

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hicks (Hix) W8931

Mary Hicks

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Garrard County: Sct.

William Hicks aged about sixty-two states on oath that he enlisted in the 12th Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment in Captain William McKee's Company under the Command of Colonel James Wood on or about the 20th day of September 1776 for the term of two years and served out his time in the Corps aforesaid at the mouth of the great Kanawha and was regularly discharged in the fall of the year 1778 the discharge given to him by Captain McKee he states is either lost or deposited in some of the officers at Richmond in Virginia, he further states that sometime in the year 1780 he again engaged in the 2nd Virginia Detachment under the command of Colonel Hawes [Samuel Hawes] and served the term of 18 months and was discharged from the same on the 17th day of January 1782 as will more fully appear by the original discharge here with file and dated the 17th of January 1782. He further says that during his service he suffered much from exposure as well as in Battle having served the whole Campaign under General Green [Nathanael Greene] to the South. He further says that his circumstances are such as to render personal labor on his part necessary to obtain the means of Subsistence, and his age and infirmity place it out of his power to do much. He therefore says that he stands in need of the aid and assistance of his Country to render his latter days at all comfortable.

S/ William Hicks, X his mark

[Attested in Garrard County Kentucky June 1818]

Samuel McKee a credible witness this day personally appeared in court and made oath in due form of law that he has been acquainted with William Hicks by whom the foregoing affidavit was made for many years past perhaps 35 or 36 years past that my father who is now dead always recognized the said William Hicks as one of his Soldiers and from the recapitulations of their joint sufferings and perils at the same time in the same service, I do believe as firmly and certainly that William Hicks was enlisted and did actually serve under my father for the term of 2 years, as I do believe that there are such Cities as London and Paris never having seen either of them, there is also an account Book in the possession of my Father's Executor containing the accounts of all his Soldiers and William Hicks is one of the number.

S/ Saml. McKee



Schedule

District of Kentucky SS

On this 21st day of August 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district to wit the County Court of Garrard County, William Hix [sic] aged 65 years, resident in Garrard County in said district, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: He enlisted with Captain William McKee in 1775 in the 12th Virginia Regiment for 2 years on Continental establishment and served out his time and obtained an Honorable discharge which he has lost.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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

One Horse worth \$20 and no more. His occupation agriculture. He has a wife about 58 years of age and three children living with him, one daughter 27 years of age helpless, in consequence of fits, and two boys, 114 and the other 12 years old the

Sworn to, and declared on the 21st day of August 1820

S/ Wm Hicks

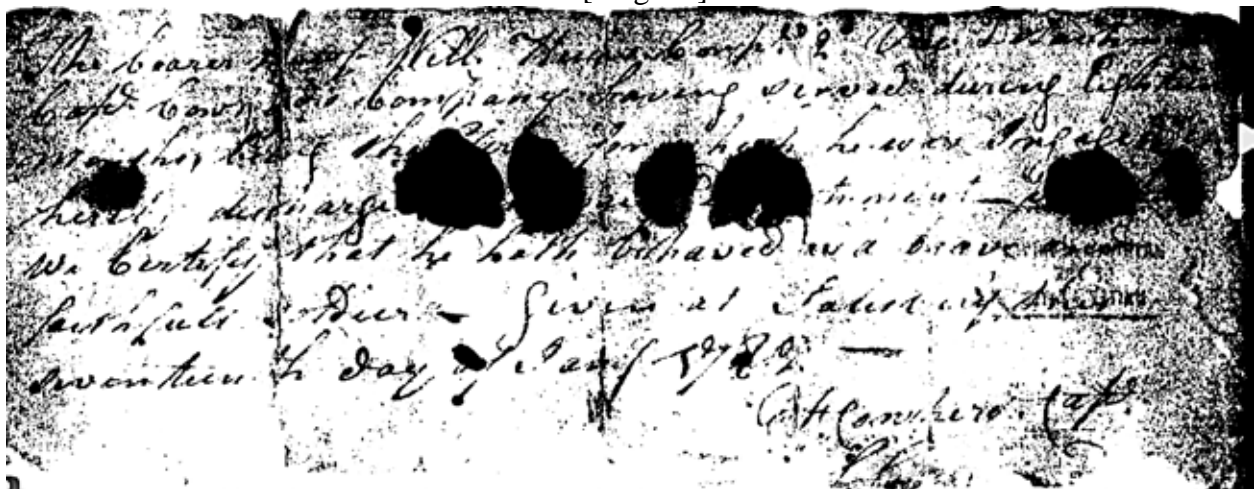
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The bearer hereof Will Hicks Corporal 2nd Virg. Detachment Captain Cowherd's Company having served during Eighteen months being the time for which he was Enlisted is hereby discharged [paper damaged and text illegible]

