

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Conrad Hise (Hice) W4453

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Tennessee }
County of Franklin } SS.

On this 6th day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, personally appeared in open court, now holden, for the county and State above written, Mr Conrad Hice Jr, aged fifty seven[?] years past a resident of the County of Franklin & State of Tennessee, and being first sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, That he is the Son of Conrad Hice Sr, who, was a private in the cavalry service, for the term of nine months in the war of the Revolution. That his father the aforesaid Conrad Hice Sr, served three tours of three months each, as he has often heard his father say, in the North Carolina malitia one tour being as he thinks under Capt Stevens who died in the service. Affiant further declares, that his father often told him that he lost his horse and every thing belonging to him at the battle of Camden [SC, 16 Aug 1780] and had to retreat to a swamp for protection. Affiant further declares that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove this service, and would refer you to the accompanying proof further that all the papers of the afforesaid Conrad Hice Sr was taken by a Son in Law to the west, many years past, and that he cannot tell whether he is still alive or not, or where he lives at, at this time. Affiant further declares that his father died in Burk [sic: Burke] County in the State of North Carolina in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen leaving a widow affiants mother who moved with him to the State of Tennessee where she continued to live up to the time of her death on the [blank] day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty. Affiant further declares that he has often heard his father say that he was married to his affiants mother before the commencement of the war of the Revolution and also his mother Sophia Hice often told him that she had three children when his affiants father went into the service, he has no proof by which to prove the marriage and would refer you to the proof accompanying this declaration. Affiant further declares that his mother the aforesaid Sophia Hice never intermarried but continued a widow up to the time of her death. Affiant further declares, that that the afforesaid Sophia Hice his mother, was over one hundred years old at the time of her death on the 7th day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty and further that she died leaving the following named children as heirs at Law, Conrad Hice Jr, Peggy Winkle formerly Peggy Hice, Elizabeth Pearson formerly Elizabeth Hice. Affiant further declares that his oldest sister if living now would be above eighty years old. This declaration is made to obtain arrerages [sic: arrearages] of Pensions due affiants mother at the time of her death Oct 7th 1850, under the act of Congress of July 4th 1836.

Conrad hisXmark Hice

[Michael Awalt, pension application W326, made a supporting statement, which was certified by his son, Jacob Awalt.]

State of Tennessee }
County of Franklin } SS

On this 4th day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty one personally appeared before the subscriber an acting justice of the Peace for the County of Franklin & State of Tennessee Mr. William Ryal aged eighty years past, and after being sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration or affidavit That he was well acquainted with Conrad Hice Sr, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution, that he new him at the time he entered the service under he thinks Capt Stevens of the North Carolina Malitia for the term of three months, at one time, that he knew that he served three

different tours of three months each, while he affiant was living with the said Hice, and that the said Hice was a Captain of [illegible word], after the Battle of Camden that at the Battle of Camden, (he belonging to Dragoons [sic: Dragoons]) lost his horse and evry thing belonging to him, and had to retreat to a swamp for protection with others. Affiant further declares, that all the tours that Hice served in was as a Dragoon, that he entered as [illegible word] He affiant being a boy at the time, though well recolects hereing his neighbors talk of the circumstance of Conrad Hice loosing his horse in the service in the war of the Revolution and also living with Conrad Hice after the war he has often Heard Hice speake of the circumstances of loosing his horse. Affiant further swears, that he stayed with Conrad Hice Sr family during his different tours of duty his wife having some three children at the time the services were done. That they wer married before the war he is sure for they wer living together as man and wife at his earlyst recolection and continued to live together up to the time of the death of said Hice in the year eighteen hundred and sixteen, in Burk County in the state of North Carolina and left a widow who moved with her son Conrad Hice Jr to the County of Franklin and State of Tennessee, that she died on the seventh day of October eighteen hundred and fifty. Affiant further declares that she new Mrs. Sophia Hice the widow of Conrad Hice Sr up to the time of her death, and that she never intermarried. He further declares, that Conrad Hice Jr is an Heir at Law of Conrad Hice Sr and of Mrs. Sophia Hice deseased, a Son, of the afforesaid Conrad Hice Sr and Mrs Sophia Hice named above. William hisXmark Ryal

{State of North Carolina
 {Comptroller's Office

I, William J. Clarke, Comptroller of public accounts in and for the State aforesaid, do hereby certify that it appears of record in my office, among the payments made by said State to sundry persons for Military services in the Revolutionary War, as follows, to wit:

Conrad Hise

Vol. A. 4085 "Captain Conrad Hise for militia services of self and company £44 S7. D10 specie."

Ditto 4086 Ditto for ditto £193 S6 D2 specie.

