

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Hughes W25805<sup>1</sup>

Nancy Hughes

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

State of South Carolina Pickens District: On this 6th day of October 1834, personally appeared in Open Court, before A. P. Butler Judge of the court of Common Pleas now sitting Andrew Hughes a resident of said State & District, aged seventy 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 June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated. That soon after the Declaration of Independence, a liberty pole was raised at Captain Jewets muster ground in Caswell County North Carolina that he there volunteered in the foot a private returned home from there to Orangeburg North Carolina [sic] and joined his company under the command of Captain Thomas Flack Colonel Louk [sic, Francis Locke?] & General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], the year not recollected, and marched to the Overhill towns in the Cherokee Nation,<sup>2</sup> and served out a six months Tour – Soon after he again volunteered a private in what was called mounted militia under Captain Wadsworth Tate [sic, Waddell Tate] Colonel Maban [Robert Mebane] & General Butler [John Butler] and marched to Cross Creek and defeated the Scotch and Tories below Cross Creek<sup>3</sup> and served out a 3 month Tour. Again turned out volunteer in the foot under Captain Wadsworth Tate & Major Dickson and marched to a place then called pine tree now Camden, and took up winter quarters, and served out a three month Tour – shortly after turned out volunteer in the foot under Captain Jamison [William Jamieson] & Colonel Lytle [Archibald Lytle] and marched to Charleston South Carolina from there to Purrysburg – there learned that the British had got possession of Savannah – then marched up the Savannah River on the South Carolina side, and the British on the other until they came near Augusta, and were reinforced by General Ash [John Ashe], and was stationed for some time at Liberty Hill – the British evacuated Augusta, we crossed the River and pursued them down, had several skirmishes with their rear guard, and were finally defeated at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779]<sup>4</sup> – marched from there to the Two Sisters [Two Sisters Ferry], erected a breast works and served out 89 months Tour – was afterwards twice in scouting parties, one set the high rock 20 days and once to prevent the Tories from joining Wallace [Cornwallis] 10 days making in all one year and 9 months and 30 days in

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt36737-160-55

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_moores\\_creek.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_moores_creek.html)

<sup>4</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

actual Service. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no person but John Wilson, whose testimony he can procure – who can testify to his services –

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. That he was a pensioner on the State of South Carolina for revolutionary services – that is informed that his name was stricken off that he might make this application.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before  
S/ William L Keith, CC

S/ Andrew Hughes



[Philip Porter, a clergyman, and James Osborn gave the standard supporting affidavit.]  
In answer to the interrogatories<sup>5</sup> prescribed by the War Department the said Andrew Hughes saith

1<sup>st</sup> Near Lancaster in Pennsylvania on the 4th April 1755

2<sup>nd</sup> I have it recorded in my Bible at home

3<sup>rd</sup> In Orange County North Carolina moved from there to Pendleton Election District South Carolina where I now reside and have resided 44 years

4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteered every time

5<sup>th</sup> Colonel Lee I think was a regular officer I was with him at the high rock in North Carolina and was likewise with him when he defeated Colonel Piles [Dr. John Pyle] – was altogether in the militia service and was the greater part of the time commanded by Colonel Lytle – and a part of the time I General ash but do not know whether General ash was a regular or militia officer. I cannot recollect to what Regiment I belonged.

6. I do not remember

7<sup>th</sup>. Major Andrew Hamilton, Judge Waddy Thompson, Major Thomas Henderson, James Osborn Esquire, William Wilson, Reverend James Douthit &c.

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came Joseph Chapman<sup>6</sup> before me James Osborn one of the Justices of Quorum in and for the State and District aforesaid – and made oath

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<sup>5</sup> Here the veteran begins to answer the 7 interrogatories promulgated by the War Department to be put to each applicant for a pension. Those 7 interrogatories were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

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

<sup>6</sup> [Joseph Chapman S21691](#)

in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Andrew Hughes the present applicant for a pension in the time of the American Revolution. That he served with the said Hughes a 5 months Tour marched from Guilford County North Carolina to a place then called pine tree in South Carolina – and served out the Tour under Andrew Fernay Captain and Captain Wadsworth Tate and Colonel James Lock but this deponent cannot recollect the year in which the service was performed.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of October 1834

