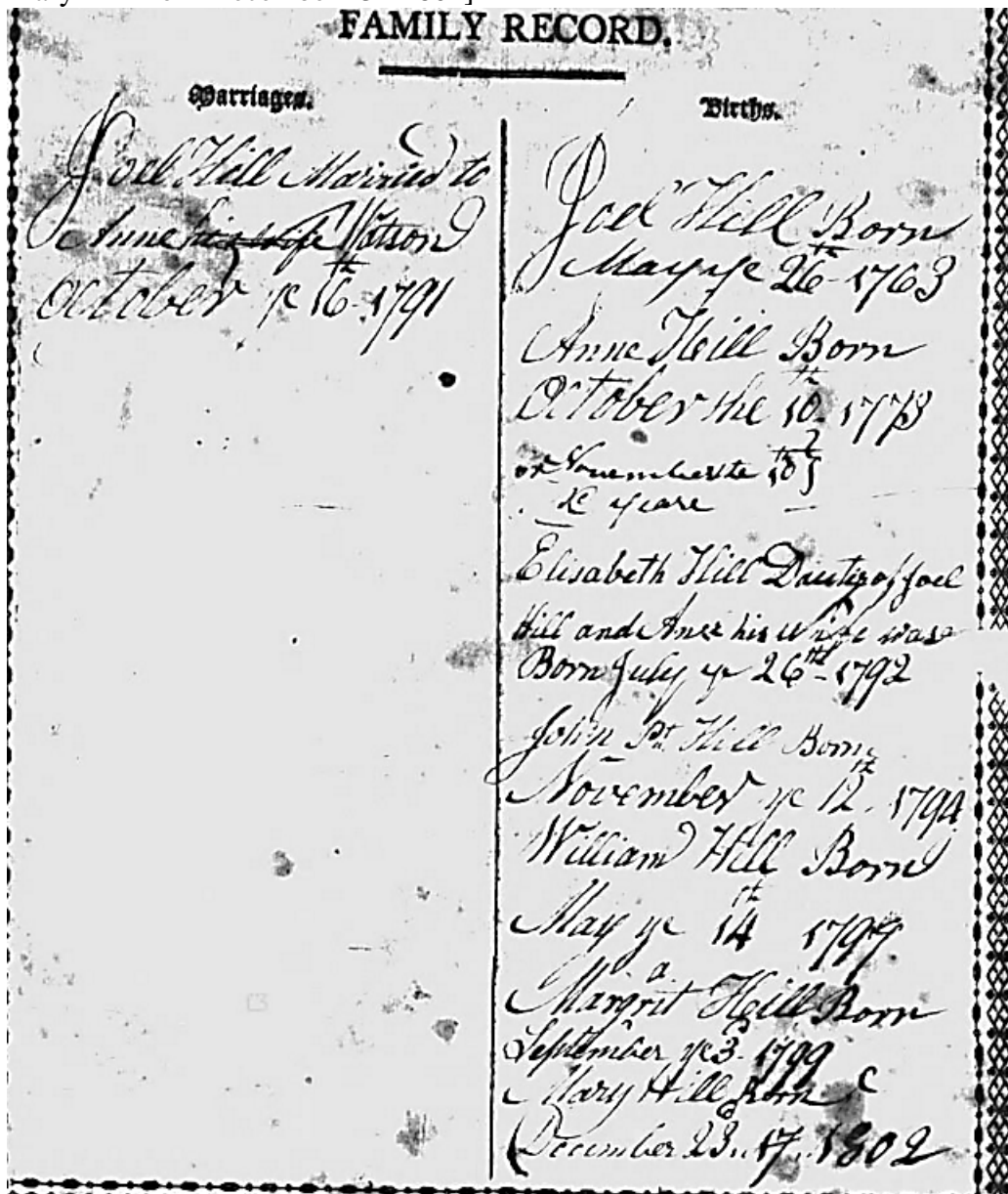
Joel Hill married to Anne Watson October 16th 1791

Joel Hill Born May 26, 1763

Anne Hill Born October 10th 1773 him or November 10th ?? yeare

Elizabeth Hill Daut. Of Joel Hill and Anne his wife was Born July ye 26th, 1792

John Pr. Hill Born November ye 12th 1794
 William Hill Born May ye 14th 1797
 Margaret Hill Born September ye 3, 1799
 Mary Hill Born December 23rd 1802]



[p 23: marriage bond issued in Richmond County Georgia on October 11, 1791 2 Joel Hill, William Lee and Neil Cleveland, bondsmen, conditioned upon the marriage of Joel Hill to "Ammy Watson, both of said County."

[Joel Hill died January 6, 1843, Bay Township, Jackson County, Arkansas.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]