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Pension application of Thomas Hughes S5589

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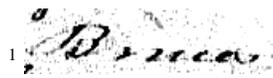
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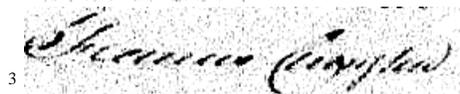
State of Virginia Culpeper County: SS

On this 17th day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Culpeper now sitting, Thomas Hughes Senior aged between seventy-seven and seventy-eight years, a resident of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia 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 the 7th of June 1832. That he served in the Army of the United States under the following named officers, That he was drafted in the Militia service in the Company of Captain Rucker [perhaps Ephraim Rucker] from the County of Culpeper, State of Virginia in the fall of 1778, rendezvoused at Culpeper Courthouse and was marched to the Bowling Green in Caroline County Virginia from thence was marched back again to Culpeper Court-house where his detachment was joined by an additional draft from the County of Culpeper, and immediately was marched on to join General Washington, then in Pennsylvania in the Company commanded by Captain Rucker, Colonel Pendleton and Major William Roberts, the commanding officers both from the County of Culpeper Virginia, marched through Virginia into the State of Maryland, and was stopped at Brown's [?]¹ Mills in the state of Maryland a short time. The troops were not all armed having not more guns than furnished one half of the men. Orders were received at that place to discharge the men that had no guns, and they were accordingly sent home. The remainder having guns were marched in from Brown's[?]² Mill in the State of Maryland and joined General Washington the Saturday after the day that the Battle of Germantown was fought [October 4, 1777], That he continued in the regular Army in active service in Pennsylvania and New Jersey until he was discharged, to the best of his recollection at the White Plains in Pennsylvania having continued four months at the least in the service.

After his discharge he returned home. That he was again drafted into the service in the Militia from the County of Culpeper, State of Virginia in the latter part of the summer 1781 in the Company commanded by Captain Francis [name too faint to discern]³ from the said County and

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War Department guessed this name might be "Francis Cumpton"

was marched to the main Army and joined the Army near Williamsburg Virginia, and continued in active service with the same, until the surrender of Cornwallis at York Town [October 19, 1781], where he was engaged during the whole of the siege. He does not recollect the Regiment to which he belonged or the name of his Colonel. That in this draft he was second Sergeant in his company and performed his duty as such. That during the whole of the Siege he was upon fatigue duty, that Major Nathaniel Welsh of Orange County was Major to the Regiment to which he belonged, with whom he was personally acquainted having lived as neighbors and were raised in the same neighborhood, in the County of Orange Virginia. That after the surrender of the British Army at York Town, and before the prisoners were marched from that place – That he was taken sick, and together with his brother who is now dead, placed in the care of one of their neighbors who was also a soldier in the same Company, and put in a baggage wagon to be sent home, that they continued sic for several weeks, that they both recovered and got home. The time that he was in the service this tour was three months. That he was in the service at two other periods for a short time as a volunteer. That he served in all upwards of seven months, that he was born and raised in the County of Orange Virginia until he was grown, and that he removed and lived in the County of Culpeper, State of Virginia where he now lives and has resided for fifty-four years past, – That he can prove his service as set forth in the first term by Major John Roberts and Captain Philip Slaughter⁴ being witnesses, and his service as set forth in the term of three months at the siege of York by Captain Daniel Brown⁵ and George Mozingo⁶ Senior living witnesses; all residents of the County of Culpeper State of Virginia, that he has no documentary evidence of his service, that he knows of. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

S/ Thomas Hughes⁷

We Randolph Mallard, Philip Slaughter and Daniel Brown residing in the County of Culpeper State of Virginia hereby certify that we are all well acquainted with Thomas Hughes Senior who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration, that we believe him to be seventy-eight years old, that Randolph Mallard swears that he was in the service as set forth by said Hughes in Pennsylvania, that he was in said Battalion, and Daniel Brown swears that he was in the same Company at the Siege of York, and rendered service during the same. And that the service rendered in Pennsylvania was at least four months, and the tour at the siege of York was three months or thereabout. And Philip Mallard swears that he has been acquainted with said Hughes for many years past, and believe he served as he has stated.

S/ Randolph Mallard

S/ Daniel Brown

S/ Philip Slaughter

And the court proceeded to put the following interrogatories which were answered as follows:
1st Where and in what year were you born?

⁴ Perhaps the same man as [Philip Slaughter W29886](#)

⁵ Perhaps the same man as [Daniel Brown W5907](#)

⁶ [George Mozingo S5783](#)

⁷ The handwriting of the signature is identical to the handwriting of the body of the document. Consequently, I do not believe it is the actual signature of the veteran but rather an indication by the scribe that the veteran signed the original application.

In Orange County Virginia in the year 1754

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have in a Family Bible at home.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

The first time to the North when I was called into service I lived in the County of Culpeper at Cabbin [indecipherable word] and have resided in the same County to the present time.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Drafted with the exception of 2 tours of short duration when I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I remember seeing General Washington, was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Crawford, after joining Head Quarters in Pennsylvania – at York Town General Washington Commanded at that place whom I often saw.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I never received a discharge, general order of discharge given the troops and they returned home.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

I refer to [indecipherable name], William Walden & [indecipherable name]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 4 months and as a Sergeant for 3 months in the Virginia service.]