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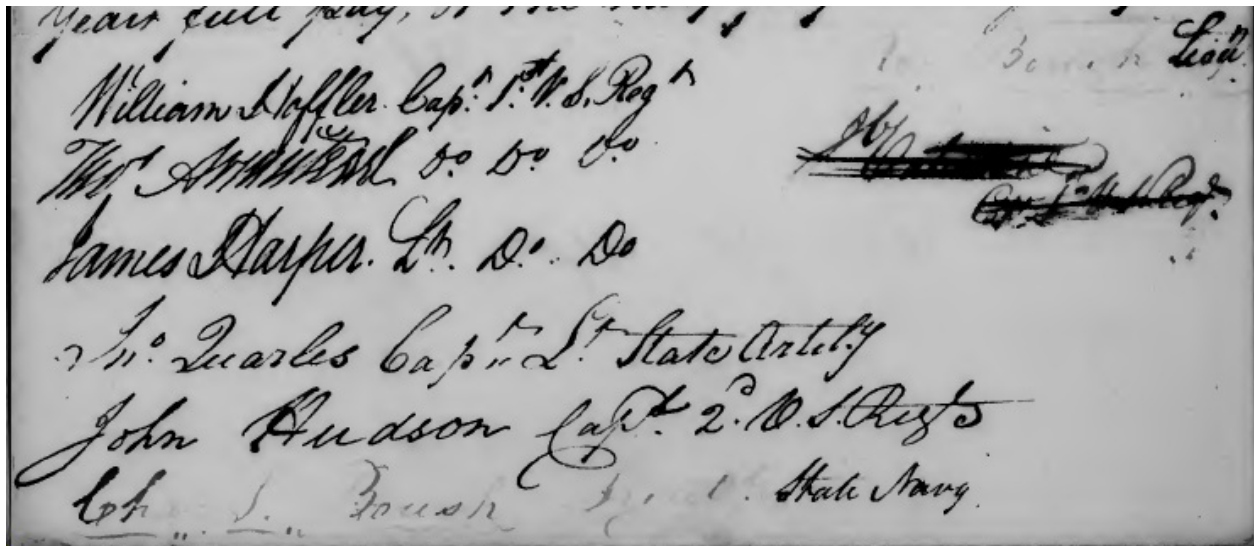
Pension Application of John Hudson R15350 Mary Hudson VA Half Pay
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[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Norfolk County – Officers of the Virginia State Line]

The Hon'ble Speaker & Members of the General Assembly

The Petition of the Officers of the Virginia State Line now residing in the County of Norfolk
We your Petitioners having served with the Officers belonging to the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment in the Army of the United States, during the War, with Great Brittain. And as State Officers during that time ware deprived of our Rank, according to the dates of our several Commissions, Which of itself was sufficient to have disgusted us with the Service, had not the Glorious cause exited us to have continued. And shall you Gentlemen add to this great mortification, by depriving us of those Emoluments that have been granted to the Officers of the Virginia Line of Continental Establishment Notwithstanding we ware promised every Emolument, that they received, That is the five years full pay, or the half pay during Life

[undeciphered] Boush	[apparently erased] Lieu't [possibly Goodrich Boush R19365]
William Hoffler Cap'n 1 st V. S. Reg't	[pension application S38047]
Thos Armistead D'o D'o D'o	[Thomas Armistead R12157]
James Harper Lt. D'o D'o	[BLWt2148-200 and R14859]
Jno. Quarles Capt, Lt. State Artil'y.	[John Quarles R17250]
John Hudson Capt 2 ^d V. S. Regt	
Chas S. Boush Lieut. State Navy	[R12]



16th Nov'r. 1789 Ref'd. to prop[osition]s/ rejected/ rep[orte]d

[The following is from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

To His Excellency John B. Floyd, Governor of Virginia.

Your Petitioner is heir at law of John Hudson dc, a Captain in the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary war, begs leave most respectfully to represent to your Excellency the following facts, to wit, That the said John Hudson on the 15 of July 1783 did receive a warrant for 4000 acres as for 3 years service and that his adm'r, to wit, yr. Petitioner did receive £1964[?] due him as his half pay. By

reference to the papers on file in the 1st Auditor's Office, in the case of John Hudson's Adm'r vs. the Commonwealth it will be found that the said John Hudson was on Commission till the close of the war – that having been entitled to half pay during life, as full appears by the Judgment of the Court, that even as supernumerary, he would be entitled to Bounty Land, for services during the war. It is evident as supernumerary that being entitled to half pay for life that he served as Captain to the close of the war, otherwise he could not have been entitled to half pay. To sustain this opinion your Petitioner will refer your Excellency to the 6 Chap'r of Henning's Statues [sic: statutes] at large Vol. 10 Pa. 25. Your Petitioner will also refer yr. Excellency to Com'r Smith's [Commissioner J. H. Smith's] report in Journals of H. of Delegates for 1835 & 36 Doc. 6th Pa. 91. He entered the service (according to a memorandum in his Prayer Book) on the 17 Oct. 1776. Your Petitioner relying on the Justice of his claim, requests yr Excellency to allow him additional Bounty Land & as in duty bound will ever pray &c. Richmond, Dec 4th 1851.

