

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Sutton R10325

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State of North Carolina Lincoln County: April Sessions 1834

On the 2nd day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court now sitting James Sutton a resident of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina aged eighty-three years 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 Enlisted for the term of two years and a half at Halifax Court House North Carolina in April 1776 under Captain Pink Eaton as a drummer, that he was immediately mustered into service, that his Company was marched by Captain Eaton to Camp landing near Norfolk in Virginia where his Company was placed in the Regiment of Colonel Archibald Lytle, which Regiment was joined by other troops under the command of General Rutherford, after these troops were all collected the Army was marched to attack a Fort in the possession of the British at a place then called Long Bridge 15 or 20 miles from Norfolk. After a few fires by the Army under General Rutherford, the British left the Fort and went on Board their Vessels, that at this place Captain Eaton was placed in the Command of Major and Samuel Weldon took command of the Company, from this place the Army was marched to Norfolk, that his Company remained at Norfolk one month, when his Company and the Company commanded by Captain about were marched back to Halifax; and in the month of August following were marched to Wilmington in North Carolina where the Army was again placed under the Command of General Rutherford, that he remained in Wilmington with the Army during the Balance of his time of Enlistment that he was discharged in October 1778, that Colonel Lytle gave him his discharge which discharge was Burnt about 15 years ago with all his papers. In December 1778 he volunteered for 9 months at Granville with Captain Young as a drummer was marched to Hillsboro where his Company was placed in the Regiment commanded at the time back Colonel James Saunders where he was made Drum Major, from Hillsboro the Regiment marched to Charlotte and from thence to Camden from Camden the Regiment crossed the Santee at Haley's

ferry and marched to Moncks Corner where Captain Gill took command of the Company he had joined, from thence they were marched to a place on Cooper River where the Army remained one week (at a place called the Oyster Shoal) from thence they were marched to a Fort near Charleston at which place Colonel Malmedy took Command of the Regiment (the name of the Fort he does not recollect), from thence he was marched to Charleston, where he was during the Siege in all the time he held the place of Drum Major until the Army surrendered to Sir Henry Clinton in May 1780, he was paroled although he never could read or write he memorized the words of his parole which he yet recollects which was in these Words

I do hereby acknowledge myself to be a prisoner of War upon my Parole to his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton and that I shall surrender myself to him or them at any such time or place as shall hereafter be required

Signed John Hamilton, Commanding
officer of the British troops

From Charleston after he received his parole he went into Rutherford County in North Carolina his whole time of service was three years and nine months, he has no documentary Evidence never having been taught to read and write and his discharges and parole having been Burnt he has made the statements entirely from Memory, he knows of no living witness that served with him but Thomas Hutchins who served a short time with him and whose affidavit accompanies this declaration, he knows no clergyman who could testify to his services or character.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension list Roll of any agency, the reason he did not apply sooner for a pension he is very poor and until now could not get any person to prepare his declaration. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Sutton, X his mark

Questions propounded by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in April 1751 in Granville County North Carolina

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Halifax North Carolina when I enlisted I have since lived in Rutherford County and have for about 29 years lived in this County where I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I first Enlisted with Captain Pink Eaton for 2 1/2 years and after I served out that Tour I volunteered as a drummer with Captain Young of the Militia as stated.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Rutherford, Colonel Philip Taylor, Major Blount of the militia at Wilmington, Colonel Malmedy, General Clinton, Major Brice of the Continental line, Colonel Robinson, Colonel Brown, he was in Charleston at the time the Arsenal was Blown up: and seen a vessel sunk in the harbor in the commencement of the Siege

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge for the 2 years and a half service at Wilmington which was given to me by Colonel Lytle, from the last tour of service he received a parole as stated
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer Thomas Hutchins of Rutherford County whose affidavit accompanies this declaration Daniel Lutz and David Brendel

[David Brendel and Daniel Lutz gave testimony that they had heard the veteran speak of his service as a drummer in the revolution and that he is a poor man honest and believe his statement to be true.]

State of North Carolina Rutherford County

This day came Thomas Hutchins¹ of said County before me Solomon A Ross one of the acting Justices of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law that he the said Hutchins was acquainted with Mr. James Sutton in the Revolutionary war, that he the said James Sutton did serve five months in said war in 1778 or 1779 in Colonel James Sanders' Regiment and in Captain Gill's Company of militia as a drummer. Line Sworn and subscribed this 29th day of July 1833

S/ Thomas Hutchins, 8 his mark

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office December 17, 1834

Sir

I find the name of James Sutton on the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, in one place only, and there it is stated he enlisted as a private in Captain Blount's Company of the 10th Regiment on the first of August 1779 for 12 months, and deserted in October 1779.

Very respectfully
your Obedient Servant
S/ Wm Hill

James L Edwards Esquire
Commissioner of Pensions

State of North Carolina Rutherford County: Thomas Hutchins a resident of said County aged eighty-one years personally appeared before me John Logan an acting Justice of the peace for said County and made oath in due form of law That he lived in Wake County in this State in the year 1778. That he was drafted and in the 2nd of October of said year he marched in Woodson Daniel's (Captain) Company to Salisbury & there joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Saunders he further states that he was acquainted with James Sutton the applicant for a pension before either of them joined the Army and met with him at Salisbury in the company commanded by a Mr. Gill. We marched under General Rutherford (Sutton & myself) through Charlotte, Camden, the high Hills of Santee, across Santee at Nelsons ferry to Moncks Corner, to the ten Mile House this side of Charleston, to Purrysburg on Savannah River and at that time there was four of our Captains' Companies joined General Ashe & was defeated at Brier Creek all of which time I was with and saw James Sutton every day unless I was out on business all of which time he was also Drum Major of Colonel Saunders Regiment –

¹ [Thomas Hutchins W7836](#)

Having served a 6 months tour I was there dismissed on Savannah River above Purrysburg at a place called the Two Sisters at which place I left James Sutton & started home, it being April 1779. I have sent same James Sutton who was at my House and took my Deposition before S. A. Ross Esquire and 1833. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd of August 1834
S/ John Logan, JP
S/ Thomas Hutchins, Q his mark