

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hutt S17507

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State of Ohio, Ross County

On this 8th day of October, 1832, Personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of common pleas, John Hutt a resident of the State and County aforesaid, who states that his age to be on the 5th day of September last past 69 years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832, that he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1778 with Capt. John Mazarett for the term of three years and served in the Virginia State line of artillery as a common soldier. My father's record of the birth of his children in his family Bible states I was born the 5th day of Sept 1763 ^{Northern Neck of Virginia, Westmoreland County}. Before I was 15 years of age being well grown in height above 5 feet 10 inches tolerably proportioned to my height and age I enlisted as above stated, a Lieut. Turnbull, I think his first ^{name} was Stephen, perhaps the 2nd Lieut was named Kemp belonged to the same company. Turnbull was married to a lady near Hampton, where British barbarity worse than savage cruelty was inflicted on a widow of that name in the late war. Here I was stationed for ^{about} 18 or 20 months more or less I cannot be special as to time; about this time, the continental congress called upon the State of Virginia to form and embody a Southern army, they (Virginia) having more state troops than was necessary for her internal defense, converted the surplus demanded for the requisition hence a part was taken from the three divisions of the regiment stationed at Norfolk and Portsmouth, Hampton and the memorable York Town Va. Here I believe the regiment was organized and I am strongly ^{impressed} that Capt. Christopher ^{Roan} [probably Christopher Roane] took the command of the company to which I belonged and ^{ever} after commanded till discharged, thus prepared we marched to Williamsburg and joined a regiment of infantry commanded by Col. Porterfield [Lieutenant Colonel Charles Porterfield] (poor fellow I saw him wounded on the morning of Gates' [Horatio Gates'] defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] as I was informed) thus the line of march commenced to the South, we crossed James River at old James Town, thence Roanoke at Taylor's Ferry, thence into North Carolina (here I weighed 164 Pounds) thence to Hillsborough thence to memorable Guilford Court House thence to Salisbury, thence to a place called Piper's [or] Fifer's [probably Phifer's] where we encamped all night, early on the next morning leaving this place we marched thro a heavy rain till about on down 12 miles, encamped on a beautiful green, the army had just retired to their tents when on a sudden a secret and hasty alarm was given of Buford's [Abraham Buford's] defeat [Battle of Waxhaws, May 29, 1780]; we were in a few minutes on the retreat and by sun up the next morning a part of the army was at the place they had left but the morning before, then back again to Guilford Court house where we tarried about 8 days. Col. Porterfield then took a circulatory rout to Hillsborough where we joined a division of the Maryland and Delaware troops commanded by Genl Smallwood [William Smallwood] and Guess, Gest or Gist [sic, Mordecai Gist], I remember not which; Buford with the remains of his regiment on the right and the artillery in front of Buford, I am not certain but I

believe Col Harrison commanded the Part of Artillery which now became more formidable than before. About the same time I suppose Genl ^{Gates} took the command in chief and the army marched to where he was met near Camden by Cornwallace [sic, Charles Lord Cornwallis] the British commander and totally defeated. I was on the reserve at (Rudgeleys) Mills [sic, Rugeley's Mills] about 5 miles in the rear with some of the baggage & a part of this shattered and scattered army was collected at Hillsborough where I first saw Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] (the warrior or fighting General). Genl Greene marching into South Carolina leaving a small detachment behind at Hillsborough myself being one of the number, whether orders were previously ^{given} or received afterwards I am unable to determine, however with hasty and speedy marches this detachment arrived and joined the main army on their retreat across the Pee Dee or Yadkin Rivers into Virginia the very day on which ^{they} crossed one of the said rivers ^{here} another detachment was then formed and added to this one together with all the heavy baggage commanded by Col Buford, returned on the same route, we again crossed the Roanoke at Taylor's Ferry, it was reported that Genl Greene with the main army also crossed the Dan into Virginia on the same day, here Capt Roan was separated from the detachment with a number of Artillery whose term of service had and were expiring and marched to the now city of Richmond, where I was with other discharged in 1781 at what time I do not recollect. I then returned to a comfortable home with my Mother. I had been home but a few days before I had the honor of being enrolled amongst the Bulwark of Civil Liberty (Militia). Times continued perilous, Cornwallis entered Virginia with his army. Something must be done. Militia must turn out by drafts, this I could not brook, I turned out a volunteer horseman tolerably equipped at my own expense, in 2 or 3 weeks this draft was discharged but another followed close upon its heels, I again volunteered in the foot service called light Infantry, and forsooth, I was made orderly Sergeant. You well recollect Cornwallis surrendered at York Town Va. I was on the Gloucester Side, Col. Nelson [Thomas Nelson] commanded the regiment at the time. I never was in any battle but marching, Stationary or retreating - until now when I heard a few whistling bullets but was not engaged in the act of fighting being on the right wing, the enemy when attacked, retreated.

