

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hill W3814

Nancy Hill

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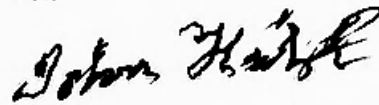
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State of Georgia County of Hancock: SS

On this 24th day of February 1833 personally appeared before the Inferior Court for the County & State aforesaid, John Hill a resident of the said County of Hancock & State of Georgia aged about eighty-two or three 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the fall of 1775 or the spring of 1776 with Captain Thomas Gaskins of the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia and served in the fifth Virginia Regiment of the Continental line under the following officers – He served out, to within a few weeks, his first enlistment of two years with Captain Thomas Gaskins, & Lieutenants Carlson [? written over and unclear, but probably Samuel Colston] & McAdams [John McAdam]. He does not remember the name of his Major, but the Regiment was commanded by Colonel Richard Parker [sic, Josiah Parker was Colonel of the 5th Virginia Regiment]. A very few weeks before the close of his enlistment he reenlisted into the Regiment of Cavalry then commanded by Colonel Theodorick Bland. He enlisted into the Regiment with Captain Alexander Spotswood Dandridge who commanded the third troop of Bland's Regiment for the term of three years, which he served out faithfully and received his discharge from Colonel William Washington on Cape Fear [River] in North Carolina sometime in the year 1780, the precise time not now recollected. The discharge has long since been lost or destroyed, as he could not foresee its importance as evidence in any future application to the justice or generosity of his Country. He resided at the time of his first enlistment in the County of Northumberland & State of Virginia. But, reenlisting shortly before his first enlistment expired he might, properly, at that time, consider the Army as his home. When he went into the Cavalry he was commanded as stated, by Captain Dandridge, the Regiment being commanded by Colonel Bland. He does not recollect the changes which took place in his commanding officers so as to state them. After having served a considerable portion of his second enlistment in Bland's Regiment, & having been used oppressively by one of its officers, & being determined to avenge himself, he was induced, after much solicitation to exchange into the Infantry. The precise time of his exchange is not recollected – So much time has elapsed, & the events of that period occurred so rapidly, he has no direct recollection of the number of the Regiment into which he exchanged, nor the name of his officers nor the state to which it belonged – But of this he feels confident, that it was after the attack on Savannah by General Lincoln & count d'Estaing [Siege of Savannah, September 16-October 18, 1779] & shortly before the battle of the Cowpens

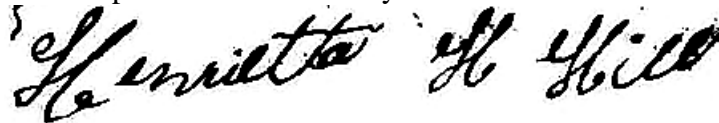
[January 17, 1781] and under the exchange he served in the infantry at the Siege of Charleston by the British & was taken prisoner at its surrender [May 12, 1780]. Such was the severity of his imprisonment at Charlestown that he accepted permission from the enemy's officers to work in their shops as a Shoemaker, for the purpose of obtaining an opportunity to escape. This he effected, as well as he recollects, in about three weeks, & after enduring hardships & privation's which need not be mentioned, joined the Cavalry, then commanded by Colonel William Washington, on Cape Fear in North Carolina, and received his discharge as before stated. He was in the battle of Germantown [October 4, 1777], in which he received a wound from a buck shot in the breast. He was in some smaller skirmishes in one of which he was slightly wounded in the leg. He was prevented from sharing in the battles of Trenton [December 26, 1776] & Princeton [January 3, 1777] by being then on detached service. He was engaged in the attack on Savannah before mentioned and was led to the charge by count Pulaski and saw him fall [October 11, 1779]. As before stated, he served in the American Infantry during the Siege of Charleston until General Lincoln was compelled to surrender. These are all the battles & sieges of consequence in which he was engaged. In the charge on the Redoubts at Savannah, his sword arm was disabled by a wound from a musket ball in the wrist. In the course of his service he marched through portions of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, North & South Carolina & Georgia. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any State.

S/ John Hill



[p 8: On July 7, 1845 in Hancock County Georgia, Nancy Hill, 84, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of John Hill, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$100 per annum; that her husband died in Hancock County Georgia November 12, 1842; that she was lawfully married to John Hill in the year 1779 or 1780 in Northumberland County Virginia; she was married in the church by a minister of the gospel of the Catholic order; that she has no evidence of her marriage other than the registry of her children's births which she believes to be true and is in the handwriting of her husband down to the age of their 7th child Martin; that she removed from the state of Virginia to Maryland and from there to Georgia, Hancock County with her husband. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 10: On July 7, 1845 in Hancock County Georgia, Henrietta H Hill gave testimony that the family register containing the names of her brothers and sisters are all the legitimate children of her said parents John & Nancy Hill.



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[pp5-7: family record:

Nancy Kesterson Daughter to George Kesterson & Mary his wife was born May the 29th 1761
Cloe Kesterson Daughter to George Kesterson and Mary his wife was born January the 27th 1763
Molly Hill daughter to John and Nancy was born June [date written over and illegible], 1781

Elesabeth Hill daughter to Jno. Hill and Nancy was born May 26, 1783
George Hill Son of John Hill was born the 24 of March 1785
Dolley Hill Daughter to John Hill and Nancy was born the 3 of June 1787
Nancy Hill Daughter to John and Nancy was born January the 2 in the year 1790
Salley Hill Daughter to John Hill and Nancy was born the 12th of March 1792
Martin Hill was born in July the first, 1794
Lues Hill was born December the 15 1796
Trisy Hill was born the 17 of March 1803
Henrietta was born the 20th October in the year of 1806]

[Facts in file: The widow died about December 10, 1845 in Hancock County Georgia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$100 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Cavalry for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]