Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Hughs R5353
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Kasia Hughs

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State of Illinois Lawrence County: SS

On this 5th day of July in the year of our Lord 1843 personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Judges of the County Commissioners Court in and for the County and State aforesaid Kasia Hughs a resident of the County of Lawrence and State of Illinois aged Eighty Four years past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 Entitled an Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of Henry Hughs who was a private in the Army of the Revolution but was not placed on the pension roll in his lifetime. She further declares that he done service in the State of Virginia as she has heard him say she thinks for the space of two years or more that she thinks that the services of the said Henry Hughs during the period of service were voluntary. She further declares that the said Henry Hughs had a discharge from his services at the time of his death but thinks the same is lost or destroyed and has been for several years. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Hughs in Washington County Pennsylvania on the 9th day of June in the year of our Lord 1789, by a Squire Zephana Bell by publishing of the Banns of matrimony. That the said Bell is now dead nor has she any Record of her marriage or the births of her children, that the same was recorded in the family Bible, but don't know that the same is in existence, if so, don't know where it can be found, That she lived in Washington County in the State of Pennsylvania in lawful wedlock with the said Henry Hughes 8 or 9 years when they moved to Sciota [Scioto] County in the State of Ohio, where the said Henry Hughes died on the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 1812, and where she remained his widow until the year 1840 when she moved with her son to Lawrence County in the State [of] Illinois, where she yet remains his widow nor has she ever intermarried since her said husband died. That she further declares that she has born in lawful wedlock with the said Henry Hughs six children the Eldest which was since [?] now dead to the best of her recollection would have been if living Fifty Three years old the 24th day of April last, next Nathan who was fifty-one years the 4th day of November last, next Catharine will be forty-nine years the 28th day of November coming next, Hugh is forty-seven the years the 12th day of July next Robert who will be 45 the 26 day of July next, Henry who will be 44 [?] the 21st day of November next. She further declares that she was married to the said Henry Hughs on the 9th day of June in the year of our Lord 1789 and that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place prior to the first day of January 1794 viz. at the time above stated.

[p 6: On July 5, 1843 in Lawrence County Illinois, Hugh Hughs gave testimony that Henry Hughes is dead and that he died April 9th, 1812; that Kasia Hughs is still the widow of said Henry Hughs and has not intermarried since the death of her husband. He signed his affidavit with his mark. His relationship to the widow is not stated.]