

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abraham Hunt S15471

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State of Kentucky, Wayne County

On this 24th day of September 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Wayne Abraham Hunt age about seventy one years of age 6th day of last August who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the pension made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he served in a milither [sic, militia] company for three months as a private in the Army of the United States, as a substitute for a certain John Lee for three months in the county of Charlotte in the state of Virginia, the particular time of volunteering not now recollected but I was in the service at Hamden, at the time Norfolk was burnt, and we went from there the third day after it was burnt, my Capt. was Thomas Williams, my Lieutent [sic, Lieutenant] was John Collier, our Col. ___ Parker his christian name not recollected. My Captain Thomas Williams, myself and his company first met at Charlotte Court house, and then marched to Williamsburg, then Hamden, then Norfolk and was then discharged by our Col. ___ Parker in writing for our term of three months but have lost it 30 odd years past.

Some time after my return to Charlotte in Virginia, my Father John Hunt removed to the State of North Carolina with his family myself going with him, and some time a few days after the Battle of the Eutaw Springs¹ in North Carolina [sic, Eutaw Springs is in South Carolina] the year not recollected I think in the fall of the year, I again volunteered in the county of Wilks [sic, Wilkes] County, North Carolina for 18 months as a private, under Capt. Samuel Johnson and served under him, Col. Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford], their christian names not recollected. We first marched to Campden [sic, Camden], thence to Geo-town [sic, Georgetown], thence to the Big Bluff on Santee River, we were in many Tory skirmishes and was stationed near half the time at the said Big Bluff and at the expiration of our term of 18 months I was discharged at some little town not now recollected on the Pedee [sic, Pee Dee River], by Col. Sumter in writing but have likewise lost it many years back, I then returned home to my Father in the county of Wilkes North Carolina.

Shortly after I returned home the precise time not recollected Alexander Richardson was drafted in the County of Wilkes for 3 months and came to get me to go in his place which I agreed with him to go as a substitute in his place and did actually go and marched under Captain Nathaniel Gordon to Salisbury about the last of March and then served under Captain James

¹ September 8, 1781. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm>

Langhorn, Col. Armstrong [Martin Armstrong] and General Charles McDowell, and was a considerable time of said three months engaged in making cartridges at Salisbury there. Having served out my three months, I was again discharged in writing by my officer but have lost the same long since.

I was a volunteer from Wilkes county under Captain Samuel Johnson & commanded by one Col. Wm Campbell, Col. Cleveland & others to go to King's Mountain. But the night before the battle I was detached with about 20 [? number runs off the page] to guard the Cherokee Ford of Broad River, to keep and guard the ford to prevent a large force of the Tories from crossing to join Genl Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson], the British General & was not in the Battle.² After the Battle we joined the main army the next day and guarded the prisoners to the Moravian towns. I then returned home having been gone on the service 8 weeks being discharged by our officers. That I am also very infirm & illiterate, and served two years as stated, besides the 8 weeks, for which two years I claim a compensation agreeably to the law aforesaid. I am well known by John Kramers [?], Job Turner of Wayne County my neighbors who can speak of my veracity &c. I was born in Charles County State of Maryland. I lived there till I was 7 years old, my Father then removed to Charlotte County, State of Virginia, where I lived 16 or 17 years, I then moved to North Carolina Wilkes County and lived there 16 years, afterwards [?] to Kentucky Wayne County where I have lived 30 [could be "35"] years. I have no particular Record of my age.

I the said Abraham Hunt relinquish every claim whatever to a compensation or annuity except the Present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

Test: S/ R. Garth

S/ Abraham Hunt, X his mark

[James Layar [? his signature looks more like Lear?], a clergyman, and Roan Garth gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Wayne County Kentucky: The Amended Declaration of Abraham Hunt – The said Abraham Hunt declares that he is now old and infirm that long since he removed to Kentucky and left behind the friends and acquaintances & Brother Soldiers of the Revolution, the most of whom are now dead. And that he knows of no living witness in this country he could procure to testify to his Revolutionary Services. But that none of his acquaintances have doubt of the Revolutionary Services; Sworn to before me the 18th day of December 1833

S/ Abraham Hunt, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.21 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months & 6 days [could be 26 days] service as a private in the Virginia and North Carolina militia.]

The following was generously transcribed and contributed by Joan Cobb

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² October 7, 1780. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kingsmtn.htm>

