

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hulderman (Holderman) R5365

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State of Virginia Harrison County – SS

On this 6th day of December 1833 personally appeared before me Benjamin S Brice an acting Justice of the County Court of Harrison and State aforesaid John Hulderman a resident of Shimm Town in the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-five 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.

1st That he was born in Frederick County Maryland on the 2nd day of August in the year 1768. That he volunteered as a soldier under Captain Jacob Coon who was stationed at Martinsburg Virginia in the year 1783 and first day of March of that year. That he continued as a volunteer until the close of the revolutionary war, That he found his own military equipment &c and that he always held himself in readiness to go into the field of battle when called upon, That he followed no lucrative or civil employment while in the service, That he was in no engagement while in the service, That he knows of no person in this country who can testify to his services. That during his time of service he was called upon but once to march against the enemy who lay at the frontier and that these orders were given on one evening to march the next morning – these orders were countermanded on the next morning by the receipt of an express; stating that peace was made. That the time that he was stationed at Martinsburg in close quartering was eighteen months; that the exact time he was in the service he cannot distinctly recollect, but that he can recollect that he was in service (though not in any close quartering as the first eighteen months) till the end of the war; That he only asked to be allowed for the eighteen months that he was in close quartering, That from old age and mental infirmity he cannot distinctly recollect every minutia of his service –

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 or territory.

Interrogatories propounded by the justice to the applicant – "Where and in what year were you born, Answer, I was born in Frederick County Maryland on the 2nd of August in the year 1768. 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it, Answer, yes, it is recorded in my old Bible, 3rd Where were you living when called into service, where he lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live, Answer, I was living in Frederick County Virginia when I volunteered in the United States service; & lived in that County thirteen years, I then marched to Monongalia County Virginia and stayed there eleven years, I then moved to Harrison County Virginia where I have ever since lived, and where I now live. 4. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for

whom, Answer, I volunteered. 5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Answer, I cannot recollect the names of the officers, except Adjutant Miller, Captain Jacob Bowers, Miller was adjutant at Martinsburg. And the general circumstances of my services have been stated as distinctly as I can recollect. 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, Yes, I got a discharge from Captain Jacob Coon at Martinsburg but have since (from the lapse of time and negligence) lost it, as I did not expect that it would ever be of any benefit to me, – 7. 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 of your service as a soldier and a volunteer of the revolutionary war. Answer, I am known to Oliver Shurtleff and Henry Boothe and to a number of other persons who can testify to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier and volunteer of the revolution. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Hulderman, X his mark

[Oliver Shurtliff, a clergyman, and Henry Boothe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Virginia Harrison County: SS

On this 9th day of August in the year of our Lord 1853 personally appeared the undersigned John Holderman [sic] of the County of Harrison and State of Virginia aged between eighty & ninety who being first 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States during the year previous to the close of the Revolutionary War with Great Britain – That he enlisted for the war and continued in the service until peace was made – That he was enrolled in a company of Captain Jacob Koontz at Martinsburg in the State of Virginia. John Bowers was the Lieutenant and John Koontz's Ensign in Captain Jacob Koontz's Company – the name of the Colonel and the number of the Regiment not now recollected – that he was under the impression that he enlisted as a soldier in the Virginia State troops, but he is not certain – not being acquainted with the different modes or authorities under which men were enlisted at that time – This declarant further states that at the time of his enlistment, he expended in hard money twenty dollars to clothe and equip himself and his company was ready to march whenever and wherever it should be ordered – and continued on duty till peace was made. This declarant further says, that he does not recollect the year, the month or the day on which he enlisted, but he knows that it was at least ten days from the time he volunteered until the term when he was discharged on account of peace being made.

This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency in any State or Territory – that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

S/ John Holderman, X his mark