

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Austin Hunter S15899

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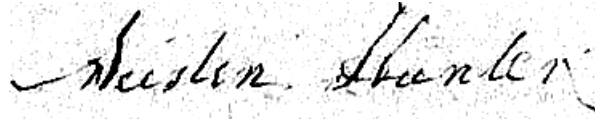
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State of Virginia Goochland County SS

On this 17th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Goochland now said Austin Hunter a resident of the County of Goochland & State aforesaid, aged Seventy One 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 he served five tours of duty as a militia-man, as a Sergeant in each tour, that he entered the service in the year 1777 in the County of Louisa and State aforesaid, and served in the month of August & September under Captain John Fox & Lieutenant Saunders [perhaps John Sanders] (the other Officers of the Regiment not recollected) & was marched to the City of Williamsburg in the State of Virginia – that he again entered the service in the County of Louisa aforesaid in the year 1778 and served two months he thinks August & September under Colonel Charles Dabney & Lieutenant George Michie, he does not recollect the names of other Officers & was marched down James River below the City of Richmond in the State of Virginia to Morbin Hills [Malvern Hills] – that he again entered the service in the County of Louisa aforesaid in the year 1779, and served two months part of October, November & part of December under Colonel Taylor [Francis Taylor], Lieutenant Peter Shelton, the names of the other Officers he does not recollect & was marched to the Barracks in the County of Albemarle in the State of Virginia to guard prisoners. That he again entered the service in the County of Louisa aforesaid in the year 1780 and served two months in the summer of that year, the months not recollected, and Colonel Richardson [probably Holt Richeson], Major Armistead & Captain Eggleston, the names of the other Officers he does not recollect, but General Lafayette was the Commander, and was marched below Richmond in the state of Virginia aforesaid, that in this tour, he saw all the Enemy in the town of Manchester opposite the City of Richmond where they burnt many houses [April 30, 1781] – And that he again entered the service in the County of Louisa aforesaid in the year 1781, and served ten Weeks in the summer of that year, he thinks the months of August, September & part of October under General Lafayette, Colonel John Taylor, Major Campbell & Captain Watson [perhaps James Watson] and occasionally Captain Mordecai Abrahams, the names of the other Officers he does not recollect and was marched to the County of Gloucester in the State of Virginia aforesaid – that he was in no battles, and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of John Clark & James Shelton which is here with exhibited – 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 any Agency in any state whatever.
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Austin Hunter



[John Richards and John Underwood gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Goochland County SS

This day John Clark of said County appeared before me a justice of the peace for the said County and made oath that in the year 1777 Austin Hunter & this affiant were at the same time ordered out as Militia man in the County of Louisa for a tour of duty of two months under the command of Captain John Fox & marched from Louisa County to Williamsburg & were there under the command of Colonel Pettis, and having performed their tour of duty were relieved by other Militia man from the same County.

Certified under my hand and seal this 20th day of August 1832

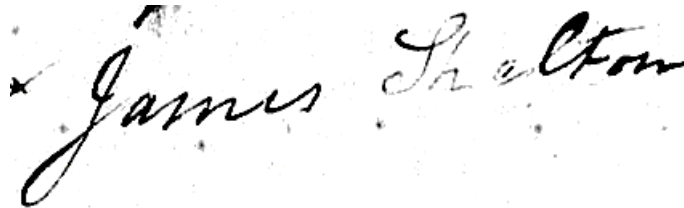
S/ Benjamin Anderson

Louisa County August 15th day 1832

This is to certify at the request of Mr. Austin Hunter of Goochland County that him or he & myself served as Soldiers together in the County of Gloucester in the revolution war & was discharged from service but a little time before the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at York Town in Virginia, & to the best of my recollection he served as Sergeant on the tower [tower] in the date 1781.

Sworn to before me a justice of the peace for Louisa County Virginia
S/ William Shelton

S/ James Shelton¹



State of Virginia Goochland County: SS

On this 22nd day of May 1833 personally appeared before me George W Harris a Justice of the peace in and for the said County Austin Hunter a resident of the County aforesaid and being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was a Sergeant in the Militia in the Country and continued to be Sergeant when called into duty and this without having a warrant at any time. That he was born in the County of Louisa and State aforesaid on the 6th day of June 1761. That he has seen a family register in which his age is set down but has no record of his age, and that he never received a written discharge – having always left the service when relieved, without any design of asking for pay –

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ G W Harris, JP

S/ Austin Hunter

¹ [James Shelton S10257](#)

State of Virginia Goochland County: Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the said County John Clarke a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged eighty-seven years and as appears to me a credible person, and being duly sworn, deposeth that Austin Hunter in the year 1777 or 1778, as well as he can recollect, served a tour of duty of two months from the County of Louisa under Captain Fox or Captain Anderson, the other Officers not recollected Sworn & subscribed this 11 July 1833 before me
S/ William J Carter, JP

S/ Jno. Clarke

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Clarke". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Jno. Clarke".

State of Virginia Goochland County: Personally appeared before me John Underwood a Justice of the peace in and for the said County, James Shelton Esquire a resident of the County of Louisa in the State aforesaid, aged about seventy years and is known to me as a credible person and being duly sworn deposeth that Austin Hunter performed a tour of duty as a Sergeant in the militia of this state during the revolutionary war in the year 1781 as well as he recollects of about two months continuance, was commanded by Captain John Fox of Louisa County the state aforesaid where both men then lived. They marched to some of lower counties of the state from the County aforesaid. The other officers not recollected.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 12th July 1833

S/ John Underwood

S/ James Shelton

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of lifting \$2.34 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Sergeant for 10 months and 14 days in the Virginia militia.]