Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hale S37982 Transcribed by Will Graves

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Virginia Richmond County, to wit

William Hale personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the said County and State aforesaid and made oath upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he is in his fifty Eighth year of age and resides in the County aforesaid, that in the year 1781 he was drafted in the spring of that year in the Continental line & Military service for eighteen months service in the Virginia line and the said Hale served for that space of time and was marched to Fredericksburg & put under command of Captain __ Tebbs from thence to Albemarle old Courthouse where he this affiant was placed under the command of Captain __ Peyton there remained some short time. From thence marched to point of fork on James River & there put under the command of Captain __ Wawman in a Regiment of new recruits Commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins & remained until the day before the British took possession of that place & this affiant was then marched to Halifax Virginia & from thence to York Town, where he served during the Siege in General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Brigade. After the capture of the enemy at York [October 19, 1781], this affiant was marched to Cumberland Courthouse and then remained there, and was discharged at that place by Colonel Febecker [Christian Febiger] sometime in the year 1782.

Given under my hand this 25 day of April 1818 S/Richard Street

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State of Virginia Richmond County to wit

On the 7th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record agreeably to the Laws of the State of Virginia William Hale aged about fifty-nine years Resident in the County of Richmond in said State who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the 10th or 11th Regiment of Virginia line on Continental establishment commanded by Colonel Thomas Gaskins first and afterwards by Colonel Febeccer in a company commanded by Captain Wawman of said Regiment. That he was at the siege of York in the State of Virginia, and afterwards continued at Cumberland old Court house in Virginia sick until he was regularly discharged – all of which will more fully appear by reference to the former declaration filed in the War Office, dated the 25th day of April 1818 on which a pension Certificate was granted the 20th day of October 1819 Number 15.318 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the

18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

Schedule

No real estate of any kind whatever

Occupation Farmer Rents a small farm and page \$22 rent annually

Personal Estate -5 head Cattle young and old, 8 head hogs all sizes, Household furniture (bedding & clothes excepted) not worth more than \$15

Family

Himself aged about 59 years, Infirm not able to do much work his wife aged about 59 years very infirm and sickly, one child able to support himself.

Signed by William Hale

[the court valued the property exhibited on the schedule at \$37]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 25, 1818, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia Continental line.]