Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Humphrey Hill S5530

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State of Virginia } S. Culpeper County }

On this 16th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the justices of the Court of Culpeper, now sitting, Humphrey Hill resident of the County of Culpeper and State of Virginia, aged sixty nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herin stated he was detailed or drafted as the man, which his class was required to furnish, under a Law of the State of Virginia or of Congress [law of Virginia enacted May 1780], for and during the term of eighteen months, the Militia of the State being divided into Classes, as well as his recollection serves him, of twelve [sic 15] men each, and each class was required to furnish a man for and during the said Term of eighteen months; that he entered the service in Captain [Joseph] Scott's Company, which was made up from drafts raised in the same way, and for the same length of time in the year 1780, the day and month not now recollected, and that he was discharged some time in the month of November 1781. that he resided in the County of Middlesex in the state of Virginia, when he was drafted or detailed as the person which his class was bound to furnish, that his service was rendered altogether in North Carolina and South Carolina and Georgia, that when first called out he marched with his company to Chesterfield Court House Virginia and quartered there a short time, and from thence to North Carolina, that shortly after he was engaged in taking Thompson's Fort in North Carolina, a place occupied principally by tories, with a few British Soldiers, that he was at the investment and Siege of Ninetysix in North Carolina [sic: Siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781], and engaged in the Battle at Guilford Courthouse [15 Mar 1781], in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Green of Culpeper County Virginia, which Battle was fought under the command of General Nathaniel Green [sic: Nathanael Greene]. Colonel Green's Regiment was detailed that day as a reserve, and covered the retreat of the army after the engagement – and afterwards was in the Battle of the Eutaw Springs [8 Sep 1781], in the same Regiment, commanded by Col. Green, that he was discharged at Salisbury, North Carolina in the month of November 1781, in Captain John Anderson's Company, in said Green's Regiment; and that his discharge has been lost, never supposing its retention would be of any service to him. The fact of his belonging to Green's Regiment which were of eighteen month's men, he can prove by two respectable witnesses now living who were in the Southern Campaign of 1781, towit Muscoe Newman and John Breedlove [pension application S2102], the latter named person resides in Madison County, and is very infirm, and he fears he cannot avail himself of his testimony if it is required, that he should attend a Court of Record to depose to the fact, that he has no documentary testimony to prove 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Humphrey Hill [Certified by Daniel Brown and Thomas Hill.]

NOTE: A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Humphrey Hill/ age 17/ height 5′ 5″/ planter/ born and residing in Middlesex County/ hair "B"/ eyes gray/ complexion fair/ enlisted 22 Sep 1780 for 18 months.