

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hunter R5403

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State of South Carolina Chesterfield District} SS

On this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord 1840 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Ordinary now sitting, John Hunter a resident of Chesterfield District in the State of South Carolina, aged eighty 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 7th, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers; and served as herein stated. That early in the war of the Revolution, he was drafted for one month, as he believes, & served under Captain John Blakeney, but the year month or day of the month when he was drafted he does not recollect, nor does he recollect the names of Captain Blakeney's subaltern officers; That he started with Captain Blakeney's Company from a place called the old Cross Roads in the aforesaid District of Chesterfield, & marched through Georgetown in the State of South Carolina to See Wee Bay [sic, Sewee Bay] & joined the forces then there, & was under the command of Colonel Murphy [Lt. Col. Maurice Murphy of the Upper Craven County Regiment], but he does not recollect whether there were any other field officers at that place; that he remained there, as he now believes, two weeks, but he cannot speak positive as to the time; that Captain Blakeney's Company was then marched to Haddrell's Point, but he does not recollect who had command of the forces at Haddrell's Point; that he remained there until the expiration of that month for which he entered the service & then returned home to Chesterfield District.

That he afterwards, but the day month or year he cannot recollect, volunteered for one month under Captain Stephen Jackson, (called Killing Steph Jackson) – John Jackson Colonel [Cheraws District Regiment] – that they made their head quarters at the house of the said Colonel John Jackson near the North Carolina line, but whether in Chesterfield District South Carolina, or in Anson County North Carolina, he cannot say positively, and scoured the country round about for Tories; that he served out the month for which he volunteered & returned to him.

That afterwards, but the day, month, or year, he does not recollect, he was drafted for two months & served under the aforesaid Captain Stephen Jackson; That he does not recollect the names of Captain Jackson's subaltern officers; that they started from Chesterfield District & marched through Camden & joined General Marion [Francis Marion] at his head quarters in the Swamp between Georgetown & Charleston; that he served out the two months for which he was drafted & returned home; that he was near Georgetown the whole time he was with General Marion as aforesaid; that he never was in any battle or fight during the Revolutionary War; that

during the time he was with General Marion as aforesaid, the British near Sullivan's Island fired their Artillery at them.

This deponent further saith that he was born in Orange County North Carolina; that his father removed from Orange County to Chesterfield District before the revolutionary war, & brought this deponent with him; that he has no record of his age, but from the best information he can obtain he believes he is of the age above stated; that he is illiterate; that he never received any discharge from the officers under whom he served, and has no documentary evidence of his service: that besides the service above stated, he was out several times for a week or two at a time, as one of scouting parties, but was not regularly organized: that he resided in Chesterfield District at the time he first entered the service & has resided there ever since, except one year that he resided in Meclinburgh [Mecklenburg] County North Carolina. That he knows of no person who can testify to his service except his brother James Hunter.

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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge

S/ John Hunter, X his mark

James Hunter<sup>1</sup> personally came before me & being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath say, that he is brother to John Hunter who has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration; that his [sic, he, or brother] is illiterate & has no record of his own age, but believes, from the best information he can obtain that he is eighty years of age, & has always been informed & believes that the said John Hunter is five years older than this deponent: this deponent further saith that he believes that the said John Hunter served as stated in the above declaration. This deponent served with him during one month when they made their head quarters at the house of Colonel John Jackson as in the declaration stated.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st January 1840

S/ Turner Bryan, Judge

S/ James Hunter, X his mark

[Joseph T Copeland, a clergyman, and Henry Funderburk gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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<sup>1</sup> [James Hunter SC3823](#)