Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hill W2939
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Kentucky Washington County Sct. October 13th 1818

Be it remembered that on this 13th day of October 1818 came William Hill of the County aforesaid and being duly sworn on the holy evangelists saith that he served in the American Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment as a private Soldier in the Company of Captain Oldham [perhaps Captain Conway Oldham]¹ in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell of Virginia that he served in said Company for the Term of 18 months his time of his enlistment having expired he received an Honorable Discharge which Discharge has been lost by time or Accident that he is 70 years of age his Circumstances in life so reduced that he needs the assistance of his Country for a Support the only evidence of his services aforesaid is the Certificate of Lieutenant McDowell hereto annexed, he prays for a pension.

S/ William Hill, X his mark

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I do hereby Certify that William Hill Served as a Soldier in the United States Army Commanded by Major General Green [Nathanael Greene] in South Carolina for the Term of 18 months in Captain Oldham's Company and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell of Virginia given under my hand this 5th day of August 1818

S/ John McDowell, Lieutenant

John Willowell St. 12th Virgenia Regime.

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District of Kentucky Washington Circuit Sct.

On this 4th day of November 1819 before me, the subscriber, Judge of the Washington Circuit Court for the said district, personally appeared William Hill aged 71 [last digit written

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¹ Conway Oldham was killed at the battle of Eutaw Springs September 8, 1781.

² John McDowell S30578

over and unclear]³, years, resident in Washington County in the said district who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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:" That he, the said William Hill enlisted for the term of 18 months in the fall in the year 1781 [sic, 1780 based on his description of the battles in which he is a plated] in Staunton in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Oldham of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the end of the war 1783 when he was discharged from service in Salisbury State of Virginia [sic, North Carolina] that he was in the battles of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Cambden [2nd battle of Camden, or Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid S/ William L Kelly [Judge]

State of Kentucky Washington Circuit: Sct.

On this 16th day of August 1820 personally appeared in Open Court (being a Court of record for the said County) William Hill aged about Sixty two or three years old Resident in Washington County and in the State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, he was enlisted about the year 1781 or '82 at the State of Virginia in Captain Oldham's Company in the Regiment commanded by Richard Campbell of Virginia that he has received a pension the No. Of his Pension Certificate is 16559

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 whatever

S/ William Hill, X his mark

[p 6: On December 15, 1838 in Washington County Kentucky, Anna Hill, 74, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of William Hill, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him March 25, 1783; that he died July 25, 1831; that the marriage took place in Fayette County Kentucky; that her maiden name was Anna Searcy. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 30: On December 15, 1838 in Washington County Kentucky, William Hill, 37, gave



testimony that he is the son of William and Anna Hill; his father was a pensioner for his service in the revolutionary war and a resident in Anderson County Kentucky; that his father died July 25, 1831; and that his mother remains a widow.

William Hill

[Facts in file: The widow died September 7, 1848, the place not stated; in 1838 the veteran son, William Hill, aged 37 lived in Washington County Kentucky; in 1843 Sarah Hill, 36, a resident of Washington County gave testimony in behalf of Anna Hill, the soldiers widow but her relationship to the soldier and/or his widow is not stated; in 1843 Mrs. Hannah Hazelrigg, 62, gave testimony in Shelby County Kentucky that she was present at the marriage of William Hill to Anna Searcy.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 13, 1818, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum.]