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ Joseph Chapman, X his mark

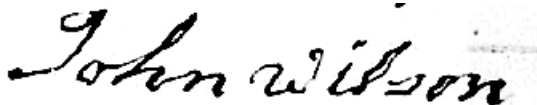
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State of South Carolina Pickens Judicial District: Personally came John Wilson<sup>7</sup> before me James Osborn one of the Justices of Quorum in and for the State & District aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was in the time of the American Revolution and has ever since been personally acquainted with Andrew Hughes the present applicant for a pension, that he served in the same company and messed with him the said Andrew Hughes, in either a 3 or 6 months Tour this deponent believes a six-month Tour to the Overhill Town in the Cherokee Nation under the command of General Rutherford. That this deponent served a nine months Tour with the said Andrew Hughes under Colonel Lytle and General Ashe, was with him the said Hughes at the Brier Creek battle. That on hearing the declaration of the said Andrew Hughes read he knows the greater part & he believes the whole to be strictly true.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of September 1834

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ John Wilson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Wilson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of South Carolina Pendleton Election District

Personally came Frederick Owen<sup>8</sup> before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Andrew Hughes – the present applicant for a pension, in the time of the American Revolution that this deponent did himself served a six-month Tour and that the said Hughes was a soldier in the Service of the United States during the whole time that he this deponent was, That they both marched in the same Army from North Carolina to Purrysburg in South Carolina and was commanded by General Rutherford and joined General Lincoln at Petersburg. That they were both in the militia service but that this deponent believes they were frequently commanded by regular officers.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of December 1835

S/ Jas. Osborn, JQ

S/ Frederick Owen, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pendleton Election District

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<sup>7</sup> [John Wilson S21581](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Frederick Owen S21907](#)

Personally came Shadrach Owen<sup>9</sup> before me the subscribing Justice and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with Andrew Hughes the present applicant for a pension in the time of the American Revolution that he knew the said Hughes to be a true Whig and a good soldier. And that he this deponent did serve a six-month Tour, and that the said Hughes was in the service during the whole time that this deponent served but how much longer the said Hughes served this deponent knows not. That they were commanded by General Rutherford a part of the time and likewise Colonel Moore Colonel Locke and that they joined General Lincoln at Purrysburg and that he believes they were a part of the time commanded by regular officers.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th day of December 1835  
S/ James Osborn, JQ



[p 9: On November 9, 1855 in Murray County Georgia, Nancy Hughes, 90, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Andrew Hughes; that she was married to him in Pickens District South Carolina in the month of September 1830 by one Edward Norton, JP, that her name prior to her marriage was Nancy Maulden; that her husband died at the house of Charles Hughes his son in Pickens district South Carolina September 1, 1843; that she is now a widow and remains the widow of Andrew Hughes.]

[p 13: On November 9, 1855 in Murray County Georgia, Nancy Hughes, 90, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Andrew Hughes, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolutionary war; that she married him in the month of September 1830; that her husband died September 1, 1843 and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>10</sup> relating to Andrew Hughes pp13  
Audited Account No. 3853A

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[Note: This file contains a petition by the veteran to the South Carolina legislature seeking to be placed on the South Carolina pension list. Unfortunately, the images of the petition posted online are largely illegible. The petition was filed on November 11, 1826 while the veteran was a resident of Pendleton District South Carolina. His signature on that petition appears as follows:

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<sup>9</sup> [Shadrach Owen \(Owens\) W5459](#)

<sup>10</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

*Andrew Hughes* ]

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State of South Carolina

Pendleton District} Personally came John Wilson before me the subscribing Justice, and being sworn in due form of law, on his oath saith that he knew Andrew Hughs [sic] to serve a tour of duty in the Revolutionary war of [text obliterated] month, under General Retherford [Rutherford], and that he himself served with him; and at another time, he served another tour of duty of nine months with the said Hughs, under General Ash [sic], and was with him in the battle at the mouth of Brier Creek. And that he knew the said Andrew Hughs to serve in two other campains [campaigns] in the same war.

Sworn and subscribed to

before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1826

S/ J. Dauthit QU

S/ John Wilson

*John Wilson*

[Note: Vouchers in the file indicate that the veteran was placed on the South Carolina pension list at the rate of \$60 per annum with the first voucher being dated May 29, 1828. The last voucher in this file is dated June 4, 1834 and is in the amount of \$60 as the annuity due Andrew Hughes up to March 1834.]