The Amended Declaration of Abraham Hunt State of Kentucky Wayne County on this 22nd day of March 1834, personally appeared Abraham Hunt Before Roger Oatts a justice of the peace of said County, who is aged 71 years old on the 6th day of August 1833. Who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration amended in order to obtain Benefit of the provision made by an Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he served a militia company for three months as a private in the army of the United States as a substitute for a certain John Lee for three months in the county of Charlotte in the state of Virginia. The time of volunteering not now Recollected But I was in the service at Hampden at the time Norfolk was burnt and we went down there the third day after it was burnt my captains name was Thomas Williams, my Lieutenant was John Collier, upon Better Reflection I think my Col's name was __ Reed who Col of the county. I being entirely illiterate old and infirm I do not now recollect his Christian name. My captain Thomas Williams, myself with his company, first met at Charlotte court house. We then marched to Williamsburg then to Hampden then to Norfolk, and was there discharged by Col Reed. I think by the order of Col. Parker in writing. (But which I couldn't Read) for our term or tour of three months But have lost it 30 odd years past. I think all the militia was occasionally commanded by Col. Parker in this Tour. Sometime after my return to Charlotte in Virginia my father John Hunt moved to the state of North Carolina with his family, myself going with him. And some time a few days after the Battle of Eutaw Springs in North Carolina, the year not now recollected I think in the fall of the year, I again volunteered in the county of Wilks [sic, Wilkes], north Carolina for 18 months as a private under Captain James Henderson, Lieut. I think was James Reynolds, ensigns name not now recollected & our Col was Charles McDowell in my original Declaration I named Captain Samuel Johnson & Col Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] thru a mistake But was frequently Governed or commanded by Col. Parker & General Rutherford which caused me to make a mistake. We first met at Charlotte in North Carolina and thence marched to Campden [sic, Camden], thence to Georgetown, thence to the Bigg Bluff on Santee River, we were in many tory skirmishes, and was stationed near half the time at said Bigg Bluff and at the expiration of our time of 18 months, I was discharged at some little town, not now recollected on the Pedee River, I now think by Col Charles McDowel in writing but have likewise lost it many years back & then returned home to my Fathers in Wilks county North Carolina In march the year not recollected.

Shortly after I returned home and not far from the middle of the said month of March, the precise day not recollected A certain Alexander Richardson was drafted in the county of Wilks for three months as a private and came to get me to go in his place and I agreed with him to go as a substitute in his place and did actually go marched and served in his place for said three months. I marched under Capt. Nathaniel Gordon to Salisbury and was there transferred to Capt. Langhorn & was under Col Armstrong & General Charles McDowell. I was a considerable time of the three months engaged in making cartridges at Salisbury and there having served out my three months, I was again discharged in writing by my officer but have lost this some long since.

Some time in August Before Genl. Gates defeat I volunteered under the authority of the State of north Carolina for three months as a private under Captain Godfrey Isbell, John Townsend Lieutenant & ensign not now recollected & Col. Cleaveland [sic, Benjamin Cleveland] in first Rendezvous at Wilks court house and marched to Moravian town thence to General Gates army about 12 miles from Campden and in the night my captain with a considerable Detachment was ordered to surprise the British army & the British had a considerable Detachment to injure the American army and they had one or two fires a piece and

both sides retreated and next day was the Battle or defeat of Genl. Gates But my captain with his company was ordered to take charge of the Baggage wagons & move them out of the way But after the Battle we all retreated without any written discharge having served two months of our time aforesaid.

I was afterwards a volunteer from Wilks county as a private under Captain Johnson, Elijah Reynolds in a three month tour & Col Cleveland & General Campbell under the authority of north Carolina We first met at Cowpens, thence marched to Broad River, to guard the ford against the tories, to prevent them joining the British under General Ferguson so I was not in the Battle of King's Mountain, which was fought next day near night. After the Battle the next day we guarded the prisoners to the Moravian towns and was then discharged by our officers having served eight weeks. I am now old, very infirm & illiterate and served two years as stated. Beside the two months at Genl. Gates Defeat & 8 weeks in the last tour at King's Mountain for which two years I claim a compensation agreeably to law or so much as the Department thinks my Declaration will justify as thus amended. I am well acquainted & known by Mr. John Heavens, Job Turner of Wayne county with many of my neighbors who can speak of my veracity & their belief of my voluntary service. I was born in Charles County, state of Maryland & lived there till I was 7 years old my Father then removed to Charlotte County State of Virginia where I lived 16 or 17 years, I then moved to North Carolina Wilks county & lived there 16 years afterwards I removed to Kentucky Wayne county where I have lived 30 years past, I have no particular record of my age.

I the said Abraham Hunt relinquishes every claim whatever to a compensation or annuity except the present and Declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of March 1834 Before Roger Oatts Eng. the said Abraham Hunt not being now well and able to attend before the county court By reason of Bodily infirmity.

S/ Abraham (his mark) Hunt

Test
S/ Hiram Norman

We William Woodall & Rodes Garth residing in the county of Wayne & state of Kentucky, certify that we are all well acquainted with Abraham Hunt, who has sworn and subscribed and swore to the above amended Declaration that we believe him to be 71 years old on the 6th day of August past & that he is generally Respected and Believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion. Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of March 1834.

Before me Roger Oath J. P.

William Woodall
Rodes Garth

Added by Will Graves 8/20/10

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State of Kentucky Wayne County: SS

On this 20th day of June 1845 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Abraham hunt aged about eighty-two years (a resident of said County) who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the further benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he has heretofore made application and proven a part of his Service, for which he is now receiving a pension of \$26 per annum as may be seen by reference to his Original papers etc. on file in the pension office. He states that at the time he made his application as aforesaid he knew of no person by whom he could prove his 18 months service as a regular Soldier, as set forth in his Original papers on file as aforesaid, but has recently learned that he can make proof of said 18 months service as a regular Soldier. He hereby refers to his Original papers now on file, and asks leave to file this as an amended declaration, and that he be permitted to introduce further proof in support of his 18 months service as aforesaid in order that he may be granted an increase of pension.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

W. H. Berry, JPWC

S/ Abraham Hunt, X his mark

[The additional proof the veteran offered was the certificate of the NC Comptroller General that someone named Abraham Hunt received £40 in specie for military duty during the Revolution. Such proof must have been deemed insufficient, as the veteran's pension was not increased.]