The foregoing is a brief view of my service in the revolutionary war. I never was on any pension roll or list therefore I have no relinquishment to make.

Capt. Mazarett was promoted to a Majority and afterwards to the Staff department within the Quarter Master or Commissary department, I cannot say, but I well remember to recognize a man by name Reynolds who was conductor of the magazine at Hampton in his (Mazarett's) employ among the public stores at Hillsborough. I occasionally assisted him as I belonged to the guard of his department several months.

If I remember ^{if} my recollection serves me to believe that Col Elias Edmonds [Elias Edmonds] was first Col, Muter [George Muter] a Scotchman second Col, Major Mathews, I think his first name was Thomas, commanded at Hampton all the time I was there and I believe he was speaker of the house of delegates in Virginia for a number of sessions after the war.

I was well acquainted with Col Henry ^{Lee}. [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] who commanded the partisan Legion of horse to the South, his son Henry went to school to [sic, with] a brother of mine, we lived in the same county (Westmoreland), his Seat was called Stratford.

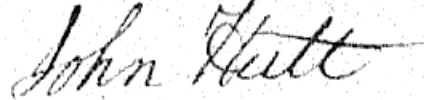
After Buford's defeat Doctor Seldom [probably Wilson Selden] the surgeon of our regiment was sent by Flagg [sic, under flag?] to take charge of the wounded, accomplishing his object returned to our Camp on the Yadkin river. I heard my name called, it was called by Selden to show me a wounded man he brought away with him as a waiter. If you had been there you might have counted one ^{wound} for each State then confederated, 13 in number all above his shoulders about 3 inches long. Here we had plenty of green corn to eat, substantially so, until we could make fires, officers and soldiers all upon a level as to diet.

Another tale and a part I know to be a fact that a cannon was fired at a late hour of one night while Porterfield commanded and was encamped on a dense settlement of Tories. It was said to alarm

and awe them, a report ^{next} morning spread abroad that one of Col Porterfield's regiment had stolen a shirt and trousers and for safe keeping had put them in the ^{gun} that was fired. The wide spreading sheet of flaming light spread over the encampment and the loss of the soldier's shirt and trousers was the cause of much sport and laughter amongst the soldiers in camp.

Since writing the foregoing I have been examining the life of Washington Vol. 4 printed by Wayne, Philadelphia and find page 170 Col Harrison did comment on the Artillery to the South, same page I find Porterfield within one day's march of Buford when defeated by Tarlton [sic, Banastre Tarleton], next page for green corn, also page 178 I find Genl Gist and page 172 Rugeley's Mill or Clermont trusting and believing the foregoing will be all sufficient to establish satisfactory evidence of any being a Soldier in the revolutionary army forms my conclusion until further advised.

S/ John Hutt



Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Humphrey Fullerton, Clk

[Thomas Scott, a clergyman, and William Creighton, Junior, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

June term 1833 being the fifth day of June 1833

This Supplemental Statement of John Hutt who this day personally appeared before the Judges of the County of Ross Common Pleas being a Court of record, and being first duly Sworn, deposeth and saith that he has no parol or documentary evidence in his power to procure, other than the evidence and affidavits of Nimrod Hutt and William S. Hutt hereto attached, except the proof of Service as evidenced by land warrant issued by the State of Virginia to be No. 6977 deposited in the General land office at Washington for which I received Scrip Nos. 6152 & 6153 in December last as witnessed my hand the day & year last above written.

S/John Hutt

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court at June term 1833.

S/ Humphrey Fullerton, Clerk

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State of Ohio, Ross County

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Ross in the state of Ohio, Nimrod Hutt, of lawful age and of good standing as to the truth and veracity who was by me duly sworn deposeth and saith that he recollects well that his Brother John Hutt was for a very considerable time from home at the time of the revolutionary war and that he, said Nimrod, recollects of hearing his Mother and the family often converse about Brother John being in the Army during his absence. What time he enlisted I do not recollect but well remember when at school in the year 1781 being then about 11 years of age, I saw all my Brother passing along the road to his Mother's, he was hailed, he stopped for a while then went on home and this deponent further states that he believes from every circumstance he was honorably discharged from the service having faithfully served out the term of his enlistment and further this deponent saith not.

