

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Mordecai Hamm: W4976

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State of North Carolina} SS

County of Stokes}

On this 4th day of May 1839 before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Stokes aforesaid personally appeared Rebecca Hamm a resident of said County Seventy Nine years of age who is a Cripple and from bodily infirmities is unable to travel who being duly sworn according to law, doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7 1838 Entitled: An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows, that she is the widow of the late Mordica Hamm deceased who was a private soldier & Dragoon in the Militia Army of the United States in time of the Revolutionary War, and served from the best information she can obtain the following Tours & under the following named officers, first she states that her said husband Mordica Hamm Dec'd. was about two years older than herself, and entered the service as she was informed by himself in the County of Chatham North Carolina in February 1776 under a Capt Colson and marched from thence as a Volunteer Militia private footman to Fayetteville N Carolina and there at or near the Town was stationed at head quarters; (the Field officers she cannot Tell the names) in this service he served three months in routing the Tories in that sexion of Country & guarding the Town against the Tories & received a discharge & returned home to his parents in Chatham; and some few years after that her said husband & his parents & family removed to Guilford County North Carolina and some time in January or Feb'y 1781 there being a call for the Militia her husband said Mordica Volunteered himself under a Captain Varnon in Colo. James Martins Regiment and was marched from Guilford to Salisbury & Charlotte N. Carolina & the marched back to Guilford and was engaged in the battle of Guilford in March of the same year [Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781]. in this service he served [new page] service he stated he lacked only Ten days of three months & was taken ill with the measles after the Battle while he was assisting in driving beef cattle for the use of Genl Greens [sic: Nathanael Greene's] Army. and sent home the next service served as a volunteer Dragoon under a Capt. Miner Smith from Surry County N Carolina as he lived near the County line and marched in the Summer time or fall of the year 1781. to Wilmington N Carolina where the news came to the army that the British had surrendered to Gen'l. Washington [at Yorktown VA, 19 Oct 1781] & then he returned with the Army homewards in this tour he served three months all these services amounts to eight months and Twenty days as she has just reason to believe her husband Mordica Hamm Decd. informed her and the proof of Elizabeth Fulp & John Venables will more plainly appear and also she expects Lewis Woolf will prove one tour to Fayetteville in 1776 - for which she claims a Pension. She further declares that she was married to the said Mordica Hamm on the 5th day of December seventeen hundred and eighty two by Colo. Samuel Henderson a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Guilford at said Hendersons place of residence in said County, and that her said husband Mordica Hamm died in December eighteen hundred and fifteen in Stokes County N Carolina, and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service But the marriage took place previous to the first day of January seventeen hundred and ninety four. viz at the time above stated, and that she has remained unmarried ever since his death. She further states that whilst she and her husband Mordica Hamm Dec'd. aforesaid lived in union together as man and wife, she had the following named Children Born of her body, towit. first Elizabeth Hamm was born the 13th of October 1783. the 2nd Mary Hamm was born in Septem'r 1785. she has no record of the ages of her children as it was distroyed by fire, but she had twelve in all. the next was named Hannah, the 4th was James. 5th Thomas. 6th Susanna. 7th Stephen. 8th James. 9th & 10th Patsy & Rebecca Twinns. 11th Peter & 12th Elener Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year first above mentioned at her own place of Residence in Stokes County aforesaid before me

Rebecca herXmark Hamm

C. Banner J.P.

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Personally appeared before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace for said County Elizabeth Fulp widow of Peter Fulp Dec'd. aged Seventy Eight years a person of Pious Character & esteemed by her neighbors as a woman of veracity for truth. She being a half sister to Mordica Hamm above named and she being duly sworn according to law declares on her oath that she well recollects that her said Brother Mordica Hamm went in the service of the United States and marched from Chatham County N Carolina against the Scotch Tories towards Fayetteville N. Carolina under a Capt. Colson of the Militia of said County in the month of Feb'y. 1776 & he returned home on Furlow for Clothing apparel after being gone about two months & went back immediately with four or five of his neighbors. they all had Guns and served out the full time for which engaged as a volunteer as he turned out & said he would not stand a Draft at the call for men to go against the tories &c he was gone three months or more the Colonels name she cannot exactly recollect but thinks it was Pacely [probably John Peasley or Paisley]. then some years after her Father & Family removed to Guilford County N. Carolina near Surry County line and her brother Mordica aforesaid was often call'd on as a minut man to range after tories in a Capt. Varnons Company. sometimes he would be gone a week & some times longer but she cannot remember how long at each time but remembers of being gone two months & a half & said he went over Big Yadkin river to Salisbury & to Mecklenburg at Charlotte & return'd with the Army and was in the Battle of Guilford. these services was in the winter of the years 1780 & 1781 & the Battle was in March she remembers & hearing the Guns at the Battle. and in the same year 1781 he went as dragoon under Cap't. Miner Smith in Colo. Martins Regm't. from Guilford to Wilmington & was gone three months with this deponants husband Peter Fulp Dec'd. and afterwards in the month of Decem'r. in the year 1782 Banns of marriage being published she accompanied her said Brother with Rebecca Pratt & others to Colo. Sam'l. Hendersons who was a Justice of the peace for Guilford County aforesaid when & where he joined together and married her said Brother Mordica and Rebecca aforesaid as man & wife. And that the above named Rebecca Hamm is the identical person & now the widow of her said Brother Mordica Hamm & that said Rebecca has remained unmarried ever since his death about twenty four years past. Sworn to & subscribed this 4th day of May 1839.

Elizabeth herXmark Fulp

N.B. this Deponant states that she heard the Rev'd. Wm. Hill publish the Bans of Marriage previous to thereto Eliza herXmark Fulp