

American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters Southern Campaign

Pension application of **William Hide (Hyde)** S9601 NC

State of North Carolina - Macon County: Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions April Court 1836

This **13 day of April 1836** personally appeared **William Hyde** aged seventy-six years in open Court before the justices of said court now in session being a Court of Record for the County and State aforesaid said William Hyde being a resident citizen of said County and State 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 passed June 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service as a volunteer private Soldier on or about the **1st of October 1780** under Captain James Ramsey under General William Davidson, who was afterwards killed at Cowans Ford in the County of Mecklenburg North Carolina in 1783, for a 3 months Tour which he served out and was discharged and was discharged by Captain George Smith also then commanded the company at call **Barringer's in the County of Rowan North Carolina** at the end of the 3 months the term of his enlistment.

Entered again and next as a substitute for private Joseph Smith on or about the **1st of April 1781** under Captain John McFarland at the Fort on Catawba River in Burke County North Carolina on the Frontier against the Cherokees. The Fort called John Davidson's Fort for the term of 3 months and served out the same and was discharged by Captain McFarland.

Entered again as a substitute for Henry Helterbrand [Henry Hilderbrand] for the term of 3 months on or about the **1st of February 1781** under Captain Daniel Smith who commanded the upper Fort on the Catawba River in Burke County North Carolina Served out the Term in said Fort and was discharged by said Daniel Smith at said Fort.

I was next a volunteer under Captain Samuel Killian against the Cherokees in the same year (Aug 1, 1781) and made an incursion into the Cherokee Country burnt their towns on the Cowee River and Round about in what is now Macon County North Carolina and returned at the expiration of one month and was discharged about the last of September or 1st of October (1781) the same year by said Captain Samuel Killian.

That in the first term of 3 months when he was under General Davidson they fell under General Nathanael Greene in Mecklenburg and served under him when the British were at Charlotte Mecklenburg County North Carolina that Colonel Washington of the Dragoons, General Morgan of the Rifle Corps, General Smallwood as he thinks he was styled and many Regular or Continental officers served at the same time and places, that he has no documentary evidence of his services, that he knows of, no person who can testify to his services unless some of the old man of Burke should be alive and to be come at by him which he does not know.

"I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State."

When and where were you born? Answer, *"I was born in Pennsylvania Lancaster County"*

Have you any record of your age? Answer, *"I have not."*

Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

*"I lived in **Burke County North Carolina** when called into service; I continued to live in Burke for 3 years I then moved to **Lincoln North Carolina** and lived there from that time until about 1791 or 1792 then moved back to **Burke County, NC** and lived there until 1795 or thereabouts and then moved and lived in what was then **Buncombe County, NC but now Haywood County, NC** and now the part of it which is the present **County of Macon, NC** where we now are and where I now live."*

How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and for whom?

"The first tour of 3 months I was a volunteer, the next tour of 3 months I was a substitute for Joseph Smith, the last tour of 3 months I was a Substitute for Henry Hilterbrand and the last time that I served only one month against the Cherokees I was a volunteer."

State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served Such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can Recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

*"The regular and Continental officers I recollect seeing in the service were **General Nathaniel Green, General Morgan, Colonel Washington and General Smallwood**. I entered the service as a volunteer under **Captain James Ramsay of Colonel Francis Locke's Regiment** of militia **General William Davidson** commander of the Militia marched into Charlotte as soon as the enemy left and there we fell under General Green pursued the British thence through the Waxhaw settlements and to the Big Pedee River in South Carolina, there encamped 8 or 10 days: crossed the River and marched down 15 or 20 miles and there encamped until my time expired and I was discharged.*

The 2 next tours of 3 months each I was a Substitute for Joseph Smith at Davidson's Fort on the Frontiers as before stated. Served the 3 months out in Davidson's Fort and was discharged, also the next term of 3 months when I served as substitute for Henry Hillerbrand at the upper Fort as before stated. I served the 3 months out in Fort and was discharged.

