

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Virginia document pertaining to Stephen Hunter VAS1820  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Bedford County – Hunter, Andrew]

To the Hon'ble the Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

The Petition of Andrew Hunter humbly sheweth: That your Petitioners Brother Stephen Hunter sometime in the year 1777 enlisted as a Soldier in the service of the United States for the term of Two years and after the expiration of his time of service obtained a discharge from Colo William Davis [sic: William Davies] as a good and faithfull soldier and shortly afterward departed this life without making any settlement for the arrears and depreciation of his pay. That your Petitioner is Heir at Law to the said Stephen Hunter dec'd and did some time after the death of his said Brother among his papers find the said discharge but did not for a considerable time know that he was entitled to any arrears or depreciation. That upon being informed that he was he immediately put the said discharge into the hands of Mr. John Walker directing him to apply to the Auditors of Publick Accounts for a settlement and Certificate which the said Walker informed your Petitioner he did, but was unable to procure the same being informed by the Auditor that the time prescribed by Law had elaps'd shortly after, the said John Walker informed me that he had his pockett Book burnt and among other papers the discharge aforesaid. Your Petitioner being informed that he can have no redress in the Premises but thought the interposition of your Hon'ble House, prays that you will direct the Auditors to settle the said claim and grant Certificate for the same or give him such other relief as you in your Wisdom my think proper  
And will ever pray &c

Octo 30<sup>th</sup> 1790 Ref'd to Claims/ Special/ reasonable and to Congress/ reported 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov'r

Virginia                      In the House of Delegates  
Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1790

Mr Richard Lee reported from the Committee of Claims that the Committee had accoring to order had under their consideration the petition of Andrew Hunter to them referred, and had agreed upon a report and come to a resolution thereupon which he read in his place and afterwards delivered in at the Clerks table where the same was again twice read and agreed to by the house as followeth

It appears, that the petitioner is the legal heir and representative of Stephen Hunter deceased, who enlisted as a Soldier in the service of the United States some time in the year 1777 and served during the term of two years, when he obtained a discharge from Colonel William Davis who then Commanded the Regiment in which he was enrolled, that shortly after the said Stephen departed this Life, without having received the arrears of his pay and the depreciation

It further appears, that the petitioner entrusted a Mr. John Walker with the said discharge, in order to have the claim of the deceased liquidated, but at the time the said Walker made application to the Auditor for that purpose the Law authorising the adjustment of Military Claims had expired and no settlement in behalf of the petitioner could be made. It further appears by the testimony of the said Walker, that his pocket book wherein the said discharge granted the deceased was deposited, accidently fell into the fire, and but few of the papers therein were saved, among which, is a part of the discharge aforesaid.

Resolved that the petition of the said Andrew Hunter praying to be allowed the arrears of pay and the depreciation due for the services of the decedent aforesaid is reasonable and that for this purpose he be referred to the proper officer under the Federal Government having cognizance of such cases

1790 December 14th                      Teste                      Charles Hay C.H.D.

Agreed to by the Senate  
H. Brooke C.S.                      A Copy Teste                      Charles Hay CHD