

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hill S5529

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State of Virginia, Chesterfield County, to wit:

On this 13th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the County court of Chesterfield now sitting William Hill a resident of said County of Chesterfield and State of Virginia aged Seventy-three 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the revolution." –

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated; to wit;

That early in the war of the Revolution he entered the service in Colonel Thomas Balling's [Thomas Bolling's] Regiment in the company commanded by Captain Creed Haskins, marched down to Williamsburg & back being about one month & was discharged in this County.

That from that time till the close of the war he was frequently called out in the service in the militia, & served in every tour that came to his turn – was at the battle of Petersburg [April 25, 1781] in the same company, under Baron Steuben & General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg]. That he cannot recollect the dates of his respective tours of his service; or the periods of their duration: nor can he remember all the officers under whom he served; that he remembers to have been under Colonel Ralph Faulkner, Colonel Bernard Markham, Captain Edward Mosley, Lieutenant John Hill & Joseph Newby [probably Joseph Newberry]; and supposes that in all he served nearly twelve months and was fully discharged at Pocahontas.

That he went once as a volunteer in Captain Creed Haskins Company down to Mackey's Mills & that part of lower Virginia; was put under the command of Captain Bentley [perhaps William Bentley of Powhatan County Virginia] and served about two months – that in all the tours in which he served, he entered the service in Chesterfield County, Virginia, & was always discharged in the same County, except once when he was discharged down on the South side of James River.

That he was born in this County & state the 12th day of April 1759 as he has been informed by his parents, but the register of his age has been accidentally burnt in my house. That he never received any written discharge & has no documentary evidence of his service; but that some of the tours can be proved by living witnesses.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Hill



[William Goode, Senior, and Josiah Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Chesterfield County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in the County & State aforesaid, William Hill, who being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following statement this "That from old age & the consequent loss of memory; he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service for the United States in the Revolutionary War; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades the is -

For Eleven Months he served as a private in the Virginia Militia in the United States service during the Revolution & for such service he claims a pension.

That he is not certain that he can procure the testimony of any person who can testify to his personal knowledge of his services or of any Clergyman who can prove the reputation of it, as none resides immediately in his neighborhood.

In answer to the 7th question directed to be put by the regulations of the War Department, he could mention many persons, but supposes it will be sufficient to name Major William Goode, late high Sheriff of this County & James & Richard Elam Esquires the former of whom has several times represented this County in the General Assembly & the latter is & has been for many years he Commissioner of the Revenue for the same."

Sworn to & subscribed the 4th day of December 1832

S/ Woodson W Hancock, JP

S/ William Hill

[James Forsee, a clergyman, and James Elam & Richard Elam gave an additional standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 11 months in the Virginia service.]