

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Houchin: R5250

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In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832

State of Kentucky Edmonson County

On this 31st day of May 1836 personally appeared before me William Mitchel a Justice of the Peace and a Member of the County Court of said County Charles Houchin a resident in the County of Edmonson and State of Kentucky of 75 years of age 20th of March last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United [States] as suppose in the year not recollected but during the American Revolution and while that portion of the troops with which he served were stationed in Barracks in Virginia and Albemarle County the number of the Regiment is to this deponent unknown it was commanded by Col Taylor [Colonel Frances Taylor] and that his Captain was by the name of John Woodrough [John Woodruff ?] that he enlisted for the term of two years or during the time the troops should be stationed in said barracks that he remained in said service for two years except a few days when he received a discharge legally which discharge is misplaced that he lived in Amherst County in Virginia when he entered the service and that previous to the above service he served two or the [three?] tours as a Militia Man for three months each and was employed in guarding said barracks the first tour was under Cpt Clift Shelton [sic, Clough Shelton] the second was under Capt not now recollected

He hereby relinquishes any every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/Charles Houchin, X his mark

And the said Justice William Mitchel doth hereby declare his opinion that the above name applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he states and that he is unable to attend before a court without much pain and trouble bein confined wholly to his room and mainly to his bed and unable to stand alone and as he understands and believes has been so for several years Given under my hand this 31st day of May 1836

S/William Mitchell JPEC

The Deposition of John Houcher [John Houchin] taken before Jesse C Roundtree a Justice of the Peace for the County of Edmonson State of Kentucky taken to prove the service of Charles Houchin during the American Revolution this deponent being first duly sworn deposeseth and saith that he knows that the said Charles Houchin was in the service as a soldier during the American Revolution and that he was stationed in the Barracks in Albemarle County Virginia and that when he left the service this deponent went for him and this deponent would further state that he

understood and believes that the term of service for which he entered was two years and further this deponent saith not given under his hand this 1st of June 1836

S/John Houchin, X his mark

The foregoing deposition of John Houchin was on this day sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned; an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Edmonson County Kentucky; given under my hand this 1st day of June 1836

S/J C Rowntree JPEC

The deposition of Frances Houchin taken before Jesse C Roundtree further to substantiate [?] the above facts on this 1st of June 1836 this deponent being first duly sworn deposed and saith that the foregoing facts as stated by John Houchin are the truth to his own knowledge given + sworn to and signed this 1st of June 1836

S/Francis Houchin, X his mark

The foregoing deposition of Francis Houchin was on this day sworn to and subscribed before the undersigned; an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Edmonson County Kentucky; given under my hand this 1st day of June 1836

S/J C Rowntree JPEC

We Jesse Moon and James Roundtree state we are acquainted with the aforesaid Charles Houchin and that we would suppose him of the age he represents and that we have confidence in his statement the said Roundtree would state that he was well acquainted with said Charles Houchin personall and had been for many years and that he has been for a long time reputed to be a Revolutionary Soldier and that he believes it the said Moon would state that he lives in the same county and perhaps Six or Seven miles of the said Houchin and has been appraised that he might be called on being in the Ministry of the Gospel and perhaps the nighest and that he has enquired of many of the acquaintances of the said Houchin which he supposed most likely to form a correct opinion and they generally concur in the opinion that he was a Revolutionary Soldier but that his own acquaintance with the said Houchin is limited yet from the best information he has he would give credit to him and his statement

And Acy Davies of the aforesaid county would state that he is also personally acquainted with the said Charles Houchin and has herd him reputed for many years and he believes him to have been a Revolutionary Soldier

Given under our hands + sworn to this 5th day of June 1836

S/ Jesse Moon

S/James Rountree

S/Asa Davis

The Declaration of Charles Houchin was presented in open court at the June term of the Edmonson County Court (it being a court of record for the State of Kentucky in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress

Approved 7th June 1832 and the court are of opinion that the signature of Wm Mitchell + Jesse C Rowntree to said Declaration are their genuine signature, That they are Justices of the Peace for the County of Edmonson. That the deponents Jesse Moon (a Minister of the Gospel) James Rowntree + Asa Davis are entitled to credit on oath + that from common report they believe that Charles Houchin the applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier

- which is ordered to be certified -

I August M Barret Clerk of the County Court of Edmonson aforesaid do certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of said court in the matter of the application of Charles Houchin for a pension -

In testimony whereof I have herein to set my name + affixed my private seal (there being no Seal of Office provided) this 8th day of June 1836 and in the 45th year of the Commonwealth

S/A M Barret CECC

[p 16: As of 20 July 1852 Charles Houchin was referred to as deceased]

[p 9: On 16 May 1853 John D Houchins of Brownsville P O, Edmonson County, Kentucky states he is one of the legal heirs of Charles Houchins, "is Identical child of the reputed soldier"]

[Applicant was rejected, "the Virginia rolls being silent"]