

FRANCIS HUGHES

SERVICE	NUMBER
N.C.	Hughes, Francis
	S. 3075

in per letter 25 Sep 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 to Wm John Blair pres  
 - Order for pay 14 Oct 1837  
 - letter to M. Mac to James  
 do to B. Briggeman 15 Nov 1837  
 of pay at the Treasury under  
 the Act of the 6 Feb 1838  
 which Act 1838 to 4 March  
 of notified 4 April 40  
 - above error to Annotate  
 Sept 1839. (A g c notified  
 July 1840  
 Dead  
 Paid no more from March 4<sup>th</sup> 1840  
 to Jan 25<sup>th</sup> 1841 Agent not in April  
 18<sup>th</sup> 1842

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 Newborough Virginia  
 Francis Hughes  
 a member in the State of Virginia  
 who was a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt  
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 under M. Rowell the 1<sup>st</sup> Regt  
 for 18 months at 15 da

Inscribed on the Roll of Newborough  
 at the rate of 37 Dollars 66 Cents per annum,  
 commencing on the 15th day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 13 day of Dec<sup>r</sup>  
 1833 and Hon<sup>ble</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>  
 Blair  
 appears to the title of Sept 1841  
 Forward allowance ending 4 March 25, 53  
 \$154.98

{ Revolutionary Claim, }  
 { Act June 7, 1832. }  
 Recorded by Dan Boyd Clerk  
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Francis was one of the signers of the 1787 Petition to create the new State of Franklin. In 1793, Francis acquired 640 Acres in a North Carolina Land Grant, for land on the South Side of the Nolachucky, paying 50 shillings for each 100 acres. Part of this land was 99 acres on the Waters of Sinking Creek and part was 300 acres on Camp Creek.



Francis possibly married Elizabeth Long in Greene County on July 28, 1802. She appears to be a second wife. The bondsman was Timothy Hixson. In 1806 Francis gifted several of his slaves. A male slave named "Sale" was gifted to Timothy Hixson who Francis refers to as his son-in-law. Another gift was made to his daughter, Margaret Hughes, who received a female slave named "Luse"; and a slave named Jane was gifted to William Hixson and his wife Ingabou [presumably, another daughter of Francis Hughes.

Pension application of Francis Hughes S3075

Transcribed by Will Graves

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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. 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 fails 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 errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of Tennessee, Greene County

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas &c for said County Francis Hughs aged Seventy four and resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832 that during the Revolutionary war he resided in Burke County North Carolina, and in the month of June 1776 he volunteered as a Ranger in the said State of North Carolina and was put under Captain Penland and of General McDowell's [Charles McDowell's ?] command, and ranged for the term of two months and half against the Cherokees and Creeks who were in hostility and was verbally discharged & returned part of the way home & in his return met the troops under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] and there marched to the Cherokee Nation and volunteered under said Rutherford and went under said Rutherford to the Nation & in the Overhill Towns the Indians embodied & an engagement was had with them, that the Indians were defeated, & eighteen of the Indians were killed, that he continued on said expedition in the Nation for four months & when the Indians were driven back was discharged by Genl. Rutherford which he has lost in the lapse of time, said tour commenced in August 1776 and ended in December of the same year being four months.

Again in 1777 in January he volunteered under Col John Sevier to retake the Western settlements on Watauga [River] and with the men under Sevier commenced building a Fort for defense at Gallakers [sic, Gallagher's ?] on Nolichucky River (now Tennessee) and there guarded, spied and worked on the Fort for twelve months under the act of North Carolina commonly called the new levies at the expiration of which time the men were discharged by Col Sevier to raise support some of whom worked whilst others spied & guarded to keep off the surrounding Indians.

Again he volunteered under Col Sevier in September of 1780 to go on the expedition against Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] to King's Mountain, under Captain Sam Williams and marched (with Colonel Campbell's forces from Virginia) across the Yellow Mountain & into North Carolina & there met the Militia under Col McDowell [Joseph McDowell ?] & were lead [sic, led] on into the engagement by said McDowell (who had the chief command) & in the month of October had the memorable battle of King's Mountain in which Ferguson was killed & all his men killed or taken prisoners & the prisoners guarded to the barracks for exchange, that after being three months in said service in said expedition he was discharged, verbally, by Col Sevier and returned home.

That after his return home he again volunteered for a campaign under Col Sevier in the winter of 1780 against the Cherokee Indians & marched to the borders of the Cherokee Nation, & hearing that the Indians had retreated to the interior of their Country returned home after being one month in service & was verbally discharged & returned home which five several tours amounted to twenty one months & fourteen days and which he most distinctly recollects. He also served much more but cannot state the times & periods being irregular.

