

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hughes W8954

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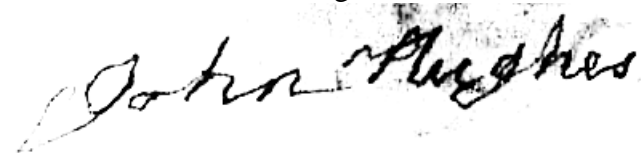
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The Declaration of John Hughes of the County of Henderson in the State of Kentucky made before Henry P Broadnax one of the Judges of the General Courts in Kentucky

The said John Hughes declares that he was in the year 1776 in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina enlisted into the Army of the United [States] on the Continental establishment for the term of three years as an orderly Sergeant by Captain Coles of the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina quota commanded by Colonel Mabin [Mebane] and was honorably discharged at the end of his service from Captain Somers [John Summers or Somers¹] Company in Colonel Thomas Clark's Regiment – that his discharge was sent to the Legislature of North Carolina to procure a grant of land and he has never since seen it and that he is a man of indigent circumstances and needs the assistance of his Government for his comfortable support.

S/ John Hughes



State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 14th of April 1819

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the muster roll of the Continental Line of this State in the Revolutionary war that John Hughes a Sergeant in Captain Coles' Company of the 4th Regiment was mustered on the 20th of December 1776 for three years and was discharged on the 28th of June 1779.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

Schedule

District of Kentucky Henderson County: SS

On this 8th day of September 1820 personally appeared, in open court, being a court of record for the said district; County of Henderson John Hughes aged 73 years, resident in said County in said district, who, being first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war as follows: in the 4th Regiment of the North Carolina line commanded by Colonel Thomas Clark for 3 years as Orderly Sergeant in Captain John Somers company. That he was in the Battle of Monmouth and in several skirmishes at different

¹ In an affidavit this officer gave in support of the bounty land application of [James Dowel BLwt118-100](#), he signed his name "John Somers."

places – That he cannot state the date of the original declaration or the number of his Certificate of pension the same being lost as proved.

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. That he has no Estate Real or personal but a lame mare worth \$20 – that his children have all left him and settled in the world and are not able to support him and his old wife who is sixty-six years old last April

(signed)

John Hughes

Sworn to and declared on the 27th day of September in the year 1820 before the Circuit Court Holden for the Henderson Circuit at the Courthouse in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Ambrose Barbour

[fn p. 10: On June 15, 1840 in Henderson County Kentucky, Esther Hughes, aged about 85 years, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Hughes, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution at the time of his death; that she married him September 8, 1781 in the town of Carlisle, Cumberland County Pennsylvania I 8 Parson of the name of Hogg; that her husband died in the town in County of Henderson state of Kentucky September 19, 1830; and that she remains his widow; that she has no family records they having been destroyed many years ago.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 29, 1818 for 3 years service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina Continental line. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836 for her husband's two-year service as a Sergeant in the North Carolina line.]