Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Sotha Hickman S5516
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris

State of Virginia } Sct. Harrison County }

On this 17th day of July in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the justices of s'd. county of Harrison in court now sitting, Sotha Hickman, aged 84 years, who first being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under Capt. William Lowther, of the Virginia Militia, Lieut. John Powers, the Ensign's name not now recollected, and William Moses being sergeant, in the fall of 1780, that he continued in s'd service until the expiration of six months, the period for which he had entered the service. When he entered the service as aforesaid he was a resident of the county of Monongahela [sic: Monongalia], in the part of s'd county which now forms the aforesaid county of Harrison, where s'd Sotha now resides [see note below], - that while thus engaged in service at the time aforesaid, he was in no battle or engagement, being employed in watching the frontier and protecting it from the invasion and ravages of the combined Indian & British Canadian troops, That at another time he was called into the militia service of the state aforesaid under the aforenamed Capt Lowther as a report of invasion by the Indians, and continued in s'd service scouting along the waters of Tenmile creek, and the West Fork river and below & around the now town of Clarksburg, then known as Nutter's fort. That he was again called into service as aforesaid, by s'd officers to resist an invasion of the country made by the Indians, and punish them for the murders committed by them on Booth's creek, that while thus out there was no skirmish with the enemy they having immediately retreated, and not being to be found, and that after being engaged in burying those who had been killed, and in pursuing the Indian trail, he returned after the lapse of some five or six days - that at another time he was likewise engaged in repelling an invasion of the country, made by the Indians, and under Capt Lowther and together with Dan'l. Davisson, Nathaniel Davisson, Huffield Baker and others, and Lieut. Powers, when considerable mischief had been effected, and whereupon coming near to the enemy, they were discovered to be too numerous to be attacked by a body of troops as small as those under the command of Capt. Lowther, only about 24 or 25 men, and after burying the killed, 9 or 10, they returned into Nutter's fort for security, where they had to remain, until the Indians withdrew from the neighborhood. That at several other times he was in like manner called into service, and served until the company engaged with him was ordered by the officers in command to return into fort or to their homes. He further states that although he does not now remember the length of time in which he was at these several calls employed and engaged in service, yet he feels confident that, independent of his tours of duty for six months as first above stated, he was nearly if not quite, three months in actual service. He further says that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no one now alive whose testimony he can procure, to testify to his services, the last that he heard of any such persons were a Douglas near the Ohio river and a Gregory, in the county of Greenbrier in Virginia He the s'd applicant, Sotha Hickman, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency

of any state.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[Certified by Josiah Davisson (pension application \$8301) or Josiah Davidson (\$8307) and by Isaac Richards (\$9056).]

State of Virginia } To Wit

Harrison County } on the 25 day of December 18[32] personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Harrison in the State of Virginia Sotha Hickman aged 84 years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath make the following a mended Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed

June 7th 1832 That he was born on the Estran Shore [sic: Eastern Shore] in the State of maryland he dont know the name of the County has now record of his age but under stood from his parents that he was born June the 10th 1748 that he was living at Nutters Fort now in the County of Harrison and State of Virginia When he vollenteered as a privet soldier under Capt William Lowther in 1780 and served six months and that in 1781 he still lived at Nutters Fort he vollenteered under the said Capt Lowther and served not less than two months and again in 1782 he still lived at Nutters Fort, he vollenteered his services under Capt Thomas Nutter and served not less than six months and in all of his Tours he served a privet and for sutch servises I claim a pension

Sotha hisXmark Hickman

NOTE: According to A. S. Withers, *Chronicles of Border Warfare*, 1831, Sotha Hickman settled on the west side of Elk Creek in 1772.