Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Hoggard R4804 Penelope fn23NC Transcribe by Will Graves rev'd 5/9/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.1

State of North Carolina, County of Bertie: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions begun & held for the County aforesaid at the Court House in Windsor on the 2nd Monday of November in the year of our Lord 1833

On this 13th day of November in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the said Court now sitting for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid, John Hoggard, a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged 73 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832: that he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of July in the year 1778 with Captain Redding Blount [sic, Reading Blount], and served in the 10th Regiment of the Continental line under the following named officers, viz: Colonel Hogan [sic, James Hogun], a field officer, Captain Reading Blount and Lieutenant Rueben Wilkinson, company officers; that he left the said service on or about the last of April 1779; that he resided in the County of Bertie and State aforesaid when he entered the service, that he was engaged in no battle; that he marched from the town of Windsor to the town of Halifax, North Carolina; that he encamped near the town of Halifax for a short time and was marched thence to Petersburg in Virginia where he rendezvoused and was marched thence through the states of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey to West Point in the state of New York, at which place he arrived sometime in the summer of 1778 and worked on the Fort, kept guard and discharged military duty until the ninth of December 1778 when he was ordered to Trenton, New Jersey to which place he marched under the said Captain Reading Blount and there took winter quarters; and had the smallpox which was amongst the soldiers at that place. That about the first of April 1779, he was ordered to Halifax, N. C. to which place he marched with the said Captain Blount and there he

arrived about the last of that month and was discharged by Major ____ whose name he does not recollect having served out the term for which he enlisted.

This said John Hoggard further saith that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

S/John Hoggard, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court this 13th November 1833. S/Jon T. Taylor, Clerk

State of North Carolina, Bertie County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions -- November Term 1833

I, William Watford, ¹ residing in the County of Bertie N. C. do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with John Hoggard, the individual who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration for a pension, that he believes him to be 73 years of age as he has stated. I know of my own knowledge that the said John Hoggard was a soldier in the United States Army in the time of the revolutionary war. I served with the said John Hoggard for the term of nine months during that war as a soldier. We enlisted at the same time, served the same length of time, and were discharged at the same time. He thinks the name of the said John Hoggard must have been entered on the muster rolls, but that there may have been a mistake in entering it correctly. He never knew nor heard of any person named John Hoggart in Bertie County nor elsewhere although such a name appears on the muster rolls. He thinks the true name was the identical John Hoggard, the declarant.

S/William Watford

Sworn to & subscribed before me in open court the 13 November 1833. S/John T. Taylor, Clerk

State of North Carolina, Bertie County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term 1833

The aforenamed John Hoggard, the declarant, personally appeared in open court and being first duly sworn according to law answered the following interrogatories as herein stated.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Bertie County N. C. in or about the year 1761.

2. Have you any record of your age?

Answer: I have not: my parents had no learning and did not keep a family record.

3. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer: I lived in Bertie County, N. C. when called into the service and have lived in said County since that and now live in said County.

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Answer: I enlisted for nine months and served under Lieutenant Wilkinson, Captain Reading Blount, Colonel Hogun for that time. We were called nine months soldiers. We camped at West Point in the State of New York for most of the time we were in the service.

¹ William Watford S3463

In answer to the fifth interrogatory: I do not now remember the names of any regular officers who were with the troops where I served other than those I have before mentioned, nor do I recollect the name of any Continental or militia Regiments except the one in which I served. The circumstances of my service so far as is deemed material, I have before stated. I do not recollect any other thing of importance.

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

Answer: I received a discharge but cannot remember the name of the officer who gave it - nor do I know what has become of it. I have no learning and did not know it would be of any service to me. I served out my time faithfully and no fault was found of me that I know of. My discharge cannot be found. It has no doubt been lost or destroyed long ago. I served in the same company with William Watford of this County and, went through the same service that he did, and for the same term of nine months. We set out together & marched together to West Point, and returned together as private soldiers merely. I am known in my neighborhood by the said William Watford, Henry White, a clergyman, Elijah Rayner, and many others who can testify to my veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/John Hoggard, X his mark Sworn and subscribed in open court this 13th day of November 1833. S/Jon T. Taylor, Clerk

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that John Hoggart a private Soldier in Captain Blount's Company of the 10th Regiment enlisted the 20th of July 1778 for the term of 9 months – nothing is said of his discharge on said rolls.

State of North Carolina Secretary's Office

Given under my hand this 20th day of August 1832. S/Wm Hill

[fn p. 10: On February 14, 1839 [the last 2 digits all very unclear and this is purely a guess on my part that it reads 1839] Penelope Hoggard² filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of John Hoggard a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$30 per annum; that she married him in 1784.]

[fn p. 21: On January 3, 1845 in Bertie County North Carolina, Mary Mizzells gave testimony that she was present and saw John Haggard late a revolutionary pensioner married Penelope Mitchell, now his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

² In several of the documents in this file, the widow is referred to as Penelope Hazzard.