We Certify that he hath behaved as a brave and faithful Soldier. Given at Salisbury this 17th day of January 1782

F. Cowherd Capt. [Francis Cowherd]

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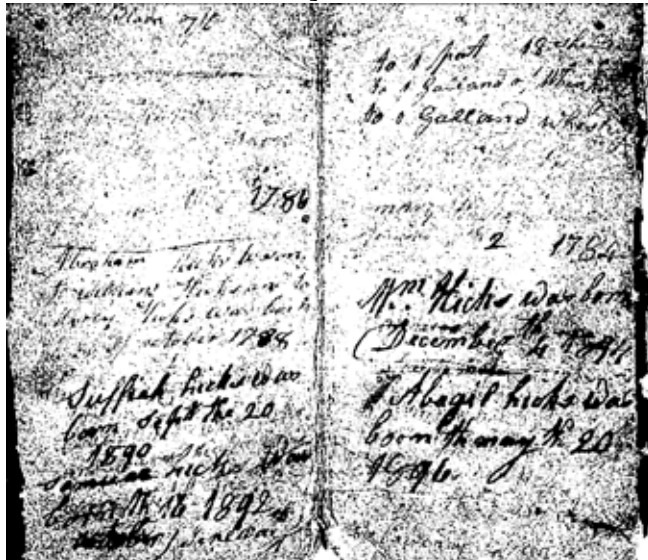


[p 12: On November 19, 1838 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Mary Hix [sic], aged about 72 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William

Hix deceased who was a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in the wintertime 2 or 3 years after the services of her husband had been rendered but in what month or year she does not now recollect though she knows it was more than 50 years ago; that her husband died in the month of October 16 years ago which she is told was in the year 1822. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: On November 19, 1838 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Suffiah Combs, 48, gave testimony that she is the daughter and 4th child of William and Mary Hix; that her parents always lived together as man and wife; that her father died in the month of October 1822. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 19: On May 7, 1839 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Suffiah Hicks, 48 on the 20th of September last, gave testimony that she is the 4th child of her parents William and Mary Hicks; that her mother's maiden name was Mary Swanger; that she has in her possession her father's old pocket book which contains the family register of the marriage of her parents and the ages of their children; that said register is in the handwriting of her father; that the date of marriage is to dim to read except for the date January 2nd, 1784; that immediately below the entry of their marriage is the age of their 6th & 7th children to wit William Hicks was born December 4, 1894 [sic 1794]; Abigail Hicks was born May 20th 1896 [sic 1796]; on another page is the age of their 2nd child (the first as the deponent has always understood died at about 3 months old); the 2nd entry shows Moses Hix to have been born September 7, 1786, the 3rd child is Abraham Hicks born 30th September 1788; the next is the deponent's own age showing her born September the 20th 1890 [1790]; next is Samuel Hicks born 16 January 1892 [1792]; that her, the deponent's father died in October 1822 at which time his pocket book came into possession of the deponent's husband Edward Combs and has continued in his possession until he died in October 1825 at which time the pocket book passed into the possession of the deponent. She signed this affidavit with her mark.]



[Facts in file: the official records on file show that the veteran died December 19, 1822 in Garrard County Kentucky; that the widow, Mary Hicks died August 24, 1847 in Jessamine County Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 30, 1818, for service as a Corporal in the Virginia Continental line for 18 months. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$86 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband service for 6 months as a private and 18 months as a Corporal in the Virginia service.]