

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of William Hutcheson R5443

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State of Tennessee } May Sessions of the court of pleas & quarter sessions for said
Giles County } county for the year 1834

On this 26th day of May 1834, personally appeared before the justices of the said court, William Hutcheson a resident of the County aforesaid, and said State aged seventy one years the 10th day of June 1833, who being first duly 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That is to say, He was drafted and entered the above service as a private militia man he thinks in the year 1778 in the County of Henry, State of Virginia. He entered the above service under the immediate command of Capt. [Thomas] Henderson & in the Batalion of Maj. Dickinson [possibly Edmund B. Dickinson, killed at the Battle of Monmouth NJ, 28 Jun 1778]. He does not recollect the name of his Colonel from the infirmity of age and consequent loss of memory. This term of service lasted six months during which time he was marched out of Virginia through Maryland Pennsylvania or Delaware into the state of New Jersey. In which latter state he fought the enemy in the Battle at Monmouth Court house, joined Washington he believes was Chief in Command at said engagement, General [William] Maxwell he recollects very well was present at that battle, and was the Commander of the forces to which applicant was immediately attached — he received a discharge of General Maxwell at the expiration of this term of service which only lasted six months - which discharge applicant unfortunately had burnt when his house was burnt, while he lived in Hawkins County, in East Tennessee some years ago. He next entered the service under the immediate command of Capt. Richardson in General Stephins Brig [sic: Brigadier General Edward Stevens] according to the best of his present imperfect recollection. He was on this expedition which was undertaken early in the year 1781, marched out of the state of Virginia & County of Henry, where he had been again drafted as a private militia man, in the state of North Carolina, and fought in the Battle at Guildford Court house [sic: Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] and then proceeded to South Carolina, where he fought the enemy in the Battles of Ninety Six [Siege of Ninety-Six, 22 May - 19 Jun], and the Utaw Springs [Battle of Eutaw Springs, 8 Sep] being all the battles together with the Battle at Monmouth Court house mentioned above, that applicant was personally engaged in during the War of the Revolution, this term of service lasted only six months after which applicant received his discharge from general Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] or General Stephins he does not positively recollect which it was also destroyed as his other discharge was above mentioned. He was very actively engaged during this whole term, either in marching or fighting the enemy. He next volunteered and entered the service immediately after his discharge from the above service as a private militia man, under Capt. Torrence [James Tarrant] and he thinks General Stephens Brigade again. He reached Yorktown in Virginia, after the terms of Capitulation had been agreed on between General Washington & Lord Cornwallis he arrived there in time to see the latter march out and surrender his sword [sic: see note below] - applicant was then continued in service to guard the prisoners taken in this engagement until his term of service expired. This last mentioned term of service lasted six months at the end of which he was discharged - which completed his services during the war.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to 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.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid William hisXmark Hutcheson Sen'r.

Question put to the said Applicant by the aforesaid Court on the day & year aforesaid

Q. 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the year 1760.

- Q 2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?
Ans. I have none at all - having had it destroyed by fire when my house was burned up
- Q 3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?
Ans. When called into service I lived in Henry County State of Virginia where I continued to live since the war until I removed from that state to Hawkins County State of Tennessee, where I lived ten or twelve years from thence I removed to Warren County in said State last mentioned where I lived ten years & from thence to Wilson County Tennessee where I resided one year, & from thence I removed to the said County of Giles, where I have lived six months last past, where I now live
- Q 4th How were you called into service were were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you substitute & if a substitute for whom? I was twice drafted and once entered the service as a volunteer.
- Q 5th. 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 & the general circumstances of your service?
Ans I have answered this question as fully as I can recollect in my declaration.
- Q. 6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?
Ans. I have stated in my declaration as I now state that I did & kept them until my house was burnt when they were consumed by fire
- Q 7th. State the name of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revelation?
Ans. Woodson Walker Thomas Walker William M. Shields Butler Tucker William Hutcheson & William Tucker & others

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NOTE: On 19 Oct 1781 Lord Cornwallis did not personally "march out and surrender his sword," but delegated the task to his second in command, Gen. Charles O'Hara.