

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Samuel Hill: S9577

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

North Carolina
Rockingham County

On this 3rd day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Pleas and quarter sessions of the County of Rockingham Saml. Hill a resident of said County of Rockingham, aged sixty nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. the said Saml. Hill states that in the fall of the year 1778 or 9 the precise time he cannot recollect [see endnote] he enlisted in the County of Fairfax State of Virginia in the line of said state raised against the enemy under Capt. William Mason of said County Colonel Stephens the term for which he was enlisted was either nine or eighteen months. that he was marched with the regiment under the Command of Col. Stebbens to the South passing through Virginia N. Carolina and entering the State of So Carolina where we were ordered for the purpose of reinforcing the army under Gen'l. Green after the disastrous defeat of Gen'l. Gates In the march they passed the battle ground near Camden where Gates had been defeated and found Greens forces at a river called the Pond Pond. that he continued under the same Command and after various marches in that section of Country the army encountered the enemy & fought the battle of the Eutaw Springs. that after the battle deponent was detached as one of the guard to take charge of the prisoners taken at said battle that in this service he was marched into the western part of Virginia. That after the deponent returned and joined his company in So Carolina where he remained in the service until the expiration of the term of his enlistment - when he was discharged at or near the High Hills of Santee. A requisition being at the time being made for recruits in the continental services, deponent enlisted under a Captain Lace[?] either in the Maryland or Delaware line (which he cannot recollect) on the continental establishment for and during the war that the army under Gen'l Green to which his company was attached was shortly thereafter marched for N Carolina that on the march he was at the battle or skirmish at the Catawba river where Genl. Davidson fell that he was quite near & recollects witnessing his death & that he was subsequently at the battle of Guilford. shortly after the battle he was taken sick and remained in that situation for about six months at a place called Philpots[?] bridge on Hogan's Creek Rockingham N.C. that upon recovery he rejoined the Southern army under militia Captain of NC by the name of Glenn that he joined the army either in Mecklenburg County NC or the border of So Carolina The regiment to which deponent had previously belonged not being then with the Southern Army he joined a Company of Capt. Tilman Dixon of the N. Carolina line on the Continental establishment. Henry Dixon Colonel and remained attached to said regiment until the close of the war when he was discharged in the County of Guilford N. Carolina. That from his first enlistment in the state line of Virginia to the close of the war embracing a period of three years or upwards deponent was continually in the service except the time of his sickness above referred to that he is confident his name does or should appear upon the Virginia line of State troops the Maryland or Delaware line on Continental establishment and also on that of the N Carolina line on continental establishment.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state whatever
Saml. Hill

NOTE: Hill's declaration is thoroughly confused. The following is a chronology of events mentioned in his declaration:

Spring 1780 Gen. Edward Stevens's VA Militia joins Gen. Horatio Gates's Southern Army
16 Aug 1780 Gen. Gates defeated at Battle of Camden SC; Delaware Regiment reduced to a company within the Maryland Continental Line, which continues in Southern Army till end of war

2 Dec 1780 Gen. Nathanael Greene replaces Gates as commander of the Southern Army

- 1 Feb 1781 Skirmish at Cowan's Ford on Catawba River; Gen. William Lee Davidson killed;
Only NC militia involved
- 15 Mar 1781 Battle of Guilford Courthouse NC; Stevens's Militia and MD Continentals present
- Summer 1781 Greene's Army in High Hills of Santee
- 14 June 1781 Capt. Tilghman Dixon returns to service in NC Brigade after a year as POW
- 8 Sep 1781 Battle of Eutaw Springs SC; Capt. Dixon and MD Continentals present
- Late 1781 Greene's army near Pon Pon Plantation on Edisto River west of Charleston SC
- 17 July 1782 Col. Henry Dixon dies at Round O, SC