

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hutchison (Hutchins) S17224

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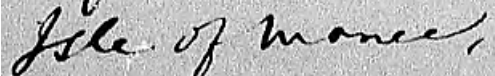
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State of Tennessee County of Henry

On this 27th day of November 1833 personally appeared in open court before the circuit Court of Henry County, now sitting, David Hutchison a resident of Henry County, in Anthony Willoughby's neighborhood, State of Tennessee, aged 78 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated: In the year 1777 I volunteered under Captain Martin McFerran [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Captain Samuel McFarran] in Botetourt County Virginia in which County I resided on a three months tour against the Shawnee Indians – we were not attached to any Regiment, but ranged the frontier to protect it from the Indians – we were ordered out by Colonel Samuel Lewis of Greenbrier County. The next summer 1778 I went another tour under Captain Thomas Rowland against the same Indians – Colonel Samuel Lewis in command – In 1779 I went another three months tour under Captain Edmund Stephens, to fight the Mohawk Indians; but when we got as far as Fort Cumberland, Captain Stephens received orders from General Washington to discharge his men. In 1779 I went a tour of two months against the Tories on New River & Licking Creek – to Companies went on this expedition – to wit – Captain Patrick Lockhart's & Captain McClanahan [perhaps William McClenahan?] – I belonged to the former – Colonel Thomas Lewis was our commanding officer. In 1780 I volunteered on a six months tour under Captain James Robertson to join General Morgan's [Daniel Morgan's] Army in South Carolina – David Campbell was our Major – when we reached General Morgan's headquarters the battle of the Cowpens [January 17, 1781] was just over, & Major Campbell was ordered with his Battalion to guard the prisoners – we accordingly guarded them across the Catawba River, where we were met by the troops from North Carolina who received the prisoners from us. We then marched to Salisbury, from thence to the Yadkin River – there we had a fight [Trading Ford, February 3-4, 1781] with the British & were defeated – Captain Hanley [perhaps Alexander Handley¹] was killed – we marched from there to Guilford Court House, where we fought the great battle [March 15, 1781] of that place & were defeated – I was in two other battles, one at the Isle of Monee [?]², and the other at the Reedy fork – soon after the

¹ but I could find no reference to Alexander Handley having been killed at Trading Ford (or in any other engagement).

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last battle General Morgan went home & General Green [Nathanael Greene] took the command and we were discharged and sent home – this last tour of six months commenced in November 1780 & lasted till about the last of May 1781 – I have no documentary evidence of my service – nor do I know of any person living by whom I could prove my service, except it be Randall McDaniel, who was living in Alabama the last I heard of him – I will name some of the men who belonged to the same company I did – Alexander :-), Elijah Vanzant, Austin Webb, Alexander McClanahan, William Timmins, Isaac Snodgrass, John Al[paper damaged and rest of this name missing], John Pryor, Joseph Emmons, John Hewett, Randall McDonald, James Taylor

Questions by the Court

1st Where & in what year were you born?

Answer. In Augusta County Virginia – the part since taken off into Botetourt County in the year 1755 the 20th day of August –

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

Answer. Yes – in my father's Bible, which is now in possession of my son William Hutchison living in Jefferson County Tennessee.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, & where do you now live?

Answer – in Botetourt County Virginia – from thence I moved to Mecklenburg County North Carolina, after the close of the War – from thence back to Montgomery County Virginia – where I resided till 1812 when I moved to Jefferson County Tennessee – from thence to Jackson County Tennessee – & from there to Henry County Tennessee last winter, where I now reside.

4th. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I always volunteered

5th. State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served; and such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. As stated before, I was for some time under the command of General Morgan – & at one period I was under the command of Colonel William Washington being an infantry man – this was in South Carolina – & in North Carolina – I recollect Captain David Hutcheson of Colonel Washington's Corps – he claimed kin with me – I recollect Major McDowell who fought well at the Cowpens Question 6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I did get a discharge from Major Campbell, in pursuance of the order of General Morgan – I lost it long ago, not thinking it would ever be of any use to me.

Question 7 – 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 their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. I will name Anthony Willoughby, John Landers, Jacob Landers, Arthur state and, James Young, John Hardcastle.

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.

S/ David Hutchins [sic], X his mark

[James Jones, clerk of court, Thomas Potts, a clergyman, and Anthony Willoughby gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 19: On June 17, 1839 in Cape Girardeau County Missouri, the veteran applied for the transfer

of his pension benefit to the Missouri agency describing himself as having served under Captain James Robertson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Washington. He gave his reason for removing from Tennessee to Missouri that he had become dissatisfied with the Country and expecting to better his pecuniary condition removed to Missouri. He signed his application with his mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one and 2 months in the Virginia service.]