

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of James Hill W3815

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State of North Carolina, Lincoln County

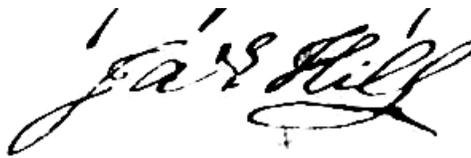
On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable David Swain Judge of Lincoln County Superior Court of Law and Equity now sitting James Hill a resident of said County of Lincoln, aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 – That he was born in the County of Anson in North Carolina the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1759. That his only record of his age is a transcript from an entry in an old Bible of his father's which is now lost. That in the year 1776 he resided in Tryon (now Lincoln County) in said State. That sometime in the spring of 1777 he joined a Company of volunteers in the United States Service and was engaged in guarding the Indians; in this service he continued six weeks and was discharged. He was drafted and entered a company of militia under Captain Abraham Kuykendall in February 1778 & when discharged from the tour which was about five weeks entered in the year 1779 as a volunteer and was commissioned as a Lieutenant and served as such in different expeditions under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], Colonel William Graham &c was through the State of South Carolina & North Carolina in order to keep down the Tories and was in the battle of King's Mountain where Colonel Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] was defeated the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1780 and continued in the public Service as a Lieutenant until after the surrender of Cornwallis at Little York in October 1781 having served as such for the space of one year and nine months as near as he can recollect. He further states that he has no recollection what has become of his commission nor has he any other written evidence of his said service. His commission was signed by Col. William Graham, said deponent says that he can prove part of his services by Samuel Espey & Abram Forney-- I am known in my neighborhood by Andrew Hoyle & William Wilson who can certify as to my veracity & reputation as a revolutionary character.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ ? Henderson, C. L. S. C. L  
North Carolina, Lincoln County

S/ Jas Hill

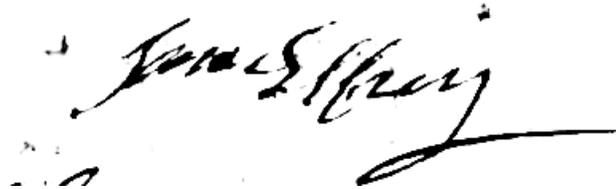


Abram Forney<sup>1</sup> and Samuel Espey<sup>2</sup> personally appeared in open Court and made oath in due form of law that they were in the United States Service in company with before named James Hill, that they know of their own knowledge the greater part of said services set forth by him to be true and belief in his whole to be true.

Sworn to and subscribed 30<sup>th</sup> of October 1832.

S/ Abraham Forney

S/ Saml. Espey



S/ ? Henderson, Clk, L. S. C. L.

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Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Term 1833

Adam Stroup<sup>3</sup> came into open Court and made oath according to law that he well recollects serving under James Hill, who acted as a Lieutenant in Captain Armstrong's Company for the term of 3 months and that said Hill was at Gates defeat, during the term of said service. Sworn to & subscribed in open court this 30th April 1833.

Sworn to in open Court

Witness S/ Vardry McBee

S/ Adam Stroup, X his mark

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James Hill came into open court and swears that he is unable to obtain a living evidence of the whole time of his service as stated in the declaration, he therefore [indecipherable word interlined] all the pay except that for his service of nine months as Lieutenant – viz. six months under Colonel Graham and three months afterwards under Captain Armstrong & General Rutherford – in all nine months –

S/ Jas. Hill

He is unable to obtain the testimony of a Clergyman there being no one to be obtained, he having no acquaintance with the clergymen of this County – he therefore calls on Andrew Hoyle and William J Wilson Esquires who certify that they have been long acquainted with James Hill the applicant in this case that they believe him to be of the age he represents himself to be in his declaration, that they believe him to have been a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and that it is so reputed and believed in his neighborhood, and that he is a man whose statements are entitled to full credit.

S/ Wm J. Wilson, JP

S/ Andw Hoyle, JP

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<sup>1</sup> [Abraham Forney W3976](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Samuel Espey \(Espy\) S6824](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Adam Stroup S7628](#)

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State of North Carolina Rutherford County

The deposition of Colonel William Graham<sup>4</sup> taken at the house of Sarah Irvin in Rutherford County on the 13th of March 1833 as regards James Hill's Services in the revolutionary War after being duly sworn he deposeth and saith as follows

I commission James Hill as a Lieutenant in the United States services and he served faithfully under may for some length of time six months or longer.

Sworn to before me the 13th of March 1833

S/ W. G. Irvin, JP

S/ W. Graham



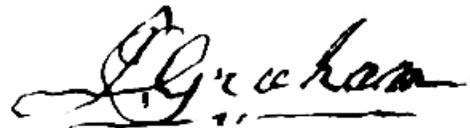
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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: General Joseph Graham<sup>5</sup> appeared before the County Court of pleas and quarter Sessions on the 30th day of April 1833 and being duly sworn deposeth and saith that either the 15 or 16 of January 1781 he this deponent came to a [word overwritten and illegible] in the said County of Lincoln near Tuckaseegee Ford where Colonel William Graham (now of Rutherford, then of Lincoln) commanded a party of men there collecting to serve a three month tour of duty and on different times saw him again acting as Colonel over said men on the East side of Catawba in Mecklenburg from that time until the 31st day of the said month of January 1781 upon which day he Colonel William Graham was arrested by Brigadier General Wm L. Davidson [William Lee Davidson] on a charge of intoxication it being the day before the British crossed the River at Cowans Ford where the General fell. Sworn to & subscribed on the day & year above written.

Sworn to in open Court

Test S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk

S/ J. Graham



[fn p. 4: On March 4th, 1839, in Lincoln County North Carolina, Anne Hill, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Hill, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the rate of \$120 per annum; that she married him in Lincoln County March 10, 1785; that her husband died September 17, 1835 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 5: Robert Adams, a resident of York district South Carolina, aged 68 gave a supporting affidavit in which he says he lived near the residence of Mrs. Robinson the mother of the widow and that he was present at the marriage of the veteran to Miss Anne Robinson on March 10, 1785 performed by John Wilson, a magistrate.]

[fn p. 6: On March 19, 1852 in Gaston County North Carolina, Z. S. Hill executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to prosecute the claim of his Father James Hill late of Gaston County and his mother Anne Hill late of Gaston County to a pension with the attorney being instructed to have any award made payable to the surviving children of his Mother (they are not named).]

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<sup>4</sup> [William Graham S8624](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Joseph Graham S6937](#) Why is this affidavit in this file?

[fn p. 9: family record:

John Hill was born September the 18th day 1787

Elizabeth Reed Hill was born December 12th day 1789

Jean Adams Hill was born July the 2nd day 1792

Mary Hill was born January the 9th day 1795

Anney Hill was born June 16th day 1797

James Dinwiddie Hill was born November the 24th day 1799

Alexander Moor Hill was born October the 27th day 1805

Zenes Sydney Hill was born July 30th day 180?[Last digit obliterated]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a Lieutenant in the North Carolina militia.]