*Winter serving the 2 tours at the forts as above stated **General Charles McDowell** of the militia was chief in command and also was he in the last term of Service of one month when his Army came over against the Cherokees we marched from the line of forts on the Catawba in Burke crossed the mountains and destroyed the Cherokee towns in what was then called the middle settlements we killed but 3 Indians and wounded to General McDowell's force was but 300 men and we learned that the Cherokee were embodied 900 strong over at the Overhill towns and we advanced no further for our time of engagement was just about to be out and when my time was out I was discharged by **Captain Killian on Richland in the Indian Country** and every man had to shift for himself as our provisions had been given out."*

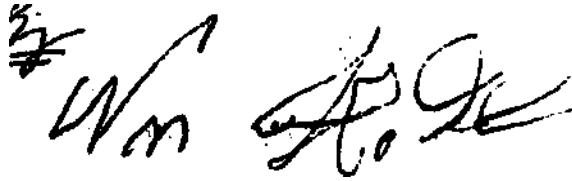
Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

*“The 1st tour I received a discharge in writing from **Captain George Smith** who then was in command of **Captain Ramsey's Company**, but have long since lost it believing it was of no value but in my service at the forts and against the Indians I received no written discharge. At Davidson's Fort I was discharged by **Captain John McFarland** who was then in command, at the upper Fort I was discharged by **Captain Daniel Smith** and by **Captain Samuel Killian** on the last tour of one month.”*

State the name of persons to whom you are known in your neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and good behavior and your service of the Revolution.

*“Amongst many others but few of whom can be got here at court are **Charles Stiles Esquire** and **John McDowell Esquire** both clergyman and old **Mr. Ute Sherrill**.”*

Signature: Wm Hyde


 A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wm Hyde". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized hand. There are some small marks above the first few letters, possibly indicating a correction or a specific flourish.

Charles Stiles, a clergyman and Ute Sherrill gave the standard supporting affidavit.

State of North Carolina Macon County - Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Court 1836.

This 10th day of October 1836 personally appeared **William Hyde** in open Court being a Court of Record and being duly sworn in open court on his oath says that owing to age infirmity and loss of memory he cannot recollect dates any better than by him stated in his declaration heretofore made - that he has used all the exertions he is capable of and that he cannot find other living witnesses of his service, other than Stephen Ballew of Burke County, NC who has made the affidavit hereunto annexed marked (8).

He further swears he verily believes he served as by him set forth that he has made a diligent search for other persons who had served with him but that all of them are either dead or removed away so that they cannot be found by him. He is poor old infirm and had to walk at least 250 miles for the purpose of making search for witnesses and to procure the testimony of said Ballew. Sworn to in open Court

(A) State of North Carolina Burke County

This day came Stephen Ballew¹ before me Robert C Pierson one of the acting Justices of the Peace for Burke County in the State of North Carolina and maketh oath that he is well acquainted with **William Hyde now of Macon County but formerly of Lincoln County North Carolina** and that he was well acquainted with him during the War of the Revolution that he served with said William Hyde as a private soldier in the War of the Revolution against the Common Enemy in the State of North Carolina and South Carolina in the southern campaign under General Nathanael Greene.

That he, Ballew belonged to the company of Captain Clark and Hyde, the company of Captain George Smith in the same Regiment the name of the commanding Colonel not now recollected that they served for 3 months together and were both honorable discharged and that he served with said William Hyde for 3 months at the old Fort in Burke County during the revolution protecting the frontiers against the Cherokee Indians and was honorably discharged, and afterwards served a tour of 2 months at a place called Davidson's Fort in Burke County with said William Hyde and that he does not now recollect whether Hyde was discharged at the same time that he was but to the best of his recollection he Ballew did not serve but 2 months in the last tour and was honorable discharged.

Signature: Stephen Ballew, X his mark

Veteran William Hide was pensioned at the rate of \$33.33 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for 10 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.

¹ Stephen Ballew - Veteran S16835