

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Thrift Hughlett W4996

Mary

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee Jackson County

On this the 25th day of October 1852 before me Wilson T McColgan an acting Justice of the Peace in & for said County, duly commissioned & qualified personally appeared Ann McColgan, aged sixty-two years a resident of Jackson County & State aforesaid who being sworn according to law makes the following declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of any Act or Acts of Congress under which she may be entitled to a pension as the surviving child & heir of William Hughlett and Mary Hughlett deceased To wit

That she is the surviving child and heir of William and Mary Hughlett deceased. That said William Hughlett was as she is informed and believes a Captain in the North Carolina Militia [during the] Revolutionary War, and served in said [war] two years or upwards whether he was in the Continental line or not she is unable to say.

That she has frequently heard her father speak of his services as Captain in said War & particularly of his having at one time charge of some prisoners during said War. She is unable to state the precise time of his service, but the payments made to him during said War induced her to believe that he served over two years. She refers to the record for the length of his service.

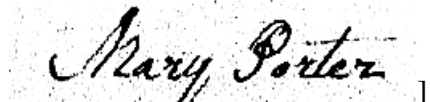
She states that her father William Hughlett and her mother Mary Hughlett whose maiden name was Mary Tate were married in Surry County North Carolina on the first day of [text too faint to discern] 1784. That her father William Hughlett died in Hickman County Tennessee on the 11th day of January 1827 aged at his death seventy years – she states that her mother Mary Hughlett died in Tompkinsville, Monroe County Kentucky on the 21st day of September 1843 in her 80th year, she states that she had 8 brothers & sisters of whom her brothers, William, Peter, Morgan [? very faint text] & Thomas Tate and her sister Sally Winiford Chilton and Elizabeth Wilson all died before her mother. That her brother John died in Perry County Tennessee in January 1851 and her brother Robert in Tipton County Tennessee sometime between the death of her mother & brother John. She states that her sister Mary Porter who was a widow died in Davidson County Tennessee in May 1852. She refers to the family record herewith filed, as exhibiting all the deaths except those of her brothers John & Robert and her Sister Mary, the exact dates not being known.

She states that so far as she knows or believes neither her father or mother ever drew a pension. She states that she was born in lawful wedlock on the 27th day of May of 1790. She herewith files the family record and refers to such other records as may be filed in support of her claim. She now prays that an examination may be had of said claim and an allowance be made. She further states that she is now a widow & her maiden name was Ann Hughlett.

S/ Ann McColgan



[fn p. 7: On May 20, 1851 in Davidson County Tennessee, Mary Porter, late Mary Hughlett, executed a power of attorney authorizing her attorneys to pursue whatever claims she might have for a pension based on the service of her father and her mother as his widow.



[fn p. 9: Marriage bond executed in Surry County North Carolina by William Hewlett & Roger Giddens on June 28, 1784 to secure the marriage of William Hewlett to Mary Tate.]

[fn pp. 15-18: family record

Marriages

William T Hughlett my father & Mary Hughlett (Mary Tate) my mother was married July 1<sup>st</sup> 1784

John Hughlett my brother was married to Chaislenah House January 15th 1805 – January 27 to Elizabeth Maybry

Mary Hughlett & Elizabeth Hughlett my twin sisters was married August 16th 1807 Mary to Thomas E. Sumner, Elizabeth to General Samuel Wilson

Mary was married the second time to the Reverend Thomas D Porter on the 23rd of July 1820

Ann Hughlett my sister was married to Harvey Johns on the 25th of December 1805 the second time to Colonel James McColgan on\_\_

William H Hughlett my brother was married April 16 1818 2 Polly McCraw

Robert Hughlett my brother was married to Elizabeth McCraw on the 3rd day of June 1819

Sally Winifred Hughlett was married to Dr William Chilton on the 25th of March 1819

Peter Morgan Hughlett was married on Wednesday the 26 November 1834 to Eunice B White

Births

William Thrift Hughlett my Father was born November 11th 1757

Mary Hughlett my mother was born May 15th 1764

John Hewitt my Brother was born June 3rd 1785

Mary Hewitt and Elizabeth Hewitt Twins my Sisters was born on Sunday the 16th of March 1788

Ann Hughlett my Sister was born May 27 1790

William Hanley Hughlett my brother was born June 30th 1793

Thomas Tate Hughlett my brother was born March 11th 1796

Robert Hughlett my brother was born April 3rd 1798

Sally Winefred Hughlett my Sister was born August 29th 1801

Peter Morgan Hughlett my brother February 11th 1807

Eunice B Hughlett my wife was born the 12th January 1817

James H Arterberry born third day of January 1831

Benjamin F Arterberry was born the 11th of December 1832

Thompson Arterberry was born the 19th of March 1806

Elizabeth Arterberry was born the 17th of April 1813  
William F Arterberry was born the 27th of May 1834  
Moses A Arterberry was born the 11th of December 1837  
Wilson C Arterberry he was born the 30th of December 1839  
Nancy A. Arterberry was born the 12th of April 1840  
Lucinda B Arterberry was born the 18 [?] of January 1845  
Mary L Arterberry was born the 21st of February 1842  
Martha R Arterberry was born the 6th of August 1850

