

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Huff S13476

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The State of Alabama, Perry County

On this 24th day of October 1832 Personally appeared in open court before the honorable Ptolemy T. Harris, Judge of Circuit Court - in and for the said County of Perry and State of Alabama now sitting James Huff, a resident of the said County of Perry and State of Alabama, aged Seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth in his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service and served as herein stated. That he first entered the service as a volunteer private about the first of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one under the command of General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] (the names of the company and other field officers not recollected) that he was discharged about the first of May following having served about thirty days that he was marched against the Indians and Tories on the Frontiers of Virginia, several of whom were killed and took some prisoners. That he then resided and continued to reside until the close of the War in Prince William County in the State of Virginia. That he has forgotten the names and numbers of the Continental regiments or companies with which he served and the names of any other of the regular officers whom he knew than General Morgan. That he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man about the twentieth of September in the same year under the command of Captain George Bell and under Colonel __ Marrywether or Merriwether [probably Thomas Meriwether] and General George Washington and was discharged about the twentieth of November following having in this time served about two months that he was engaged in the battle and siege of Yorktown which resulted in the capture and surrender of Lord Corn Wallis [sic, Cornwallis] and his army sometime in the month of October 1781 [October 19, 1781]. That he has forgotten the number of the regiment and company in which he served. That he does not recollect to have known any other field company officers under whom he served in this expedition except the above named. That after the surrender of the British Army at Yorktown, he was marched as a guard to some of the prisoners then and there taken through North Carolina and South Carolina in which latter state he was discharged. That he obtained a written discharge which has been lost. And that he knows of no person now living who can testify to his service.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present one, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Question first—propounded by the Court:

Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in County of Hopewell in the state of New Jersey in the year of our Lord 1759.

2nd Question: Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age entered in the family Bible in the hand writing of my father which is now in my possession.

Question 3rd: Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War? And where do you now live?

Answer: I was living in Prince William County in the state of Virginia when called into service. From then I removed about the year 1792 into Elbert County and State of Georgia where I resided about twenty seven years and then removed into Perry County, Alabama where I have resided ever since.

Question 4th: How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute, and if so, for whom?

Answer: The first time I entered the service, it was as a volunteer, and the second time, it was as a drafted man. I never served as a substitute.

Question 5th: State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were in the troops where you served: such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: General Washington, General Morgan and Colonel Marrywether or Merriwether are all the regular officers that I recollect who were with the troops where I served. I have no recollection of the names or numbers of any of the Continental or militia regiments with whom I served. I was first marched against the Indians and Tories on the frontiers of Virginia and afterwards was engaged against the British at the siege and capture of Yorktown.

Question 6th: Did you ever receive a discharge from the services, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer: I received a discharge from the service which was given by my Captain George Bell: which discharge I preserved about thirty years since which time it has been lost or mislaid, as I have no recollection of having seen it for about twenty years.

Question 7th: State the names of persons to whom you know in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity, and good behavior, your services as a soldier of the revolution?

Answer: I am known to George G. Farrar, Esq., Claiborne Martin, John Edwards, Senr. Jessee B. Nave, Clerk of the County Court, Seaborn Aycock, Sheriff of Perry County and John Tubbs, Senr., a minister or clergyman who will testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior. I know of no person now living who can testify as to my serving as a revolutionary soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed In open Court the day And year aforesaid.

S/ James Huff

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Huff". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ James Huff".

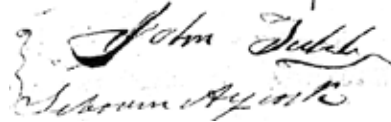
S/ David S. Coward, Clerk

We John Tubb, Senr., a clergyman residing in the County of Perry and State of Alabama and Sebourn Aycock residing in the said county and state hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with James Huff who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be seventy three years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we are in that opinion.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Tubb

S/ Sebourn Aycock

Handwritten signatures of John Tubb and Sebourn Aycock. The signature of John Tubb is written in a cursive style, and the signature of Sebourn Aycock is written in a similar style below it.

S/ David S. Coward, Clerk

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The State of Alabama, Perry County

On this 7th day of June in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Dunkler Sullivan Judge of the County Court of the County of Perry and State of Alabama now sitting James Huff a resident of the said County of Perry & State of Alabama aged seventy-three years who being 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 on the 7th June 1832. That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated Viz.;

That he first entered the service as a volunteer about the first of October 1776 under Captain George Bell who was himself commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]. That he continued in the service 40 days and was employed in scouting against the Indians and Tories. That the next time he entered the service was as a drafted man in the month of November 1779 and continued in the service two months that he was commanded by Captain James McLuskey and was stationed at Hillhouses' Iron Works in Hampshire County Virginia [sic, now West Virginia] as a defense against the Indians; the name of the commissary who was attached to the station was Rhode Easley [? could be Earley]; That the next time he entered the service was as a drafted man on the first of September 1781 and continued in this service three months that he was under the command of Captain George Bell Colonel Maryweather and General George Washington that during this tour he was present at the siege and surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown and was afterwards kept in the service as a guard to the British prisoners in marching them to Albemarle County Virginia. That when he entered the service he lived in the County of Prince William Virginia where he continued to reside until the close of the war. That he served the last tour with a Continental Regiment known as the old Virginia Regiment; That he knew none of the Regular officers except the above named Viz.: General Washington and Colonel Meriwether; That he received a written discharge the last time he served which was signed by George Bell as Captain which discharge was preserved for twenty years and at the death of his father was lost or destroyed; That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Interrogatory First by the Court: Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Hopewell and State of New Jersey on the 15th day of September 1759.

Interrogatory 2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer Santee I have now in my possession my father's family Bible in which is inserted the time of my birth I suppose written by my father.

Interrogatory 3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war? And where do you now live?

Answer When I entered the service I lived in Prince William County and State of Virginia; from thence I removed about 1809 to Elbert County Georgia; from thence I removed in 1819 to Perry County Alabama where I now reside.

Interrogatory 4th How were you called into service? Were you drafted? Did you volunteer? Or were you a substitute? And if so a substitute for whom?

Answer The first time I entered the service I was a volunteer; the second and third times I was drafted.

Interrogatory 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 and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer I do not recollect the names of any of the Regular officers who were with the troops where I served except Colonel Meriwether whose Christian name I do not know and General George Washington; I recollect of the Continental or Militia regiments but the one called the "old Virginia Regiment" in which I served; The first tour I served I was scouting against the Indians. The second tour I was stationed at a block house at Hillhouse's Iron Works to protect the settlers war against the Indians. The third time I was employed in marching from Prince William County to Yorktown; and assisting at the siege and in guarding the prisoners from thence to Albemarle County.

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

Answer I received no written discharge the first or second time I was out in the service; the third time I received a written discharge signed by Captain George Bell which was preserved about 20 years but at the death of my father and supposing it to be of no value it was either lost or destroyed.

Interrogatory 7th 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 good behavior and your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer I am known to Seaborn Aycock Sheriff of Perry County, William Ford Esq., Colonel Michael Wright, John Edwards, Jesse B. Nave, Clerk of the County Court and Colonel Martin A. Lea who can testify as to my character for veracity and good behavior I know of no person now living who can testify as to my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid.

S/ J. B. Nave, Clerk

S/ James Huff

[William West, a clergyman, and Sebourn Aycock gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]