

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hisle S31132

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State of Kentucky Henry County: Sct.

Be it known that on this 9th day of October 1833 personally [appeared] before William McCracken a Justice of the peace for Henry County and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court Samuel Hisle a resident of the said County of Henry, Kentucky, aged 69 years who being first duly sworn according to law upon his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Culpeper County in the State of Virginia he did on or about the first day of April 1781 as well as he at present remembers entered the service of the United States as a substitute for a certain James Arnold upon a tour of three months in the company of Captain Fisher Rice – that the said James Arnold was drafted upon a tour of 3 months to serve as a private in the said company and that he this declarant agreed to serve the said tour as such in his stead and did actually and faithfully served out the same accordingly – He states that he rendezvoused with his company at the Courthouse in Culpeper County Virginia and was there attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Slaughter. He states the Major's name was Henry Hill. He also further states that General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] had the Command of the Brigade to which he was attached – that he was marched from his said place of Rendezvous to Petersburg in Virginia and there he was engaged in a skirmish¹ with the British who he believes were under the command of Arnold [Benedict Arnold] the traitor – that the tobacco and public property at that place was burnt by them and that much additional injury was done – that he was at Richmond & Manchester and various other places during this tour and that he was also a part of the time under Lafayette. And at the termination of his said term of service he was discharged – And immediately thereupon to wit in the month of July about the first of the month 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one Henry Arnold upon a tour of three months in the Company of Captain Gorden and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel John Slaughter and that he did serve out said tour as a private militia soldier in the place and stead of said Humphrey Arnold who had been drafted upon said tour of 3 months. He states and declares that he continued in service under his said officers as a substitute as above named aiding and assisting in protecting the country from the depredations of the British. He states that much injury was done the private property of the Country as well as the public, that his services were principally upon James River and in the Country between James &

¹ The Battle of Petersburg occurred on April 25, 1781. The burning of the tobacco warehouses in Manchester Virginia (cross the James River from Richmond) occurred on April 30, 1781.

York Rivers. He states also that he was a part of the time under the control and direction of the Marquis Lafayette – that he continued in the service until the expiration of his tour and was discharged at the termination thereof about the first of October 1781 and he returned home.

He states and declares that from the great lapse of time and his consequent loss of memory he cannot state with certainty and precision the minute circumstances of his service: but from his present best recollection he did not serve less than six months as a private soldier in the Army of the Revolution and for that service he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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 the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Saml. Hisle

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Saml. Hisle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Saml. Hisle".

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the ~~Court~~ said William McCracken Justice of the peace as aforesaid

1st Where and in what year were you born –

Answer – I was born in Culpepper County Virginia in the year 1764

2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a record of my age in my Bible at home –

3rd. 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 Culpeper County Virginia when called into service and there continued to live till 1808 and then moved to Clarke County Kentucky where I continued till about 6 years ago when I moved to Henry County Kentucky where I now live –

4th. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom –

Answer. Upon my first tour I was a substitute for James Arnold and upon my 2nd I was a substitute for Humphrey Arnold these were all the tours I performed –

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. It has been so long that I can't tell whether I can distinguish between the regular officers and militia – I recollect Generals Steuben, Lafayette, Washington, Wayne and Muhlenberg and Colonels Willis, Green, James Slaughter and John Slaughter. My services were principally upon James River and in the country between York and James River. I was engaged in a skirmish at Petersburg Virginia with the British Army under Arnold the traitor

6th. 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 discharges which I have lost

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Answer I will name Alexander Dunn and James Hisle.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[Alexander Dunn and James Hisle gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]