Conrad Hise Book No. 7 page 10 £5 S3 D4 specie

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I further certify that many of the records have been lost or destroyed, and that they are particularly defective respecting the soldiers of said war, who lived in the Western part of this State, and that in consequence of the voluminousness of the records, there may be, as often happens, payments which I have not found and which consequently are not embraced in this certificate.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal of office this 15th May 1852. Wm. J. Clarke Compt'r.

State of Tennessee }
 Franklin County } S.S.

On this 15th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty two personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above writen Conrad Hice Jr. and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following affidavit. That his father served in the war of the Revolution in North Carolina as a private and captain and having died, he left a widow affiants mother Sophia Hice who died on the seventh day of October eighteen hundred and fifty & she left the following named children as her only heirs at Law, Conrad Hice Jr. Peggy Winkle & Sarah Speck. Conrad hisXmark Hice Jr

State of Georgia }
 Dade County } S.S.

On this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three

personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County, Mrs Margaret Willhite aged eighty seven years past and being duly sworn according to Law doth on oath make the following affidavit That she was born in North Carolina and was well acquainted with Conrad Hise, who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution that she knew him to be in the Service of, the people against the torys, that he was in the Battle of Kings Mountain [SC, 7 Oct 1780] and in servace before that time that she remembers well of his service as a Captain in the Revolution that he raised his Company in the neighborhood in which affiant lived and he was called Captain Conrad Hise in Mellingburg [sic: Mecklenburg] County North Carolina and affiant thinks he served a considerable time as a Captain & remember of him serving several times as captain and knows that he served as a private for a long time, before he was made a Captain, that she affiant was well acwainted with him and knows that he was in the servace for a long time in the war of the Revolution, bouth as a private and as a Captain and at the time he entered the Service and as earley as affiant can recolect Conrad Hise above stated was married, and was living at the time of his servace as a private and captain with his wife Sophia Hise who died in the County of Franklin Tennessee. She affiant is confident that Conrad Hise was married at the time of the Battle of Kings Mountain and that he was in that Battle, that she rembers that Fred Fisher [possibly Frederick Fisher, pension application S20364, wounded at Kings Mountain] and Henry Henager [Henry Henigar] were killed at the Battle of Kings Mountain and that Conrad Hise and his Brother Leonard Hise [Leonard Hise (Hice), S8713] were out together and that Leonard Hise afterwards drew a pension for services, and lived in Burk County North Carolina, affiant could name many that were in the servace with Conrad Hise in the Revolution. She is confident that he served as a Captain. She remembers the Horse he rode when out as a Captain, and also that when he was out he was riding and all the servace he did was a horse back for he started from the house of affiants Father, with several others, and also where he went as a Captain most of his Company went from the neighborhood in which affiant then lived, and they were mostley Dutch [i.e. German] Settlers that were with him in the Servace, and at this time Conrad Hise and Sophia wer living together as man and wife and continued so to live up to the death of Conrad Hise above stated. Affiant remembers will of all the above service and she cannot be mistaken in the service of Conrad Hise nor of his marriage with Sophia Speck before the War of the Revolution.

[signed] Margaret Willhite

State of Tennessee }
Franklin County } S.S.

Be it known that on this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above writen, Katy Wever, and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following affidavit That she is now in her eighty eighth year of her age That She remembers well the war of the Revolution that she was Born in the County of Meclingburg in the State of North Carolina and remembers many of the Soldiers of the war of the Revolution that she new Captain Conrad Hise, knew him to serve in the war of the Revolution as a Captain for a long time for more than two years. She affiant lived in the neighborhood in which Captain Conrad Hise did and seen him muster his company to start in the servase on several differant occations that they were mounted men horse men that affiant seen others go into the servase leave the neighborhood in which they lived and many of the men that served under Hise above stated were immediate neighbors to affiant and Captain Conrad Hise lived in half a mile of where affiant lived and she knew him well and his family from her earliest recollection, and remembers of being at the house of the said Hise when he started from home as a Captain that he was in the servace for a considerable time in the revolution that he was always ready to serve and held himself in readiness at all times to enter the servace at short notice and when at home he mustered his company often and they met at the House of Captain Hise to muster and affiant was often at his huse when he mustered his compny and seen him acting as Captain of the Company and saw him go

