

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hudson (Hutson) R5334

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State of South Carolina Darlington District }

On this twenty fifth day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of Darlington District now sitting James Hutson a resident of the District of Darlington in the State aforesaid, aged Seventy four 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 7 1832. That he was a volunteer under Captain Heniy [sic Henry?] in the County of Dobbs North Carolina in a Regiment of militia commanded by Colonel Caswell [Richard Caswell] and served three months and he served for three months more in the same Company but commanded by Captain Toothe [?]: that he served three months more under Captain Herritage [William Herritage] and three months more under Captain Koontz and three months more under Captain Caswell making a service of fifteen months and that during this time General Caswell commanded the Brigade: that he was engaged in a battle with the British between Beaufort and Wilmington the British being commanded by Major Craig [James Craig] – that just before the battle General Caswell was detached for recruits – and the Deponent does not recollect the name of the General who commanded the Americans & that the Americans were beaten for want of men. This Deponent further testifies that he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person who can testify as to his service. This Deponent further says that he is now afflicted with a rising in his head which prevents him from being to [too] circumstantial in his details as he could be if in health. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ John B Bruce, CCP

S/ James Hutson



[R. Campbell, a clergyman, and Richard Ingram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Interrogatories by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the

Revolutionary War and where do you 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?

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.

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

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.

[No answers to the interrogatories are shown in the application.]

[Robert Campbell, a clergyman, and Richard Ingram gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Sumter District }

On this 28th day of March in the year 1844 personally appeared in open court before me William Lewis Judge of the Court of ordinary in and for said District & State, which said court is a court of record in & for the District of Sumter & State aforesaid James Hudson a resident of Sumter District in the State of South Carolina aged Eighty four years the record of his age being lost by fire who first being duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was drafted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 – that he was first drafted for six months – that he was then living on Noose River [Neuse River] in State of North Carolina – the company he was drafted in was commanded by Captain Erwin Herring [sic, Armwell Herron], William Carswell [William Caswell] was the Major General and Richard Carswell [Richard Caswell] was the Colonel – the company started from Kingston [Kinston] & went to Wilmington. The British had landed at Brunswick – went with his company towards Brunswick & met them (the British) halfway between Brunswick & Wilmington – engaged in a fight – the British were superior & his company retreated – the British captured Wilmington – was six months in that Company – while the British held possession of Wilmington his company were engaged in preventing the Whigs from joining the Tories. After the expiration of his tour he went home & had not been there a quarter of an hour, when a large body of Tories surrounded his father's house and took him Deponent a prisoner to Wilmington & gave him up to the British who were commanded by a Major Craig. The Major told him he would punish him for being a damned rebel & gave him the choice of either being put on board a vessel named the *Prevost* & ironed down on his back or turn Tory & fight against his own Country – he knew that if he went on board of the vessel & submitted to the ironing he would not live a week & if he joined the ranks of the Tories there was a possibility of escape. He consented to join them – remained with them about a fortnight – ran away and returned to his father's house where he remained near six months, when a call was made for volunteers – he volunteered & joined a body of light horse commanded by a Captain Herritage – Richard Caswell was again Colonel & his brother William Caswell Major General – first went to New Bern – then to Wilmington – had several rencontres with the British & Tories served three months – went home & remained about three months when he again volunteered under Captain Herritage – engaged in beating about the Country – returned home & remained three months – when he was drafted to go in a foot company for six

months. Caswell was Captain – engaged in eating about the Country – had several skirmishes – Was in the service about 3 years – but from the great length of time & loss of memory cannot remember the services discharged – excepting those above enumerated – that he was a private in the Militia – when he was first drafted he was living in Dobbs County – now Lenoir in the State of North Carolina – that he was in three Battles – the battle of Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781] – one between Brunswick town & Wilmington and one up the Cape Fear River, on Lane’s Creek – he received a discharge – a written one from General Caswell which he has since lost. He can refer to the Reverend Henry D. Green, J W Stuckey – A G Crosswell and Captain Peter Dubose who are living in his present neighborhood & can testify to his character for veracity & who believed he rendered services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State. The applicant states that he was born in Dobbs now Lenoir County in 1760.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ James Hudson, X his mark

[Abner Alexander, a clergyman, & Jacob Jordan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Sumter District: Personally appeared before me Mr. John Dorhity who on oath saith that he was personally acquainted with James Hudson who he says to his own certain knowledge served as a Militia Soldier in the revolutionary war for about 3 years under the command of General William Caswell & Captain Arnold Hearon [Armwel Herron], and others he further saith that he was present with the said James Hudson in one battle and that the said James Hudson was ever considered a faithful soldier in the Army of the United States and that his service was mostly rendered in the State of North Carolina.

Sworn to before me this March 28 1844

S/ Abner Alexander, Magistrate

S/ John Dorhity, N his mark

[p 6: Power of attorney dated May 25, 1854 given and Darlington District South Carolina by William Parnell, Jr., as administrator of the Estate of James Hudson by which he empowered his attorney to pursue the claim for a pension due to the now deceased James Hudson on behalf of his heirs, William Hudson, John Hudson, James Hudson, Lazarus Hudson, Mary Stucky, Lucy Jordan, Elizabeth Reynolds, Rebecca DuBose, Mahaley DuBose, & Thursday Parnell.]