#### Deaths

William Thrift Hughlett my father departed this life on Tuesday the 16th of January 1827 in the 70th year of his age (Disease dropsy)  
Thomas Tate Hughlett my brother departed this life on the 9th of August 1815 (disease Fever)  
Thomas E Sumner my brother-in-law Departed this life July 21st 1819 aged 50 years  
General Samuel Wilson my brother-in-law was murdered 25th of March 1831  
Elizabeth Wilson my sister departed this life 3rd day of January 1835 Disease fever or Rising in the head  
Sally Winifred Chilton my sister departed this life on the 22nd of May 1837 by a fall from her horse  
Peter Morgan Hughlett Departed this life in Republic of Texas on the 28th of July 1837 of fever.  
Thomas D Porter my brother-in-law departed this life in the Republic of Texas on the 10th of July 1837 of fever]

[fn p. 105]

State of Alabama County of Jefferson

On this 28th day of April 1854 before me the undersigned Nathan Byars Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared William Speer<sup>1</sup> to me well-known a resident citizen of the above named County and state aged ninety-five years who being by me first duly sworn says that he was personally well and intimately acquainted with the late William Hewlett that said William Hewlett lived prior to the year 1800 in Surry County North Carolina when and where this affiant then lived. That the said William Hewlett was a Captain in the North Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War, and served as such for the period of three months to this affiant's knowledge, how much longer this affiant does not know, This affiant served under his brother Henry Speer Captain in the same Regiment at the same time that Captain William Hewlett served as Captain of another Company, that said William Hewlett was afterwards called Major Hughlett when this affiant knew him in Kentucky. This affiant states that he knew Major William Hewlett in Cumberland County Kentucky, well that they frequently met together, and talk about their being in the revolutionary war at the same time and in the same Regiment, that he the said affiant moved from Surry County North Carolina to Madison County Kentucky about the year 1801 or 2 that he afterwards moved to Cumberland County Kentucky about the year 1804 or 5 and settled where he has been informed his son Abram now lives. After he removed to Cumberland County, he renewed his acquaintance with the said William Hughlett who had settled on Wolf River near the Tennessee line about 7 or 8 miles from this affiant's residence. This affiant often met said Hughlett who was in the habit of calling to see him after their removal as above he knows him to be the same man he knew in North Carolina and knows him to be the same William Hughlett who was in the Revolutionary War at the time the said

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<sup>1</sup> [William Speer S11446](#)

affiant was, and that he was a Captain of a company of Militia during the tour that said affiant served, he does not recollect the name of Mrs. Hughlett but believes is to be Mary or Polly.

That Major Hughlett was a man in good standing and respectability,

He makes the above statements for the benefit of the heirs of his old and esteemed friend and fellow soldier, having no interest of his own whatever in the result of their application.

S/ William Speer, X his mark

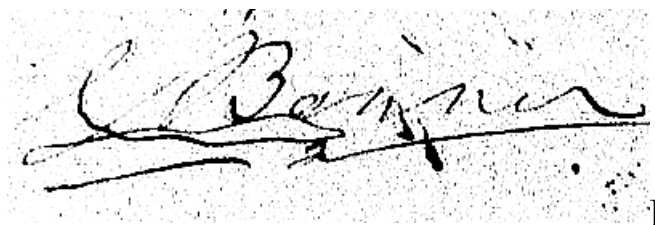
[fn p. 127: Certificate dated March 22, 1855 from the North Carolina Comptroller's office listing payments made for military service in the revolutionary war to Captain William Hughlet [sic]

[fn p. 145: Certificate dated May 20, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a William Hughlett for revolutionary war services.]

[fn p. 148: On March 21, 1854 in Forsyth County North Carolina, Charles Banner, 80, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with William Hewlett formerly of Stokes County; that this affiant took the deposition of Thomas Shipp,<sup>2</sup> a pensioner of the revolutionary war, at his residence on October 10, 1850; from his notes taken on that occasion it appears that Shipp declared "on his oath that he served a three month tour of service in the same Regiment of militia with said William Hughlett in time of service they were in the memorable Battle of Kings Mountain in which said Hughlett acted as a Captain or Lieutenant he did not recollect which, and other times as a minute man he served with said Hughlett & he believed & was confident that said Hughlett served during the said war in actual service part of his time carrying expresses from General Martin Armstrong to the commanding officers of the American Army at different places & made many narrow escapes in all near or about one year and a half at least, he was present when said William Hughlett was married to a Miss Mary Tate." Affiant testified that he gave the original of Shipp's deposition to a certain horse & mule trader whose name he cannot now recollect who was to deliver it to Mr. Dabney. The affiant goes on to state that he learned "that he [Hughlett] served & was in the Battle of Kings Mountain, and many years ago heard said William Hughlett and Deponent's uncle Charles McAnally & one Berry Stone talking of their being in the Battle of Gates defeat in South Carolina & had narrowly escaped being taken by the British they all were in said Battle serving [as] Dragoons or mounted men. Deponent remembers when he the said uncle & Stone entered the service & returned home with said Hughlett & a certain Samuel Hampton a cousin of General Wade Hampton this happened when I was only about 6 or 7 years of age & afterwards I became more acquainted with said Hughlett when he often mentioned his serving in the war of the Revolution with uncle Charles McAnally & said [he] had entered the service when but a youth & served eight months as Lieutenant & Captain & twelve months as express rider and recruiting making in all twenty months at least, the truth of which I have no reason to doubt as I was credibly informed by my Father Joseph Banner & other old soldiers, all pensioners too, that knew said William Hughlett & said he was a venturesome & resolute officer very active use for one in all calls against the Tories...."

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Shipp S7487](#)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Benjamin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light, textured background. Below the signature, there are several horizontal lines, possibly representing a signature line or a separator. The signature is enclosed in a small rectangular box with a closing bracket on the right side.

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$173.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1843 and ending September 21, 1843 for her husband's services as a Captain in the North Carolina militia.]

[Note: this file contains additional information of potential interest to genealogists.]