

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Hamilton W9059

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State of Kentucky } Sclt

County of Boone }

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Cornelius Hughes a Justice of the peace in and for said county of Boone and State of Kentucky William Hamilton aged Ninety Three years & a resident of said county of Boone & State of Kentucky who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1776 [last digit possibly 5] in the county of Augusta and State of Virginia where he then lived as a private volunteer militia man under a Capt. Rennicks [probably William Renick] for a tour of Four months & served said tour on the frontiers in guarding the country against the Indians & marched to the Greenbrier Country & when said Tour expired he again volunteer'd & served another Tour of four months in the same kind of service & served under Col. Andrew Hamilton of said County of Augusta who was a brother to this applicant. – & in the year 1777 in said County of Augusta in the Spring of said year he this applicant was called upon & appointed a Spy as a such volunteered his service for four months & served under McCoy in guarding the frontier & was a part of the four months in a fort called Donelys fort on the Greenbrier [sic: Fort Donnally near present Frankford WV] & [several illegible words] expired he return'd home & the next year 1778 he again in the spring vollunteer'd as a private to serve another tour of four months and it under a Capt Donnely [sic: Andrew Donally], also on the frontiers on the Greenbrier as a ranger or Spy – in all those different Tours for three years. he served under s'd. Col and Hamilton & was principally engaged against the Indians on the frontier in the Country then called Greenbrier & was in no particular battle but was in many little engagements with the Indians in which some men were wounded & a few killed. he well recollects Col. and. Lewis [Andrew Lewis] who was in command also over the troops in the part of the country in which this applicant did service – the terms of this applicant every year for the three or four years before named was as soon as the spring of the year arrived, was such that at the selected time of the officers of the County of Augusta to volunteer & serve till fall as a spy or ranger against the Indians & himself & others generally volunteered & served as such as before stated. the year after his services as afs'd he took a notion to visit Kentucky & accordingly went to se it, & at Harrodsburgh [sic: Harrodsburg] in Kentucky in the year 1781 in the Spring he volunteerd to serve as a private under a Capt James Harrod for six months & went on a campaign with s'd Harrod under Gen'l G. R Clark [George Rogers Clark] to the Illinois & there went out & crossed the ohio at Lousville [sic: Louisville] or near there. a part of the time in guarding that part of the country & there served out his six months

that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

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

Kentucky Boone County Sclt June 8<sup>th</sup> 1833

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said county of Boone William Hamilton the within named applicant for a pension who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

That he served four tours of four months each in Virginia as a militia man in the ranger service and six months after he came to Ky as a private making in all Twenty Two months & for such service he claims a pension

NOTE: On 5 July 1843 Ruth Hamilton, 84, of Gallatin County KY, applied for a pension stating that she married William Hamilton on 12 Jan 1782 in Greenbrier County, and he died on 8 April 1834. On 14 Feb 1848 she applied under a later pension act, adding that her maiden name was Ruth Wilson, and that she and William Hamilton obtained a license to be married in Greenbrier County, but "for want of a preacher they were compelled to travel a distance of 50 or 60 miles" into Botetourt County, where they were married on or about 12 Jan 1783. She stated that Andrew Hamilton was present. She stated that after their marriage they "went to housekeeping" in Augusta County, then moved to Woodford County KY around 1789, then a few years later moved to Boone County where they stayed until her husband died. She stated that William Hamilton could not write, so she kept the family record herself in a bible that had been taken to Missouri by one of the children 12 or 13 years before, but that her daughter, Mary W. Hughes, had first made a copy, which is transcribed below. David Gibson stated that Ruth Hamilton lived in Warsaw KY with her daughter, Mrs. Hughes. A document in the file states that Ruth Hamilton died on 23 Aug 1848 leaving the following children: Andrew Hamilton, William Hamilton, Samuel Hamilton, James Hamilton, Mary W. Hughes, Abraham Hamilton, John B. Hamilton, and Ruth Chiles. William H. Hughes was administrator of her estate.

Ruth Wilson was borne Aprile the 6 1760

Andrew Hamilton was borne January the 15 1784

William Hamilton was borne Aprile the 21 1786

James Hamilton was borne October 28 1788

Samuel W Hamilton was borne June the 1 1791

Mary W Hamilton was borne september th 28 1793

Abraham Hamilton was borne June the 30 1798

John B Hamilton was borne December 21 [27?] 1801

Ruth W Hamilton was borne march the 2 1804