

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Micajah Hicks W7738

Mary Hicks

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the Act, entitled "an Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers & Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828 – I Micajah Hicks of the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina Do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution for & during the War – & continued in its Service until its termination: at which time & period I was a private in Captains Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes] & Lytle [William Lytle] – Company of 2nd Regiment of North Carolina line, & I also declare that afterwards I received certificates for the reward of eighty Dollars to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778 – And I further declare that I was not, on the 15th of May 1828 on the Pension list of the United States. Witness my Hand this 26th day of February A.D. 1830

Sworn to & subscribed before me the day & date above written

S/ Jos. Gibson, JP

S/Micajah Hicks, X his mark

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

17 March 1830

Micajah Hicks of __ in the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain Rhodes's Company, in the Second regiment of the North Carolina line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

18th March 1830

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars~~

has been issued to ___ in the ___

It further appears that Micajah Hicks is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826—~~at the rate of ___ dollars per month.~~

A Certificate appears to have been issued to Micajah Hicks for his paid to the 15th November 1783, that his name does not appear among those of the North Carolina line to whom Certificates for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars were issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

War Department: Bounty Land Office
March 27, 1830

The name of Micajah Hicks does not appear on the Records of the North Carolina line, on file in this Office, among those entitled to Bounty Lands of the United States, or, to whom a Land Warrant has issued

S/ Wm Gordon

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this 16th day of September A.D. 1831 Charles Wood came before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath that during the time he served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war he became acquainted with one Micajah Hicks a private Soldier in the North Carolina line – That the said Hicks was at the house of this Affiant a few weeks since: And this affiant has no doubt that he is the same identical Micajah Hicks who served as a Soldier in the revolutionary War

S/ Charles Wood, X his mark

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North Carolina, Guilford County

At a Superior Court of Law opened and held for the County of Guilford, the same being a Court of record, personally appeared in open Court Macajah Hicks [sic], resident in said County, aged about Seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on this 29th day of October A.D. 1831 on his Oath make the following declaration in order to Obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the first of May 1820. That he the said Micajah Hicks enlisted for the term of three years in the town of Lewisburg, Franklin County North Carolina, And was immediately sent on to South Carolina and placed in the first Regiment of the Maryland line, that he does not now recollect the name of the Captain, who commanded the company, or the name of the Colonel, who commanded the Regiment to which he belonged. That he continued to serve in said Regiment until the surrender of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] & became a prisoner of War. That he was confined on board of a prison ship about six months which lay near Charleston. That he made his escape from the ship and again rejoined the American Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] at Charlotte in North Carolina. He served in the first Regiment of Maryland line the balance of the term for which he originally enlisted. He cannot now remember the names of either of the Captain of his company or the Colonel of his Regiment but believes his name can now be found among the names of the private soldiers of the first Regiment of Maryland line. That after his aforesaid term of enlistment had expired, he enlisted for the term of twelve months in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Blount in a Company commanded by Captain Rhodes [Joseph T Rhodes], said Regiment belonged to the North Carolina line. That after his last mentioned tour of enlistment had expired; he again enlisted for the term of eighteen months in the 1st or 2nd Regiment North Carolina commanded by Colonel Armstrong and in a

Company commanded by Captain Lightle [sic, William Lytle] -- that he continued to serve in said Regiment and Company until he was discharged on furlough near Charleston, South Carolina. That he the said Hicks after his escape from the British prison ship as before stated was in the battles of Cowpens [January 17, 1781], Guilford [March 15, 1781], Little York [October 19, 1781] and Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] .¹ That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his aforesaid furlough has been lost many years since. That he has not heretofore applied for a pension because he was unwilling to live on the bounty of his Country as long as he was able to earn a subsistence by his labor. But by aged bodily infirmity he is now rendered unable to labor; he is therefore induced to make this his first application for support to the Government of his Country and which support is now greatly needs. That he knows of but two competent witnesses now living who can prove his identity (to wit) Charles Wood² whose affidavit accompanies this declaration and one John Seagraves³ an United States pensioner who resides in Surry County North Carolina. And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of An Act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War,” passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed, that is to say One small mare not worth more than twenty dollars, two beds & furniture, half a dozen chairs, three pewter plats, three dirt dishes, four or five knives and forks, five pewter spoons, one pot, and one bowl—that the property above enumerated is substantially the same as that which he owned on the 18th of March 1818, And that no change by gift, sale or transfer has taken place in his effects since that time – that he then was and still is very poor. He further states that he is a farmer by occupation, that from old age and decrepitude he is unable to labor to make a subsistence for himself and his aged wife and stands in need of the aid of his government – that he has a wife about fifty-seven or eight years of age; that he has no children living with him or any other family than his wife.

S/ Micajah Hicks, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that Micaja [sic] Hicks a private in Captain Rhodes's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1781 for the term of 12 months and that his time was out on the 25th of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 18th day of June 1830.

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this 16th day of September A.D. 1831 Charles Wood Came before me is Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid and made Oath that during the term he served in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary war he became acquainted with one

1 It is highly unlikely that this applicant actually participated in both Eutaw Springs (September 8, 1781) and Yorktown (October 19, 1781, the date of the formal surrender of Cornwallis).

2 [Charles Wood S42084](#)

3 [John Seagraves S42005](#)

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Sworn to and Subscribed before me.

S/ Charles Wood, X his mark

S/ John J. Truland, JP

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Micajah Hicks a private Soldier in Captain Rhodes' Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted in 1781, for the term of 12 months and that his time was out on the 25th of April 1782; That he enlisted in Captain Carter's Company of said Regiment in 1782 for the term of 18 months, and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of December 1831

S/ Wm Hill

[p 4: Mary Hicks applied for widow's pension in Wilkes County, NC, on September 12, 1842, stating that she is 86 years old, that she is the widow of Micajah Hicks; that she married Micajah on December 10, 1780 in Chatham County, NC; that Micajah died on December 30, 1837; that he was pensioned at the rate of \$96/year in 1831. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: Certified copy of a marriage bond dated September 15, 1790, for the marriage of Micajah Hicks to Mary Dines in Chatham County, NC.]

[p 44: On October 17, 1844 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Eli Johnson, 47, gave testimony that about 20 years ago he bought the family Bible of Micajah Hicks which contained the only record of the children of said Hicks; that said record shows that Elizabeth Hicks is now about 51 years old, William Hicks, Alfred Hicks, Farmington Hicks and Crelia [?]⁴ Hicks aged about 48 years are the children of Micajah Hix; that there was about 2 years between the ages of each of the children; that some years after the affiant bought the Bible it fell into the water by accident and all to pieces and the record was torn up.]

[p 8: In a letter dated August 23, 1856 sent from Wilkesboro North Carolina, and addressed to the Commissioner of Pensions, Alfred Hix [sic] described himself as one of the children and heirs at law of Mary Hix and Micajah Hix [sic]; the correspondent describes himself as the administrator of the estate of his mother; he signed the letter with his mark.]

[p 35: On August 7, 1857 in Wilkes County North Carolina, Alfred Hicks gave testimony that he is the son and heir at law of Micajah & Mary Hicks, both deceased late of Wilkes County North Carolina; that both his parents were pensioners of the United States for his father service in the revolution; that his mother died in the early part of June 1853; that he, affiant has been appointed administrator of the estate of his mother. He signed the document with his mark.]

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 16, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months in the North Carolina Continental line. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]