

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Bernard Hough S9589

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Virginia Loudoun County: SS

On this 10th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Loudoun County now sitting Bernard Hough a resident of Leesburg in Loudoun County & State of Virginia aged 69 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 June 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. –

It was in the spring of 1781 that I was drafted into a Company of Loudoun Militia commanded by Captain Josiah Moffitt [Josiah Moffett], William Moxley orderly Sergeant, George Hammate first Sergeant, both of Leesburg – we marched first to the Red House in Prince William County, thence on Marish [?] Road to Falmouth, Fredericksburg, crossed Pamunkey Bridge & continued on to York Town, on James River – our Troops numbered seven or eight Hundred – we were placed under the command of Colonel Campbell of Virginia of the Continental Army. I recollect that as I marched along I saw all the people of the Quarters of [one or more words written over and indecipherable] collecting Corn; This was also below Fredericksburg – I remained with the Army doing duty on different points of James River from York nearly up to Richmond, until the capture of Cornwallis in October 1781 [October 19, 1781]. – I also formed a part of Moffitt's Company in guarding some prisoners which we handed over to some Maryland Troops in the latter part of November 1781 – this was at Noland's ferry ten or 12 miles above Leesburg – I recollect a Col. Ennis [perhaps James Innis] of the U.S. Army was at York Town & very often with Colonel Campbell. I had no written discharge from Captain Moffitt. I was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania about 1763. I ascertain the date by remembering that I was 18 years old when I was first called out in the spring of that year in which Cornwallis was captured. My Parents removed to Virginia when I was about 12 years of age – where I have resided ever since and for the last 45 years in the County of Loudoun. I have no record of my age. I hereby relinquish any claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

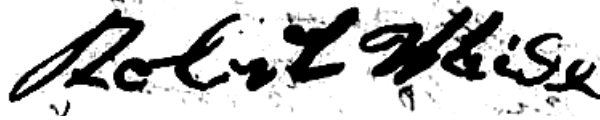
S/ Bernard Hough



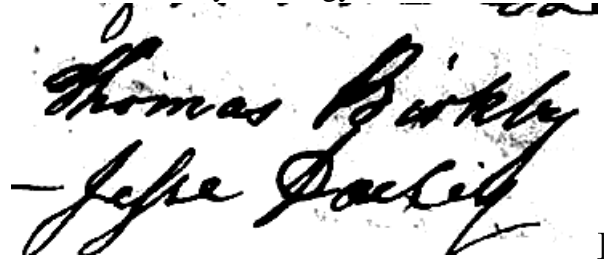
I certify that I was in Josiah Moffitt's Company at the Siege of York Town and that I well

remember seeing Bernard Hough in said Company in October 1781 and that he did duty at said Siege.

S/ Robert Waide¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Waide". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized.

[Thomas Birkley , a clergyman, and Jesse Dailey gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Thomas Birkley" and the bottom signature reads "Jesse Dailey". Both are written in dark ink.

[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.]

¹ [Robert Wade S6325](#)