

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hughes S2637

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State of Tennessee Sullivan County: August sessions 1832

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of said Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting David Hughes a resident citizen of said County & State aged seventy-four years, past, 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 of the 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated, to wit. That on the first settlement of the Holston Country about the year 1777 he removed from the State of Pennsylvania to the frontier country of North Carolina (now Tennessee) West of the Appalachian Mountains at which time the Cherokee Indians who were on the border were in league with the British, & in the daily habit of depredating upon the inhabitants when, he entered under Lieutenant George Hart, for the term of six months, as a volunteer under Colonel Christy [probably a reference to Colonel William Christian] and rendezvoused at Long Island in what is now Sullivan County, and there marched through the Cherokee Country to the Cherokee Towns, Chota, Chilherna [?] & others, and burned their towns corn & property and after having driven the Indians who were hostile back and others who professed friendship having come in to them they returned and were, verbally, discharged by Colonel Christy after having served out his said Term of enrollment. After which he again volunteered himself under Captain James Shelby in Major Bleasher [?] command for 3 months to act as a company of Rangers or spies to guard the frontier, and performed that duty by ranging the borders of settlements on big Creek as low as Reese's Fort and was dismissed at the close of his three months without having obtained a written discharge.

That after the expiration of that service he again volunteered for three months under Colonel Shelby to go against the Chickamauga Indians part of the Cherokee tribe which expedition was embarked in April 1779. That they marched to the said Chickamauga Towns & burned their towns & took & destroyed the property of said Indians & repulsed said Indians & after the expiration of his term returned home & was discharged, verbally.

That in the next year he was drafted for a three months tour to go to the South against the British under Captain Valentine Sevier, of Colonel Shelby's [Isaac Shelby's] command, and rendezvoused in what is now Carter County, and marched across the Yellow mountain and entered the South & found other troops from the South, under Cleveland, and had an engagement with the British at Eneree [Enoree] River,¹ from which the troops were discharged by Colonel

¹ It is possible that the veteran is referring to the action at Musgrove Mill (August 18, 1780). That action took place on the Enoree River in SC. Valentine Sevier and Isaac Shelby were there. Cleveland was not, but Col. James Williams of SC led 'troops from the South' at that engagement and it is possible that the veteran's reference to

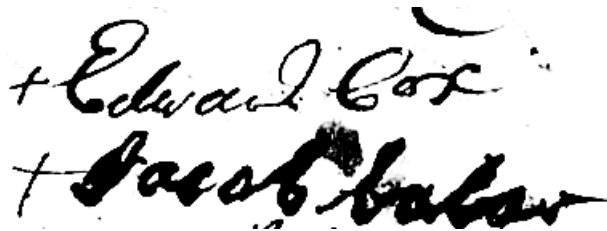
Shelby & returned home having fulfilled their term of service said discharge was, verbal.

That shortly after he was drafted in the militia for another tour of three months under Captain McNabb [John McNabb] of then Washington County North Carolina (now Carter Tennessee) to go again to Santee (Moncks Corner) against the British and again crossed the Yellow mountain & passed through North Carolina into South Carolina on Santee River and scouted through that country until the close of his service & was verbally discharged by Colonel Robeson [probably Col. Charles Robertson] who at that time had the command and returned home, and again volunteered under Colonel McCall [McCaw?] and joined Colonel Pickens at Enoree in South Carolina and continued until [several words obliterated and illegible] Tarleton in which he was for three months longer & making in the whole twenty-one months active service under his six several engagements. That he has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure except hereto annexed of Edward Cox & Jacob Beeler he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state, nor is there a resident Minister in his vicinity.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 22nd of August 1832.



On this 22nd day of August 1832 appeared in open Court Edward Cox² & Benjamin Beeler³ Citizens of said County & State, and made oath, that they and each of them were personally acquainted with David Hughes the foregoing declarant & believe him to be seventy-four years, Edward Cox states that he was with David Hughes in the southern expedition under Colonel Shelby at the engagement on Enoree River – as also the Chickamauga what expedition being peach for 3 months – Jacob Beeler also states that he was out in the first Campaign stated by him in his foregoing declaration under Colonel Christy for 6 months, and knows of his performing that tour [of] duty & each of them states that the services are truly set forth by him & were performed by him. They also state that said applicant is reputed to have served the whole service & that they concur in that opinion.



Sworn to & subscribed this date above.

[fn p. 10: On January 15 1850 in Sullivan County Tennessee, Robert Hughes filed an affidavit in which he states he is the executor of David Hughes deceased, a revolutionary war pensioner; that David Hughes lived in Sullivan County on the day of his death and had resided there upwards of

Cleveland is a mistake and that it is Williams to whom he intended to refer.

http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_musgroves_mill.html and

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/musgrovesmill.htm>

² [Edward Cox S3170](#)

³ [Jacob Beelor \(Beeler or Bealer\) S5277](#)

50 years; prior to that time David Hughes has lived in Frederick County Maryland; in a power of attorney file the same day he states that David Hughes died June 18, 1849 and he empowers his attorney to seek the pension due to David Hughes from March 4th 1849 to the date of his death.]

[fn p. 13: Court finding dated December 24, 1849 issued in Sullivan County Tennessee finding that David Hughes a revolutionary war pensioner died June 18 1849 leaving no widow but 3 children, Robert and Thomas Hughes and Elizabeth Kitzmiller.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 21 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]