

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Peter Hughs (Hughes) W7823

Lucy

fn49NC [sic VA]

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[fn p. 6]

State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: August session 1832

On this 29th August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas &c aforesaid County Peter Hughs a resident of said County aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated, to wit: that at a very early period he came to the Holston Country, then the frontier of North Carolina (now Tennessee) on Beaver Creek and, after remaining for some years before the breaking out of the war, he was ordered out for a two months tour against the Cherokee Indians, to Clinch River, in what is now Russell County Virginia under Captain Robert Craig & served in that expedition two months as a ranger & return home the time is not now recollected but thinks the fall of 1777 after which he again volunteered himself under Captain Taylor on the 20th day of August 1778 to go against the Shawnee & Delaware Indians (in what is now Ohio) and marched to Fort McIntosh and there joined Col McIntosh and under his command proceeded to perform fatigue duty at said Fort and there served out his service for the term of eight months under Colonel Taylor who at the expiration of the time returned with his men back to the Holston Country from whence they started, and was dismissed without a written discharge.

That in the month of September 1780 he again volunteered under Captain Craig of Colonel Campbell's [William Campbell's] command, to go against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who with his Army it was understood contemplated crossing the mountains & taking possession of the lead mines in Wythe County Virginia. That his company to which he belonged with Campbell's command joined McDowell's [Charles McDowell or Joseph McDowell] command at Gap Creek in what is now Carter County Tennessee & marched Colonels Campbell, Shelby [Isaac Shelby], McDowell, Sevier [John Sevier] & Cleveland [Benjamin Cleveland] were all united before the arrival at King's Mountain where they met Ferguson's Army and were on the top of the mountain the troops on the American side surrounded the British on the mountain, killed Ferguson & killed & took prisoners all the Army being about 800 prisoners which declarant aided in guarding to a place near Salisbury where the North Carolina militia received them, & we were discharged after we performing three months service though not favored with a written discharge but dismissed by Col Campbell. That he some time afterward he thinks another fall of the year after Ferguson's defeat again volunteered under Col Sevier for a tour of duty against the Indians and met the troops at Big Creek and crossed at Dotson's Ford on to Holston [River] & continued on to Tellico Plains & burned the town & destroyed the corn & other property said tour being for two months. He was there dismissed & returned home.

That afterwards in the month of September of the next year, he volunteered under Col Lynch to go to the lead mines in Wythe County, New River, with a view to prevent the possibility of the British getting the possession thereof where he continued as a guard two months and was dismissed by others supplying his place at the expiration of that time being fifteen months servitude in the four several

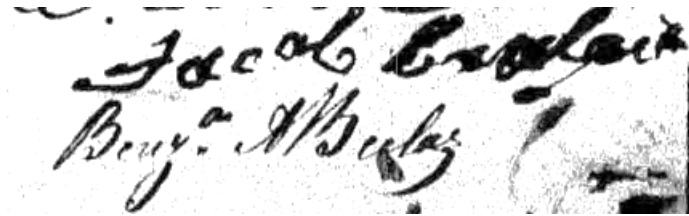
expeditions. That he has no documentary evidence nor has he any witness by whom to establish his services except that annexed in the affidavit of Jacob Beeler.¹ He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. That there is no resident minister in his vicinity.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 22 August 1832.

S/ Peter Hughes, X his mark

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On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court Jacob Beeler a citizen of said County who being first duly sworn deposed that he knew of the declarant Peter Hughs having volunteered for the expedition against the Shawnee & Delaware Indians, and went in company with him from the Holston Country to Fort McIntosh on the Ohio [River], and serving as stated by him in his declaration until witness was detailed under Captain Cormack to go to Fort Lawrence on Muskegon River, which was in the month of December, that Captain Archibald Taylor under whom said Hughs was serving remained at Fort McIntosh with his company to perform fatigue duty – and witnessed knows not personally of Hughs' services after December when he left him. Witness also states that he knows of his own knowledge of said Hughs volunteering & performing the teams mountain tour of duty under Colonel Campbell against Ferguson & being in the battle & serving the whole three months tour. Said Jacob Beeler and Benjamin Beeler also say that they are personally acquainted with said John Hughes & that it is reputed & believed in his neighborhood that he was a revolutionary soldier and served as stated by him in which opinion they concur. Sworn to & subscribed in open court this day above.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jacob Beeler" on the top line and "Benj. A. Beeler" on the bottom line. The ink is dark and the paper appears aged.

[fn p. 4: On August 26, 1850, in Washington County Tennessee, Lucy Hughs, 88, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of Peter Hughs who was a private in the United States Army and was pensioned for his service; that she married him May 8th, 1787; that her husband died May 22, 1849; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 10: On September 5, 1850 in Sullivan County Tennessee, Caleb Morrell, 63, gave supporting testimony that he has been acquainted with David Hughes 55 years; that David Hughes is the oldest son of Peter Hughes and Lucy Hughes formerly Lucy Blevins; that Peter and Lucy raised a large family to wit David, George, Nancy, Starling, and William all of whom were born prior to 1800



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Caleb Morrell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[facts in file [fn p. 19-20: Veteran died in Washington County Virginia; veteran married sometime in March, April 8 or May 8, 1787 (all 3 dates given in different documents in the file) in Sullivan County, Tennessee; Nancy Girtman, aged about 74, gave testimony in 1849 in support of the claim of her sister, Lucy Hughs.]

1 [Jacob Beelor \(Beeler or Bealer\) S5277](#)

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 17 months service as a private in the Virginia militia.]