Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hight [Hyhte, Hight] R4987 Mary fn59NC Transcribed by Will Graves 5/4/11

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State of North Carolina Franklin County

On this the 10th day of May A.D. 1853, personally appeared before me, a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid Asberry Hight aged sixty-three years old and Rebecca Smith aged sixty-eight years old residence in the County of Franklin aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law declared that they are Children and that only surviving Children of Robert Hight, who resided in this County, and that the said Robert Hight who was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and commanded a company, as they suppose from this or the adjoining Counties, was there Father and that he was married to their mother Mary Hight whose name before her said marriage was Mary Jones. That their said father died on the 30th April 1793 and that their mother died on the 4th day of July 1839. That they were married on the 3rd day of March 1780 in the County of Franklin as appears on the Family Record. The Regiment in which he served is not known and his discharge if he had any is lost or mislaid. How long there Father served is unknown. From the Time of the death of the said Robert Hight until the death of his said wife Mary, she the said Mary continued a widow and the said Robert, his said wife Mary nor any of his children have ever received any Bounty land or pension or pay of any kind. Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year above written.

S/L. Bartholomew, JP

S/ Asbury Hyhte

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S/ Rebeck Smith

State of North Carolina Franklin County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions December Term 1853

I Young Patterson Clerk of the Court aforesaid Certify that the following is a true and exact copy in my office – That he is

"It appears to the Court that Robert Hight was born July the 18th 1756, and his wife Mary Hight was born October 3rd 1761. The above Couple were married March 3rd 1780. Robert Hight died 30th of April 1793 and his wife Mary Hight died July 4th 1739, And their children now living are Asberry Hight and Frank Hight, and their daughter Rebecca wife of Goodman Smith, who died 17th of November 1853 – David Yarborough is the witness in this case & testify as to the Family record in which the above is correctly stated. ["]

Given under my hand and seal of office at office this the 13th day of December A.D. 1853 S/Y. Patterson, CCC

[Other facts in file: family record of children of veteran and his wife:

Barbara born January 1, 1781

Willie I. or J. born February 25, 1783 died February 25, 1819

Rebecca K. born June 26, 1785 died November 17, 1853 [married Goodman Smith]

Franklin born November 3, 1787

Asbury born March 23, 1790

Roger I. or J. born December 19, 1792, died November 16, 1827]

[fn p. 16: On June 10, 1854 in Franklin County North Carolina, James Green, about 82, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Robert height before and after the Revolutionary War; that said Robert Hight served in said war; "that he marched with the said Robert Hight and the company commanded by him the said Robert Hight from Cobbs x Roads [Cobbs Crossroads] in said County (formerly Bute County) to where Mrs. Peter Foster now lives it being in the same County, own their way to the war, that the said Robert Hight and the company under him remained in camp at the said Cobbs x roads for one week or more and that they also stayed a short time at the place which the said Mrs. Foster now lives. He was the Captain of the Company when it marched from Cobbs x roads. I saw him [indecipherable word] of times after his return from the war and he always said he was a Captain in the war, I have also heard my father William Green and also Harold Pope, Henry Pope, Wilson Pope & James Trouton calls say that the said Robert Hight was a Captain in said war and that they served with him"; This witness also gave testimony as to the marriage and family situation of the veteran.]

[fn p. 19: On March 18, 1856 in Granville County North Carolina, Keziah Overton, 'the rise of 84', gave testimony that Captain Robert Hight was her uncle; that he served as a Captain in the revolutionary war in what was then called Bute County (now Franklin); that during his service he assisted in arresting a notorious Tory by the name of Beard who was afterwards hung near a Creek called Lynches Creek.]

[fn p. 23: certificate dated June 4, 1855 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing a small payment made to a Robert Height for military service in the revolution.]