

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonas Hill R1799<sup>1</sup>  
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State of Tennessee, Franklin County, Sct

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the honorable James Coffield, James Mitchell, Judge of the Circuit Court of said County, now sitting, Jonas Hill, a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged about 70 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States & served as herein stated. He first entered the service as a private soldier (Substitute for John Freeman) in Captain Samuel Dyer's Company of Cavalry, in the County of Surry & State of North Carolina, sometime in the year 1781 as well as he recollects, to serve for a tour of three months in the militia service. We rendezvoused at the mouth of [? looks like "Tararat" and probably is Ararat River, a tributary of the Yadkin] on the Yadkin River. We marched first to the bottom of the Yadkin against the Tories. We then marched near to Hillsboro where we had a skirmish with a detachment of the enemy. At this time Lord Cornwallis' head quarters was at Hillsboro. He does not recollect whether he was at any time attached to any particular Regiment or Brigade, but believes he was not. That he & the Corps of mounted men to which he belonged were generally under the immediate Command of Major James Shepherd. They were frequently with the main Army Commanded by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], while in the neighborhood of Hillsboro. During the time that Lord Cornwallis occupied Hillsboro, a night attack was ordered upon by pickets. The applicant was in the attack. That night Cornwallis lifted his Camp and marched out of Town. The next day we marched. Having served the full term of three months, he was regularly discharged, but has since lost it with other papers.

In a short time after he returned home he again entered the service of the United States as a private soldier (Substitute for Randall Brown) in Captain William Hickman's Company, North Carolina, militia. We rendezvoused at the Shallow Ford of the Yadkin & marched from thence to Salisbury, at which place, Captain Hickman was taken sick & he was succeeded in the command of the company by Captain McDowell [Samuel McDowell]. Here we were placed under the command of a French officer whose name is not recollected but believes it was Colonel Maltiertie [Marquis Francis de Malmedy] & marched to Camden in South Carolina, & there joined the Army commanded by Genl Greene; the Army marched from

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<sup>1</sup> BL Reg. 280321-1855

<sup>2</sup> Former widow

thence to Thompson's old fields -- & continued on until we met the enemy at the Eutaw Springs, where a general engagement [September 8, 1781]<sup>3</sup> took place between the American Army under the Command of Genl Greene, & the British Army under the Command of Lord Rawdon [sic, the British were under the command of Lt. Col. Alexander Stewart at Eutaw Springs]. The militia were ordered by Genl Greene to guard the Prisoners, who were immediately marched off the ground & were marched to Camden under the Command of the French officer named aforesaid who was killed in a Duel at this place by an American officer of the name of Sneed.<sup>4</sup> After the death of the French officer, the detachment guarding the Prisoners was commanded by Col Locke [Francis Locke or Matthew Locke]. From thence we removed with the Prisoners near to Salisbury in N. Carolina – while lying here his three months tour expired; but through the solicitation of Col Locke, who had not a sufficient force to guard the Prisoners, he remained from one to two months longer & was regularly discharged by Colonel Locke which has been unfortunately lost as before stated with other papers.

He has no documentary evidence in his possession or power to prove his said services or any part thereof; nor can he prove the same by any person in his power to produce further than is done by the evidence herewith offered.

He states that he was born in Granville County North Carolina about the year 1763 according to the account received from his parents. He has no record of his age. At the time he was called into service he lived in Surry County North Carolina. Immediately after the close of the War, he removed to what is now called East Tennessee & was on a Scout against the Indians & afterwards returned to Pendleton District South Carolina where he resided 22 years, from thence to Overton County Tennessee, resided there two years, from thence he removed to this County, where he has resided about 20 years & is known to many of the respectable citizens who can testify to his 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/Jonas Hill, S his mark

[John H Morris & Thomas Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Alabama Morgan County: This day personally appeared before me William A. Slaughter an acting Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Henry Hill, who being duly sworn made oath as follows: viz.: that to his positive knowledge his Brother Jonas Hill formerly of Surry County of North Carolina was a Soldier in the United States Service during the revolutionary war –

Sworn & subscribed before made this 3rd day of December 1832

S/ Wm A. Slaughter, JP

S/ Henry Hill, X his mark

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State of Tennessee, Franklin County Sct.

On this 26 day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Worshipful, the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions of said County, now sitting Jonas Hill, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged about 71 years, who being first

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>4</sup> See note in [Smith Sneed BLWT2056-400](#)

duly sworn, doth on his oath, make the following Amendment or addition to his Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

The first tour of duty, which he served as stated in his Original Declaration hereunto annexed, was three months. The second was the same. After the expiration of his second tour, he stated in his Original declaration that at the request of Colonel Locke, he remained from one to two months longer. From defect of memory he is unable to state with precision the precise length of time, but he is confident, he remained at least one month making altogether seven months service, for which he claims a pension.

Sworn to in open Court and subscribed August 26 1833

S/ Jonas Hill, C his mark

[William Gibson, a clergyman, and Walter Mileham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 6: On May 14, 1857 in Van Buren County Arkansas, Mary Castlebury, 65, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Jonas Hill, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in June 1808; that they were married by one Mr. Jennings, JP.; that her name prior to her marriage was Mary Barnes; that her husband Jonas Hill died August 31, 1838 in the state of Tennessee; that on March 7, 1846 she married David Castlebury her second husband in Van Buren County Arkansas; he died June 12, 1856 and she remains a widow.]

[p 11: On the same day she filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jonas Hill.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]