

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Patrick Hunter S17501

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State of Indiana Harrison County: Sct.

On this 24th day of May in the year 1827 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record and made so by the laws of the said State of Indiana for the County aforesaid & being one of the Circuit Courts in and for the second judicial Circuit in said State, Patrick Hunter, a resident in said County of Harrison aged sixty-seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 – That he the said Patrick Hunter enlisted for the term of three years, sometime in the month of January or winter of the year 1777 in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain McCormack [possibly Captain George McCormick] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Russell [possibly Lieutenant Colonel William Russell] being the 18th Virginia Regiment in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps 15 months when he was discharged from the said 18th Virginia Regiment and attached to the Pennsylvania line and served in that line until the 24th of August 1781 at which time he was taken a prisoner at Laughary's defeat [Lochry's Defeat¹] and remained prisoner until the 15th of November 1782 and paroled by General Carlton and that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever except the present, That he is name is not on the Roll of any State except it be placed on the Roll of this State and that the following all the reasons for not making an earlier application for a pension that he was informed that it was necessary to obtain the evidence of revolutionary services – that he did not know nor ascertain whether this evidence could be found or procured until last August that in August 1826 and the evidence was taken 18th of September 1826 since which until this there has been no session of the Circuit Court in this County there being only two Terms of the Circuit Court in the year one in Me and September and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (to wit) Schedule of property owned by Patrick Hunter –

¹ There is an excellent account of this engagement posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

10 Head of cattle	\$10.00
2 Calves	2.00
1 Mare	40.00
1 Saddle	4.00
1 Bridle	.25
20 Head of hogs (added \$	20.00
1 Plough & a pair of horse gears	<u>10.00</u>
	\$136.25

This declarant further states that he has no trade that his occupation was that of a farmer; but from old age and decrepitude he is not able to follow his occupation or pursuit any business that would yield him a support nor is he now able from old age and infirmity to labor. That he has two daughters living with him, Ellen Miller a widow about thirty-five years old she has a son about 12 years old who also lives with me and Lucinda Hunter aged about seventeen who are able to support themselves, except the child – This declarant further states that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country or Government. The declarant further states that since the 18th of March 1818 the following changes have been made in his property this declarant states that he did not own any land at that time. That his personal property has diminished since that time considerably. That he exchanged forces with one Orchard since the 18th of March 1818 which is the mare estimated at \$40 in his schedule. That he has often been compelled to dispose of his stock for the support and maintenance of his family. This declarant further states that in addition to the property named in the foregoing schedule he has about 20 head of hogs worth \$20 which added to the amount in the schedule will make a sum of \$126.25. That he has not so much as one 6 and a 4th cents own hand – This declarant further states that he has one plow & a pair of horse gears worth about \$10 which added to the above will make a sum total of \$136.25.

Sworn to and declared in open court on the 26th day of May 1827.

S/ H. W. Heth, Clk

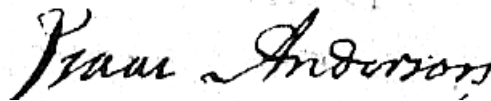
The state of Ohio Butler County SS

Be it known that before me William Hunter a Justice duly assigned to keep the peace in the County aforesaid personally appeared Isaac Anderson² of the said County of Butler who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he served as a Lieutenant in a company of state troops in the State of Pennsylvania in the War of the Revolution in the year 1781 under the command of Colonel Archibald Laughery [Archibald Lochry] the Regiment left Westmoreland County about first of August 1781 descended the Ohio River with the design to joined the troops then under the command of General Clark about the 24th of August the Regiment having landed on the West bank of the Ohio River a few miles below the mouth of the Great Miami River in what is now Indiana State they were attacked by the Indians, defeated and a part of the Regiment taken prisoners. Amongst whom this deponent and the Ensign of the same company whose name was Patrick Hunter – the Company in which deponent and said Hunter were in was then under the command of Deponent the Captain who had been appointed to the command of the company having declined taking the command of said company. Deponent with others amongst which was the said Isaac Hunter were taken first to Detroit & thence to Montréal in lower Canady [Canada] where we remained at least six months and until Deponent and others by scaling the pickets got [indecipherable word, could be "released" or "relieved"] from their confinement and

² [Isaac Anderson W4628](#)

at which time deponent left the said Patrick Hunter a Prisoner under the British at Montréal. Deponent does not recollect that he has seen Mr. Hunter since he left him a prisoner under the command the troops at Montréal but has corresponded with him by letter and from recitals of things which transpired when they were together as well before as after the capture by the Indians as is herein before stated he is well satisfied that the said Patrick Hunter is now a resident of the State of Indiana near to Corydon or Laconia in the said State of Indiana and likewise that the said Patrick Hunter is now an applicant for the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June last entitled "An act supplementary to an act for the relief of the surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution" – And also that the said Patrick Hunter entered the service as Ensign of the company which was commanded by Deponent as is herein before stated and continued as the Ensign of said company until their defeat as herein before stated and [further] deponent saith not

S/ Isaac Anderson



[attested December 4, 1832]

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County Sct.

