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Pension Application of James Hudson R5338

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State of Illinois } SS. On this seventeenth day of March in the year 1835 personally appeared
Madison County } in open Court before the Honorable Thomas Ford Judge of the Madison Circuit
Court now sitting in and for said County of Madison and State of Illinois James Hudson, a resident of the
said County of Madison and State of Illinois aged seventy seven 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 the said James Hudson entered the service of the United States under the following
named officers and served as herein stated.

That he the said James Hudson volunteered the last of May or first of June 1776 [sic] and was
commanded by Captain William Ragsdell [William Ragsdale] the Lieutenant and ensigns name not now
remembered and belonged to the Luningburgh [sic: Lunenburg] Virginia Militia and marched to
Jamestown where he was Commanded by General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] where they had a
battle with the British and were drove by them [possibly Battle of Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781],
and then returned to the main body of the army of Washington & LaFayette. Afterwards they ranged
about through the country till his time of service expired when he was discharged and sent home to
Luningburgh County Virginia having served as a private three months.

That he volunteered as a substitute for his brother Charles Hudson at Luningburgh County
Virginia about the first of October or last of September 1777 and was commanded by Captain Sylvanus
Walker [Silvanus Walker] the other officers names not remembered and belonged to Colonel Nicholas
Hobsons Regiment and marched to Williamsburgh and ranged through that section of Country till his
time of service expired having had no battles served three months as a private at this time.

That he enlisted into the continental or state troops of Virginia at Luningburgh County in March
1778 or 79 – [sic] as a private and was commanded by Captain William Glenn Lieutenant Asa Grissom
Ensigns name not remembered Regiment Commanded by Colonel Anthony Street, and marched to
Hillsboro [sic: Hillsborough] North Carolina was afterwards transfered to Captain Thomas Threadgil
was stationed at Hillsboro till towards spring when he was marched to the Chawra Hills [sic: Cheraw
Hills SC, probably Jan 1781] and was stationed there till he was discharged received a written discharge
and went home having been in the service one year.

That he volunteered again in September or October 1779 or 1780 as a private at Luningburgh
County and was commanded by Captain Sylvanus Walker Colonel John Glenn and was marched to
Petersburgh [sic: Petersburg] remained there for a time and then cross the James River over into the
counties upon the [illegible word] side and ranged through the Country for some time till his time of
service expired when he was discharged having served three months.

That he volunteered a gain as a private in May or June 1780 or '81. and was commanded by
Captain John Crafton the other company officers not remembered and regiment commanded by Col John
Glenn and marched to Sailsbury where they made a halt for some time when he was marched to Prince
Edward County Court House where after a few days they crossed the River to Hanover County and
crossed through the Counties adjacent till the time of service was out having been out three months

That he volunteered again in the fall of 1781 in September and was commanded by Captain
Ellison Ellis as a Sergeant Lieutenant Christopher Robinson Ensign Henry Cook and was commanded by
Colonel John Glenn and was marched to Gloucester where he was engaged in the taking of General Lord
Cornwallace at York Town [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and having served out his time he
was discharged and went home having been out three months as a Serjant in said company. Having
served two years and three months in the army of the Revolution

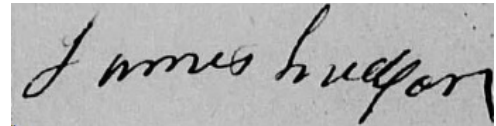
He declares that he was acquainted with Genl Washington General LaFayette Genl Green [sic:

Nathanael Greene] and many other officers of the Regular army. That he knows of no person by whom he can prove his services; that he has no documentary testimony, that his written discharge was consumed by fire in his house which was burnt upon[?] Virginia

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State

He was born in Amelia County Virginia in the year 1758 on the 15th day of October. His father had a record of his age in his bible but he has no record of his age That he left Luningburgh County Virginia where he had resided from his infancy till that time in 1820 & went to Allabama Madison County where he lived six years then to Madison County Tennessee where he resided one year, when he moved to Sangamon County then Montgomery County and then to Madison County Illinois in 1832 where he has lived since

that he is acquainted with Ira Davis and John K Long of Montgomery County Illinois that he is not acquainted with any Preacher in the state of Illinois

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Hudson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

NOTE: James Hudson's application was rejected for inadequate proof of service, even though militia service required only the certification by two neighbors of the applicant's honesty and reputation as a soldier. The file contains a letter from the pension office dated 8 April 1835, which states: "The declaration of Samuel [sic] Hudson has been examined and filed in this office. The service set forth does not agree with the facts as it regards the course of service of the virginia militia or state troops. The claim is considered very doubtful, and unless the most satisfactory proof be exhibited of his having served in a military capacity during the revolutionary war his claim to a pension cannot be allowed."