

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hutchison R5442 Polly Hutchison f19VA
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State of Tennessee County of Jackson: SS

On this __ day of April 1840, personally appeared before Great L Pursill a Justice of the Peace for said County of Jackson Polly Hutchison a resident Civil District No. 4 in the County of Jackson and State of Tennessee, aged 76 years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by act of Congress passed June 4, 1836:

That she is the widow of Samuel Hutchison, who was a private in the service of the United States and served as follows, to wit,

He entered the service of the United States in Botetourt County State of Virginia, where he then resided in the year 1780 the month not recollected, nor can she state under what officers he served he served three months during this tour being in the militia, and was in the battle called Yellow, or Allow Mance in North Carolina South of Guilford Court house. Her recollection of the above service is imperfect and cannot be stated more particularly.

He again entered the service of the United States in said County of Botetourt where he then resided about the first of October 1780 as a private in the militia under Captain Matthew Wilson, Lieutenant George Hutchison and Major Stewart [perhaps John Stewart who was County Lieutenant of the Botetourt County militia], Ensign not recollected and marched under said officers from the County of Botetourt, through Bedford County in the State of Virginia to Guilford Courthouse in the State of North Carolina, where the battle of that name was fought, the US troops were commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] and the British by Lord Cornwallis. My deceased husband Samuel Hutchison was in the battle of Guilford which was fought 15 March 1781, and he was discharged about the first of April 1781 having served during this term of 6 months.

He again entered the service of the United States in said County of Botetourt State of Virginia where he then resided as a Volunteer private about the 15th day of August 1781, under Captain James Smith and Colonel Rowland [Thomas Rowland] the other officers not recollected and marched under said officers to Little York in the State of Virginia where the British Army under Lord Cornwallis was besieged by the American Army under General Washington. He was at the siege of and surrender of Cornwallis in October 1781. After the surrender of Cornwallis he (said Samuel Hutchison) assisted in guarding the British, then prisoners of war, to the line of the State of Pennsylvania, where he was discharged about the 15th day of December 1781, and arrived home a few days before Christmas of the same year. He served during the last term aforesaid four months. She knows of no written discharge. She cannot write.

Said Samuel Hutchison was born in Botetourt County State of Virginia in October 1762; Since the Revolutionary War He has resided in Botetourt County, Virginia, Blount County & Jackson County State of Tennessee, where his family resided until his death. He died in the year 1816 or about that time in the State of Alabama on his return from the Army of the last War with Great Britain. –

Applicant has no documentary evidence of the services of said Samuel Hutchison, nor does she know of any. She hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and she declares that her name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State – She knows of no person by whom she can prove the services of said Samuel Hutchison except Margaret Hutchison and Betsy Wilkerson and by them only so far as is testified by them below, whose affidavits are hereto appended or annexed. There is no minister of the Gospel in my neighborhood who can testify that they were well acquainted with Samuel Hutchison in his lifetime. She further declares that she was married to the said Samuel Hutchison on the 22nd day of June in the year 1780, that her husband the aforesaid Samuel Hutchison died on the 15 day of August 1816, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed & She was married to said Samuel before his last term of service aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11th day of April 1840.

S/ Gray L. Pursell, JP

S/ Polly Hutchison, X her mark

I Margaret Hutchison residing in Jackson County State of Tennessee do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Samuel Hutchison whose widow has subscribed to and sworn to the foregoing declaration. I recollect very well of his setting out to the Army in service of the United States in the year 1780 and also in the year 1781, and of his returning home. I was then about 15 years old. I have heard him say that he was in the Battles [of] Yellow Manse and Guilford and at the surrender of Cornwallis. I have also heard the men who were with him say he was in those Battles. The names of the men who were with him at Yellow Mance are Richard Bridwell, David Fraim and John Blug [?], at Guilford Thomas McClure,¹ William Wilson, John Luscolect, & George Hutchison his Lieutenant at the taking of Cornwallis, William Wilson, John Luscolett, William Hutchison & Captain James Smith. They are all dead as I am told except William Wilson and I do not know where he lives, if he is still alive. I am now 75 years of age.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of April 1840

S/ Gray L. Pursell, JP

S/ Margaret Hutchison, X her mark

I Betsey Wilkerson aged 77 years do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with Samuel Hutchison, whose widow Polly Hutchison has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration, I remember that I saw him start to the Army during the Revolutionary War and of seeing him return home, he was gone one time a long while, he lived at my father's in Botetourt County State of Virginia – but I cannot recollect the times it has been so long.

Subscribed & sworn to before me 11th of April 1840

S/ Gray L Pursell, JP

S/ Betsey Wilkerson, X her mark

[p 10: On April 11, 1840 in Jackson County Tennessee, Polly Wilson, 70, gave testimony that she was present at the marriage of Samuel Hutchison and Polly White in Botetourt County Virginia. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

¹ Possibly the same man as [Thomas McClure W8429](#)