This day came John Emerson³ now of Burkesville Kentucky a credible and disinterested Witness before the Cumberland County Court for the State aforesaid and made oath that in the year 1776 about the last week in December a certain Patrick Hunter enlisted under him the said Emerson who was at that time a Lieutenant in Captain McCormack's company in the 13th Virginia Regiment of the Continental line commanded by Colonel Russell and that he was acquainted with said Hunter while in the service and that he demeaned himself as a faithful soldier in said 13th Regiment of Virginia Continental line until in the year 1779 – sometime in the month of September when he was according to the best of his recollection discharged regularly having faithfully served out the time for which he was enlisted. And that he believes Patrick Hunter now of the State of Indiana is the very identical man enlisted under him and served as aforesaid in the war of the Revolution



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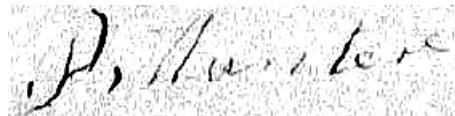
State of Indiana Harrison County, Harrison Probate Court SS

On this 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before William A Porter sole Judge of the Probate Court in and for the County and State aforesaid now sitting Patrick Hunter a resident of Boone Township and County aforesaid, aged 72 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 as an Ensign in the company of Pennsylvania state troops in the war of the revolution commanded by Lieutenant Isaac Anderson the Captain of said company whose name was John

³ FPA W8694

Shearer having declined taking the command of said company in the year 1781 under the command of Colonel Archibald Laughery [Archibald Lochry] – the Regiment left Westmoreland County about the first of August in the year last mentioned, and descended the Ohio River with the design to joined the troops then under the command of General Clark [George Rogers Clark]; that they landed on the West bank of the Ohio a few miles below the mouth of the Great Miami River in what is now the state of Indiana on the 24th day of August same year, were attacked by the Indians, defeated and a part of the Regiment taken prisoners amongst whom was this declarant the said Lieutenant Anderson, Captain Stokely⁴ and others, amounting in the whole to sixty-four, that there was forty-two killed in said defeat. This Applicant amongst others was first taken to Detroit, thence to Montréal. That some of the prisoners at this place, among some was the said Lieutenant Anderson scaled the pickets and effected their escape, after which the applicant was taken to Québec and there kept until about the 10th of October 1782. From this place they were conveyed to the City of New York, first on board a schooner to the Island of Beck in the Saint Lawrence, thence on board a fleet commanded by Captain Nelson to the city of New York at which place we landed the last of November or first of December's 1782 and was there detained a prisoner until the January following, at which time he was released on parole; that his parole was signed by Sir Guy Carleton then at New York; that he continued a prisoner on parole until peace was made in 1783. That the whole time during which he was employed in the service of the United States on this campaign including his imprisonment as aforesaid, was from the first of August 1781 to the first January 1783, excepting the time he was released on parole. The Applicant was born in the North of Ireland in the year 1760, that he has no record of his age, that he was living in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania when called into service; that since he left said service he has resided in Kentucky 27 years; that he now resides in Indiana and has resided there since 1810; that he joined said company of state troops and held the commission of Ensign as above stated, but cannot state about which of the Governors of Pennsylvania it was signed that his commission was taken from him by the Indians whilst a prisoner as aforesaid. He thinks that there were no regular troops in said Campaign. Captain Stokely commanded a company of Rangers who were engaged for 3 years. That he is known in his present neighborhood to Benjamin Adams & John W Payne who can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution; that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure of his said services except Lieutenant Isaac Anderson heretofore mentioned, whose deposition accompanies this declaration. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is only on the pension roll of the agency of the State of Indiana.

S/ P. Hunter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Hunter", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper background.

[Benjamin Adams, a clergyman, and John W Payne gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 11, 1828 for service in the Virginia Continental Line. Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$170 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for one-year & five months service as an Ensign in the Pennsylvania militia.]

⁴ Thomas Stokely FPA W4079 posted in this database 9/2/11