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, that he had record evidence of his age in the family record which from his unsettled situation is not now in his possession, nor does he know where it is, that he was living in Shenandoah County Virginia in 1759, though he cannot recollect the month (the record being mislaid) that the Revd Felix Earnest, John Clark & Nathan Gann have some knowledge of his revolutionary services, but that the former resides in Washington County & the latter in Greene [County]; though he is so infirm as to be unable to travel to Court that he has no documentary evidence having lost his discharges.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this day & year first before written.  
S/ M. Payne, D. C. S/ Francis Hughes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Hughes". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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State of Tennessee Washington County

On this 12th day of August 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Nathan Gann<sup>1</sup> the deponent and after being first duly sworn by me made & subscribed the following statement on oath, to wit that he was a soldier in the expedition against the British at Kings Mountain & has been pensioned for that with other services; that Francis Hughes who is now personally present was also a soldier in the said expedition, & so far as regards that portion of his services set forth in the foregoing declaration knows the truth thereof and hereby testifies to the performance of the same by the said Francis Hughes which was for 3 months tour – that being the only tour which he served with said Hughes he can say nothing more in reference to his said services.

S/ Nathan Gann

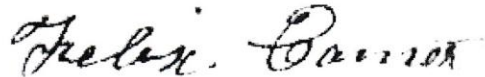
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nathan Gann". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.



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State of Tennessee Greene County: This day personally came Felix Earnest<sup>2</sup> of said County a preacher of the gospel before me Appellers [?] acting justice of the peace for said County and made oath that Francis Hughes of said County was in the year 1780 in the Battle at Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War and that he was acquainted with said Hughes at that time and then since and that he saw the said Hughes in the service at that Campaign. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of August 1833

S/ Felix Earnest



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State of North Carolina Buncombe County

I John Waddill<sup>3</sup> in the County above mentioned do hereby certify that I was acquainted with Francis Hughes while acting as Ensign under Colonel John Sevier in the year 1777 in spying and ranging in Tennessee against the Cherokee Indians. I forted with said Francis in said year and his service in the following year 1778 was continued and I also knew said Francis to be in service during the months of August & July 1780 I was a near neighbor of said Francis in Washington County Tennessee (now Washington) and am [indecipherable word or words] in my recollection in witness I have hereunto subscribed my name and seal this 4th of September A.D. 1833



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$51.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months and 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

Francis Hughes is shown in the Greene County Pension Roll of 1835, with an annual allowance of \$51.66. His age is given as age 75.

No Will is found for Francis Hughes in Greene County; nor does he appear in the 1840 census. A man of this name, age 80-89, is living in Bledsoe County at this date.

A record in the Pension Office states Francis Hughes died on January 25, 1841.



This Bureau can furnish the military record of only such Revolutionary soldiers as were pensioned or whose widows were pensioned for their services.

Such of the original muster and pay rolls of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 as are now in the possession of the Government are on file in the Record and Pension Office, War Department. Original rolls and other records pertaining to service in the Revolutionary War may also be found on file in the archives of many of the original States.

L. F. B.

L. 3075.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

WASHINGTON, D. C.,

March 23, 1897.

O. W. & N. DIV.

REVOLUTIONARY.

Sir:-

Replying to your request for information concerning the military record of Francis Hughes, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, you are advised that he made an application for pension on July 21, 1833, at which time he was 74 years of age and residing in Green County, Tenn., and his pension was allowed for fifteen months and fifteen days' actual service as a private in the N. C. troops, Revolutionary war; a part of the time he served under Col. McDowell. Place of his enlistment not stated.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Mr. John H. Reynolds,

Rome, Ga.



May 18, 1920.

Hon. Sam R. Sells,  
House of Representatives.

My dear Mr. Sells:

In response to your letter dated the 14<sup>th</sup> instant, you are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S. File No. 3,075 that Francis Hughes was born in 1759 in Shenandoah County, Virginia, and while residing in Burke County, North Carolina, volunteered in June 1776, as a Private in Captain Penland's Company, North Carolina troops and served 2½ months.

In August 1776 he was in the Cherokee Expedition under General Rutherford and served 4 months.

In January 1777 he volunteered under Colonel John Sevier and served 1 year.

In September 1780 he volunteered in Captain Samuel Williams Company, Colonel McDowell's Regiment, and was in the battle of Kings Mountain, served 3 months.

In the winter of 1780 he was in Colonel Sevier's Regiment 1 month.

He was allowed pension on an application executed July 21, 1833, while a resident of Greene County, Tennessee.

He died January 25, 1841.

Children are referred to but no names are stated and there is no other data on file as to his family.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner.