Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Hill R4996 Transcribed by Will Graves Esther Hill

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State of North Carolina, Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary War, that Richard Hill a private Soldier in Captain Brevard's [Alexander Brevard's] Company of the 10^{th} Regiment, enlisted in the year 1781 for the term of twelve months, and left the service on the 12^{th} day of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 29th day of April 1843 S/Wm Hill¹

State of North Carolina, Johnston County

This day personally appeared John Dixon of the County aforesaid being duly sworn according to law before us Right Ryals and R. L. W. Stevens acting Justices of the peace of said County – doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of 1838 granting Pensions to widows & soldiers of the revolution. He says he married Nancy Hill, who is now alive – that she was the daughter of Richard Hill & his wife Easther – that the said Richard Hill he is informed & believes was a Soldier of the revolution – that this declarant has heard him speak of his having served that he then resided in Glasgow now the County of Greene – that this declarant is not able to give the particulars of his service but refers to the certificate of the Secretary of State – that the said Richard Hill as appears from the register of the ages in a Book entitled "Articles of Faith" -- which declarant swears was a family register was born in June 1763 & died 20th of March 1833 being then 70 years old – that Easther was the wife of said Robert [sic] – when married declarant cannot state – but he relies on the testimony of Mary Sugg² & upon the registry of the age of Drewry Hill, who was born Dec. 2, 1790-- & who is the oldest child of said Richard & Easther Hill – that Easther Hill wife & widow of said – died June 2, 1842 – never having married again after the death of her said husband. That the said Richard & Easther Hill had fourteen [?]³ children all now living – to wit --Drury Hill, Polly Dixon a widow of Bennajab [?] Dixon, Aldridge Hill, Nancy, the wife of declarant, John Dixon—Penny married to Needham Waters—Martha Hill—Henry Hill—Elizabeth married to

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¹ I believe this certificate properly belongs in the file of <u>Richard Hill R5006</u> who claimed service in the Continental line under Capt. Brevard from April 1781 to April 1782.

Her testimony is not included in this file.

Bryant Tendal—Amy married to William Farmer—Smitha [?]⁴ married to John Hill—Richard Hill—John D. Hill & Easther married to Henry Sugg—declarant swears his mother in law Easther Hill did not apply for her pension during her life – that she was ignorant of her rights & it was not until recently that declarant was informed that her children had claims – declarant swears Richard Hill & Easther had both resided in Greene County for more than Fifty years before their deaths – that they both died in said County – that he makes this declaration as well in behalf of his own wife Nancy – as for the benefit of the other children all of whom are named as above.

Sworn to & subscribed before us this night day of November 1843 S/ Right Ryals, JP

S/ John Dixon

S/ R.L. W. Stevens, JP

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