John Harper

[The following are from the federal pension file]

To the Honorable Wm. Beschenbrough Judge of the Superior Court of Law for Henrico County [VA] The petition of John Harper administrator de bonus non with the will annexed of John Hudson respectfully states — That the said John Hudson was an Officer of the Virginia State Line from an early period of the Revolution until the close of the war. He was a Captain in the second Virginia State Regiment and at the reduction thereof became a supernumerary and remained as such until the close of the war without being required to reenter into actual service. He never received the half pay or commutation due him, and your petitioner has applied to the Auditor therefore, but he refused to issue any warrant for it, and from that refusal Yr. Petitioner prays an appeal to this Court, and that Judgement may be entered for the half pay from the reduction of the regiment in 1781 to the 12 day of April 1790 at which latter period the said Hudson died, or for the commutation & interest thereon in lieu the half pay aforesaid

[18 May 1850]

John Harper, adm. de bonus non with the will annexed of John Hudson

Whereas I John Hudson of the County of Norfolk & Town of Portsmouth did as Officer in the Army of America & then unmarried, make a will and give what property I was then possessed of to my Sisters May & Ann, both then living, and their heirs forever, and as I do not know where that will is & being since married to Mary daughter of William Smith of the aforesaid County & having received of said William Smith sundry negroes: which negroes I will to be equally divided amongst my wife Mary & the child she is now pregnant with & my two sons William Smith Hudson, John Irby Hudson & my daughter Elizabeth Bressie Hudson together with whatever real estate that that may be remaining after paying my just debts, & it is my will & desire that the real property may be first sold by my Executors & I so appoint my wife Mary Hudson Executrix & William Smith Executor of this my last will & testament. altho this may not be in due form of law, I hope that it will be received and recorded, as may be customary with wills in like cases it being my own hand write & I make all other wills heretofore made, null & void. Witness my hand and seal

J. Hudson

Witnesses Paul D. Luke, Amos Shepherd, John Donald

[Proved 18 Oct 1792.]

The deposition of Matthew Manning Esq (of lawful age) who being first duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he knew Capt. John Hudson. That Capt. John Hudson was always considered an Officer in the Revolutionary war. That said Capt Hudson married Mary Smith and had several children by her, and died sometime about the year 1790 leaving his widow Mary Hudson and three children, to wit: Wm. Smith Hudson, Elizabeth Bressie Hudson and Jno Irby Hudson. This deponent further deposes that the said Wm. Smith Hudson and Elizabeth Bressie Hudson died many years ago without issue, leaving their mother Mary Hudson and their brother John Irby

Hudson. This deponent further saith that the said John I. Hudson married Catharine Lanier and had a child called Wm. Smith Hudson Jr, and died leaving is mother Mary Hudson and his widow Catharine Hudson, and his son Wm. Smith Hudson Jr. That said Catharine Hudson, and his son Wm. Smith Hudson Jr. that said Catharine Hudson afterwards married John Harper and had two children, to wit: Marshall Harper and Emaline Harper. this deponent further saith that Mary Hudson the widow of Capt. John Hudson departed this life leaving her grandson Wm. Smith Hudson Jr. her sole heir at law, and that said Wm. Smith Hudson Jr. died in the your 1824 leaving his mother Catharine Harper, and Marshall and Emaline Harper, the brother & sister of the half blood, his heirs at law. That said Marshall Harper in the year 1825 died leaving his mother Catharine Harper and his sister Emmaline Harper and his father the said John Harper. That in the year 1827 the said Catharine Harper died leaving her husband the said John Harper & her daughter the said Emmaline Harper. Further this deponent saith not.

M. Manning [8 Jan 1830]

I, James Chany Sr. of Norfolk County in the state of Virg'a, sixty three years of age, do hereby certify that I was well [one or more pages evidently missing] continued his command untill peace, and after peace he was a Captain of the Militia Company which I was first attache to. That he died sometime about theyear 1790 or 1791, the precise time I do not recollect.

As witness my hand this twenty fourth day of April 1830.

James Cheny sen.