State of North Carolina Cherokee County: December the 5th 1843

On this 5th day of December 1843 personally appeared before the County Court of Cherokee, David Hix a resident of the County & State above named aged eighty-seven 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.  That he was drafted & served as a militia man in the Army of the United States, the year he does not recollect, but says it was before the battle of the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina, he states that he served in the militia as a private nine months under Captain William Farr, and three months under Captain John Rion [could be Bion, sic, Ryan or Bryan?], all in the State of South Carolina, was the most of his time in horse service.  He lived in Edgefield South Carolina when he entered the service, moving as scouting parties in different parts of the State pass through Ninety Six South Carolina, was at the Piney woods house, was in a small fight at Bacons Bridge, also at Orangeburg bridge South Carolina, was in the battle at Stono, at which time & place General Lincoln was the chief commander, from extreme old age, loss of memory not being able to write &c; is therefore unable to state the time he left the service also many other facts touching his services &c.  He further states that neither himself nor any others who served with him received any discharge, that after he served his time there was relief [several indecipherable words]. He says that the reason he has not made application at an earlier period was that he was unable to find any person living that knew of his services, all being either dead or out of his reach, that he has traveled some hundreds of miles in order to find some person by whom he could prove his services & could not & therefore was informed that it would be useless to make application, until lately however he is advised to make a trial hoping that his name may be found on the Muster rolls of South Carolina and the officers names under whom he served, together with other circumstances which may prove satisfactory to the Commissioner of Pensions, He further states that he was not employed in any other business while serving the time already mentioned in the service, That he also states that he passed through Augusta Georgia, & many other places in South Carolina but cannot recollect their names owing to extreme old age & loss of memory & from the cause is unable to state the precise time when he left the service but refers you again to the time the battle of Eutaw Springs it being not long before or after that time.  [One or more words obliterated by an ink blot] does he recollect the regiments or line.
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency in any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ David Hicks, X his mark

[Adam Corn, a clergyman, and John Patterson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 10: On September 5, 1854 in Fannin County Georgia, David Hicks, 72, filed a claim stating he is the son and heir of David Hicks who was a revolutionary soldier who served in the State troops of South Carolina under Samuel Hammond for two years and 83 months term under Colonel Anderson; that his father died on the Hiwassee River in Cherokee County North Carolina on September 11, 1849 and that his mother, Elender Hicks died on or about September 13th, 1812; that they were married on or about the 18th of March 1781; that his mother's name before her marriage was Elender Furnet; that in addition to himself, his parents had the following children: Sally Patterson and Lucinda Hicks; that his father applied for but never received a pension for his services.]

[fn p. 32: On June 7, 1854 in Fannin County Georgia, David Hicks, 65 stated he was the son and heir of David Hicks, I revolutionary war veteran who died March 15th 1851; that his mother was Ellender Hicks who died in Haywood County North Carolina; that his parents had two other children Sally Patterson and Lucinda Hicks.]

[facts in file: Elender Furnet Hicks died in Pickens District South Carolina; that David Hicks married Nancy Bryan or Bryant on September 11, 1849 in Cherokee County, North Carolina; that Nancy Bryan Hicks was 65 years of age in 1856 and living in Macon County North Carolina]