Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hipp R4911
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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this 18th day of October personally appeared in open court before the justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Buncombe County State of North Carolina now sitting John Hipp – a resident of said County and State his age 74 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. To wit he was born in the year 1759 December 25th (has no record of his age) in Macklenburg [Mecklenburg] County State of North Carolina. He entered the service at the age of 18 years as a volunteer for 3 months under Captain Matthew McLure. He joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Polk in Mecklenburg County. He marched to Pleasant Gardens Burke County in said State and joined General Rutherford's Regiment. He marched out to the Indian Nation and remained until he received his discharge. He volunteered again for three months under Captain McNitt Alexander [John McKnitt Alexander]. He received his discharge from Captain Alexander which he has lost. He volunteered again three months under Captain James Thompson in the rifle company and was at Charleston at the time it was taken by Lord Cornwallis – on in a few miles [sic?]. He was here in the 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel George Alexander of Mecklenburg County. He received a discharge from Captain Thompson which he has lost. He served in the Regular service 9 months in all which he received discharges for. He lived in Mecklenburg County until 28 years old, thence moved to Newberry District South Carolina and lived 20 years, thence to [written through and illegible, in context, Buncombe] County State of North Carolina 26 years and where he now resides. 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 any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

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[James Gudgen & Robert P Wells gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina Buncombe County: Personally appeared before me Thomas Patton an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County James Sharp¹ a resident and native of the aforesaid County and who is now a pensioner of the United States who having been first duly sworn according to law doth hereby certify that John Hipp who hath this day of appeared before the County Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County with me he entered the service of the United States in the revolutionary War in the County of Mecklenburg in the State for the term of 3 months as a volunteer under Captain Matthew McClure and joined Colonel Thomas Polk's Regiment and served out said Tour with me and after having been discharged he volunteered again under Captain McNitt Alexander and served said 3 months and was again discharged by Captain Alexander. That he again volunteered under Captain James Thompson in the Rifle Company but was not with me during said Term. I further certify that I believe the said John Hipp did served this 3 months as a true Whig to his country, and that all his facts in the revolution were entitled to full faith and credit. Given under my hand & seal this 23rd day of October A.D. 1834

S/ Jas. Sharp

[fn p. 6: On July 15, 1854 in Gilmer County Georgia, Margaret Sharp, 51, filed a claim under the 1832 act and the subsequent provisions of the law stating that she is the daughter of John Hipp, a revolutionary soldier from the state of North Carolina; that her father died in Buncombe County North Carolina on or about November 8, 1835; that her mother Jane Hipp died on or about July 18, 1816; that they were married in Newberry District South Carolina in the year 1802; that they were for other children born to her parents, namely Jude Plemmons, Ann Ingram, John Hipp and Jane Hipp; that her father applied for a pension but never received it.]

[fn p. 42: Certificate dated May 22, 1854 from the North Carolina Comptroller listing payments made to a John Hipps for military services during the revolution.]

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¹ I don't find any veteran by this name in the federal pension files.