

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hunt R5389

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State of Virginia County of Halifax: SS

On this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1838 personally appeared before me John Barksdale a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Benjamin Hunt a resident of Virginia in the County of Halifax aged 88 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. The affiant states that he enlisted in the fall of the year 1779 for a three months tower [tour] and was marched out under the command of Captain Eppaphroditus White [Epaphroditus White] and was marched below Petersburg where they were attached to a Regiment the Number he does not distinctly recollect, he recollects that they were frequently marched from place to place but being in no engagements in this tower, he was marched back to Halifax County Virginia where he was discharged after receiving a Certificate for pay for his services, which certificate he recollects paying his taxes with. The affiant states that he again enlisted the first of February 1781 for another three months Tower and was placed in the company commanded by Captain John Thompson and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Cock [Nathaniel Cocke and was marched to the main Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene]. We were then marched across Dan River into North Carolina where we were maneuvered from place to place to prevent an attack from the enemy until sometime in March when we had a severe engagement at Guilford Court House [March 15, 1781], where we were compelled to retreat about ten miles. In a few days after the enemy marched off and were pursued by us as far as deep River. As well as I can now recollect we were kept maneuvering about watching the movements of Cornwallis until he finally marched off to the lower part of Virginia. We were then marched back to Halifax County Virginia where I was discharged by Captain William McDaniel he being the Captain of our company at that time Captain Thompson having been killed at Guilford Court House. The affiant further states that his discharge has been lost or mislaid long since, and that he knows of no living person by whom he can prove his services. He further states that he would have applied for a pension long before now but being unable to get to court for many years and have lately learnt that the declaration could be made before a justice of the peace out of Court, 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.

[Thomas P Anderson, a clergyman, and Robert D Lacy gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ John Barksdale, JP

S/ Benjamin Hunt, X his mark

Interrogatories

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in the County of King & Queen in the State of Virginia on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1750.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you a register of your age & if so where is it?

Answer. I have in my possession at this time.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Where were you living when called into service and where have you lived since the revolution War? And where do you now live?

A. I was living in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia when called into service I have since lived in Charlotte County Virginia and now live in Halifax Virginia.

4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service?

A. I enlisted as a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup>. State the names of some of the regular Officers who were with the Troops where you served.

Answer. General Greene, General Morgan, Colonel Lee & Colonel Cocke & General Stevens [Edward Stevens] Commander of Militia

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

The Affiant states that he has fully answered the 6<sup>th</sup> interrogatory in the foregoing Declaration.

7<sup>th</sup>. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for veracity & truth and their belief of your services as a Soldier in the revolution War.

A. William Lydnor, Robert D Lacy, Samuel Lacy, Reverend Thomas P Anderson, Colonel Thomas Davenport, James Atkinson, Colonel Armistead Barksdale and many others.