into the servace as Captain of this Compy of Horse as was at his house often while he was in the Servace and stayed with his wife, while he was out fiting the Torys, and affiant remembers well that he wore a uniform and on one occation when he came home after an absense of several months he was slightly wounded and a bullett had passed through his coat, and that he had lost his horse, and returned with another and this horse he retained for several years after the war and would not let him work. Affiant also remembers that Capt Hise above stated told her and her father that he was in the Battle at Kings Mountain and at Gilferd Court House [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781], and affiant remembers well that Captain Hises wife was in a great distriss for fear her husband was killed when they heared of these battles. She remembers well also that he had mostly dutch in his company and that he was a dutchman. Affiant would further declare that Captain Conrad Hise above stated left a widow Sophia Hise and she was his wife when he was in the servace and the person she alludes too as his wife the one the affiant stayed with while he was in servise that she is the Identical Sophia Hise who died in October eighteen hundred and fifty in Franklin County Tennessee and affiant would further declare that Conrad Hise who now lives in Franklin County Tennessee is the son of the Identical Captain Conrad Hise above stated and of Sophia Hise above stated [signed] Katy Wever

State of Tennessee }
Franklin County } S.S.

Be it known that on this 30th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three personally appeared before the subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above written Alison Coleman aged eighty four years past and being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following affidavit. That he was born in the County of Meclingburg in the State of North Carolina and was raised in the same neighborhood with Captain Conrad Hise who was a Captain in the Revolutionary war – though affiant was not old enough to be engaged as a Soldier in the Revolution he remembers well the war and the time – that he was related to Captain Hise and his affiants father – live near him during the war of the Revolution and affiant being a boy he remembers that his Couzzin Conrad Hise was in the Servace as a Captain for a long time and he commanded a company of such – that is most all the men in his Company – and he was a duchman, that this Company was ready at all times to do servace holding themselves in readiness at any time to go out – that he remembers well that Conrad Hise was first out as a private and afterwards was made Captain of a Company of Horse men and was in the servace most of the time from the year as affiant thinks seventeen hundred and eighty up to the close of the war – for he was not at home much being out most of the time and when they came home it was only to remain a short time to recrate their losses – to start again on scouting tours against the torys and British troops and was in servace as a Captain for at least two years to affiants own personal knowledge though he was young affiant well remembers the servace of Captain Conrad Hise and knows he served as above stated Affiant well remembers that Captain Hise above stated often spoke of having served under General [William Lee] Davidson and was at the battle on Catoba river at a place called Cowans Ford [sic: skirmish at Cowan’s Ford NC on Catawba River, 1 Feb 1781] and also speak often of General Davidson being killed in servace at that place

Affiant would further declare that Conrad Hise above stated was married at the time he was in servace and his wife Sophia Hise & who died in Franklin County Tennessee in eighteen hundred and fifty was the Identical person and that she was living with him at the time of his servace as above stated as his wife and continued to do so up to the day of his death and never intermarried. Affiant would further declare that when she Sophia Hise died she left onley the following Children as her surviving Children and heirs at Law – Margaret Winkle Sarah Speck and Conrad Hise Jr – that they were all known to affiant.

Affiant would further declare that he has no intrest in their application for a pension on account of the servaces of Conrad Hise their father as a Captain in the Revolutionary war nor has he any intrest

with them in any way for the arrearages of pension due their mother Sophia Hise deceased.

[signed] Alison Coleman

State of Tennessee }

Franklin County } S.S.

On this 3rd day of October AD 1853 personally appeared before the Subscriber an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Conrad Hise Jr, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following affidavit That in making a statement to the department in regard to the heirs of Sophia Hise – who was the wife of Capt Conrad, he was mistaken, that he had a Sister by the name of Elizabeth Pear[page torn] but who is now dead – and in the place of Elizabeth he should have stated Sarah Speck – that is in his first declaration that he hopes this mistake will not go against him in the prosecution of the claim of Sophia Hise Conrad hisXmark Hise

NOTE:

Sanford L. Steelman, Jr. kindly provided a copy of the following statement by Hise made on 13 Nov 1802 in support of the pension application of John Wentz (R11326):

State of North Carolina } This Day Came Conrad Hise and Peter Weaver before me and made oath,
Cabarrus County } conceng John Wenz, first Conrad Hise says on his oath that he saw the said John Wenz between Rughlas Creek [probably Rugeley's Mill several miles north of the site of the Battle of Camden] and the Battle Ground but some what Nearer the Battle ground than the Creek and Seed him walking or limming [limping] along the Road and his Clothing Round his Nec was Blody, Hise asket him if he was wouDED, Wenz made no answer Mr. Hise asket him again and again but made no Answer but limpt along the Road without aney Replay Mr. Hise told him to Clear him Self the Light horss [probably Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion] was just upon him Hise then Cleard him Self and left John Wentz there in the Road....

On 30 July 1853 Margret Winkler, 74, stated that the family record of her parents, Conrad and Sophia Hise, had been destroyed.