

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Andrew Hunter S17500

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Virginia

At a Court begun and held for Lee County at the Courthouse thereof on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 1834

### Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, State of Virginia, Lee County to wit;

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Lee County now sitting, Andrew Hunter resident in said County, aged eighty-eight 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, to wit; That he was drafted to serve a three months tour of service in the Militia of Virginia from the County of Bedford in a Company commanded by Captain Joseph Poindexter, Jesse Tate being the Lieutenant, and was marched by Captain Poindexter from New London in Bedford to Petersburg, Cabin Point, Jericho, and Portsmouth, remaining a short time at Petersburg, and Jericho and a considerable time at Cabin Point. The Army was gone about four weeks to Portsmouth, but the declarant was not then with it, being left behind with a few others at a place called the burnt mills, to guard the Baggage and Militia Stores there deposited. Captain Poindexter and his company joined the detachment at Cabin Point commanded by General Mughlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], who commanded the troops while the declarant was with the Army. The declarant was in no engagement during this Service, and there was no fighting on the part of the Army, except some inconsiderable Skirmishing with the out guard. At the end of this 3 months term of service, the declarant was discharged, and returned home; but thinking his discharge would never be of any benefit to him, he has long since lost it, and probably by his inattention to preserve it. Whilst the declarant was absent from home on this Service, the whole of the Militia from his neighborhood, were called out to go against Lord Cornwallis in North Carolina, who was then making an approach to Virginia, and in a short time after his return home, he, and the classes out with him, were again called on for another three months tour, in pursuit of Cornwallis through Virginia, after the Battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] in North Carolina. In this last Service, the declarant was in the company commanded by Captain Alexander Cummings, and joined the regular troops commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], in the County of Hanover. General Steuben met the Militia troops Shortly after leaving home, and commanded them to the point of Forks on James River in Goochland

[County]; and thence to Hanover where we joined General Wayne. The Army was then in pursuit of Cornwallis through Virginia, and generally cannot at his encampment of the previous day. The declarant's term of Service expired in the County of Hanover, where he was discharged and returned home, but from the causes before spoken of, has long since lost this discharge also. – These are all the Services performed by the declarant except about one month, in excursions against the Tories, and guarding them in the jail of Bedford, which was sometimes stowed full of them. So much so, that to prevent their suffocation they had to be taken out repeatedly to give them air. This Service was performed under the command of Colonel Charles Lynch, from which the town of Lynchburg took its name.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Test S/ W. S. Morrison, DC

Andrew Hunter<sup>1</sup>

[Robert W Wynn, a clergyman, and John Zion Senior gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[The above is certified by Alexander W Mills, clerk as being a true copy from the records in his office, said certification being dated October 29, 1834]

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

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<sup>1</sup> not believed to be the actual signature of the applicant since the hand writing is identical to the body of the application