

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jesse Hicks (Hickes) W25773¹ Zilvira Hicks f35NC
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State of South Carolina Darlington District

On this twenty fifth day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Darlington District now sitting Jesse Hicks a resident of Williamsburg District in the State aforesaid aged seventy-two years who being 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 7 of June 1832. That he was drafted on the 16th day of March 1781 as a militia man in the County of Dobbs State of North Carolina and served in the brigade commanded by General Caswell [Brigadier General William Caswell] in a Regiment commanded first by Col. Linton [possibly William Thomas Linton of the Nash County Regiment] in the company of Captain Johnson [Jacob Johnston] – that he was successively afterwards commanded by Colonels Kenyon [probably Col. James Kenan] & Axom [probably Col. Benjamin Exum] – that he was engaged in a battle with the British at Rockfish Hanover County [New Hanover County] near Wilmington² – that he believes the British were commanded by Major Craig [James H. Craig] and from inferiority of force the Americans were defeated – that Colonel Kenyon commanded the Americans: that he was discharged on the 25th of September 1781 having served a tour of duty of six months – he further swears that he has no documentary Evidence of his services nor does he know of any person who can testify to his services. He further 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 in open Court

S/ Jno. B. Bruce, CCPS

S/ Jesse Hicks



[J. Morgan Timmons, a clergyman, and William Timmons gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On May 1, 1854, in Darlington District South Carolina, Zilvira Hicks, 60, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jesse Hicks, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him July 31, 1839; that her husband died October 3, 1849; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

¹ BLWt17871-160-55

² Probably the engagement at Rockfish Creek on August 2, 1781.

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_rockfish_creek.html

[On May 11, 1854 in Marion District South Carolina Mark Moldin gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Zilvira Bass and Jesse Hicks, then a resident of Williamsburg District South Carolina; that the marriage took place in Darlington District at the residence of Zilvina Bass on 31 July 1839; that Stephen Jones was the minister who officiated at the service; and that Jesse Hick [sic] died on or about the 2nd day of October 1849.]

[p 13: On April 19, 1855 in Darlington District, the widow, 63, filed for her bounty land entitlement saying that her maiden name was Silviana Murrell.³]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned at a like amount commencing February 3, 1853.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Jesse Hicks
Audited Account No. 3585A

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To the Honorable Senators & Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina 11 Nov. 1848

We the Petitioners respectfully recommend to your attention Mr. Jesse Hick [sic] a revolutionary Soldier about Eighty Eight years old, who has never received a cent from our State & is only receiving nineteen dollars a year from the United States, after paying some little expenses in getting it. He is a very poor man, almost helpless, nearly Blind & deaf & unless the State does something for him he must suffer without public charity aids him which is Generally very Cold, or put him on the poor list & make him a Pauper, which would be a disgrace to the United States. He will need aid but a little while longer. It will be a deed of Charity as well as Justice to support the poor, old, well [sic ?] his few remaining years.

In granting our petition we will ever Pray

Subscribers Names	Subscribers Names
A. H. Graham	John J. Rogers
W. G. McAllister	Charles J. Colborne
R. M. Graham	W. D. G. Rogers
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Jason Lynch	Samuel Perrett
Jesse B. Ellis	Samuel Kaspalman
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J. C. James	P. M. Fragan
G. B. Reed	Josiah G. Gillyman
W. D. Cameron	

³ Silviana Murrell

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Wm McCallister
Wm L. Lee
Hugh Matthews
John Miller
H. W. Black
H. B. Godwin
J. J. McCallister
Francis Elmore
Charles W. H. etc
John Wren
John Elmore
David Matthews
B. C. Hare
Daniel McBlair
Wm Dennis
A. M. Matthews
John Lee
Moses Matthews
B. B. Dennis
J. J. Floyd
W. G. H. etc
Abner McCallister
B. B. Hodge
G. H. H. etc
A. J. Roden

Lamy Filch
Timothy Lee
J. M. McCallister
Francis Miles
Andrew Caraway
John Frieron
Wm Garbrough
Daniel B. Gralen
Alexander Inmigh
L. R. Rodgers
J. M. Thomas
John McPike
Dolomond Ham
Josiah Miles
Allen Miles
Jacob Caspahn
R. H. Progeny
J. H. West Carter
J. H. H. etc
Andrew Floyd
Thos. London
J. H. H. etc
Edward Miles
Wm A. H. etc

Kestady Tacy	John Collins
Labrum Baranay	Isaac Barman
Evander S. Moore	Samuel Gaskin
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J. E. Kiser	Wid. Garbrough
John Matthews	Wm. Rodgers
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	James Meutche
	Levin White
	Elijah Pickett

[Note: The prayer of the petition was not granted on the basis that there was no evidence that the veteran served in South Carolina.]