S/ Nimrod Hutt



I, James Miller, one of the acting Justices of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid do certify that the above deposition was sworn to and subscribed to before me and I do further certify that I have

been acquainted with Nimrod Hutt this deponent for nearly 20 years and would state that he is a man of good character and that his veracity for truth and honesty has never been disputed by any person whatever.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of March 1833.

S/James Miller, J. P. {Seal}

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Virginia Kanawha County, to wit:

I William S Hutt of the County of Kanawha and State of Virginia do hereby certify, and make oath in due form of law that during the revolutionary War (and I believe in the year 1778) that my brother John Hutt, then of Westmoreland County, Virginia, now of the Town of Chillicothe in the State of Ohio enlisted as a soldier in the Army of the said revolution – and I distinctly recollect that after his said enlistment he was first stationed at Hampton in the State of Virginia but where he went afterwards I do not remember – though it was generally understood in the neighborhood, and I verily believe, that he served in the Army of the revolutionary War as an enlisted soldier for the term of three years – I perfectly recollect the day he returned from the Army, home to the house of our mother, I being then a boy at school – he passed the school-house where I was, and the Teacher, myself and the scholars generally went out to see him and congratulate him on his safe return. I also well remember that during the same year that he returned from the Army as above stated, he went to the siege of York town Virginia, was at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and the Army under his command, but whether he went to Yorktown as a volunteer or was drafted, I do not know. Given under my hand this 11th day of May 1833

S/ Wm S. Hutt

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm S. Hutt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia State Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 13th day of May 1783, in the name of John Hutt, as a Soldier of artillery for £81.14.6, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Mr. John Kay and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
[illegible] day of May, 1833.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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Land Office at Richmond Virginia May 27th 1833

I certify that on the 6th day of October 1831 a Military Land Bounty Warrant No. 6977 for 100 acres issued in favor of John Hutt a private in the Virginia State line for his three years service.

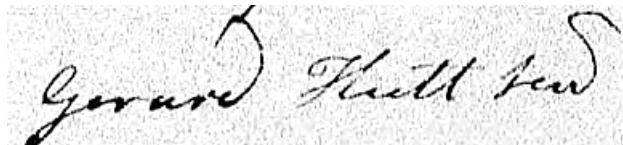
S/ Wm Selden, R. L. Off. Virginia

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This is to certify and given from under my hand that I well remember when my Brother John Hutt was stationed at Hampton Virginia in the artillery company under Captain John Mazerett and I further recollect that he was sent to the Southern Army and always understood he was at General Gates defeat. I also recollect the day he got home to his mother's after his Discharge Given him by Captain

Christopher Roane at the city of Richmond and further I always understood that he enlisted for 3 years & served the term thereof also when the siege of Lord Cornwallis was about to commence at York Town Virginia a requisition was made for Militia to join in the siege a Draft was ordered and actually took place Brother John was there but whether by Draft or Volunteer I do not recollect and further I am well satisfied he continued during the siege and until the capture of the whole of the British Army.

S/ Gerard Hutt Senr.¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerard Hutt Senr". The ink is dark and the paper appears aged and slightly textured.

[Attested in Westmoreland County Virginia June 24, 1833]

[Facts in file: Veteran died August 25, 1833, place not stated; the file contains reference to the following grandchildren of the veteran John D Medina, John Hutt Robinson, and S. S. Robinson.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 2 files: 1 1-page; the other 6-pages
[from the 1-page file:]

Sir,

The request of the orders in Council of your State is now before me dated May 23rd, 1811, I have taken the earliest opportunity to comply with the same, You will pardon me for a detailed account of my services rendered as a Soldier in the Virginia line, belonging to the Artillery. About two weeks before I was fifteen years old (being well grown) I enlisted under Captain John Mazarett of Westmoreland County, my Stationed for about Eighteen months was at Fort Hampton under the command of Major, perhaps Colonel Mathews, I think now a general, also after the revolution a Speaker of the House of Representatives for several years.

After the above period those state troops were ordered on Continental Establishment, whether by law or otherwise I cannot tell, however to the South we marched, and I was one of the unfortunate Soldiers when General Gates was defeated and a retreating party under General Green.

I was discharged after three years Service in the City of Richmond being then under the command (for that service) of Captain Christopher Roane.

All the evidence I possess may be found in the proper office in your City where my discharge is filed and I believe a record made of the same and also of the Certificate I received for delinquent money due to me at the expiration of my Service, Should this be a Sufficient evidence I flatter myself that the records will be Examined in Justification of my Claim.

At the same time I beg leave to mention several other Brother Soldiers who were discharged at the same time and by referring to the Books you will find their names and I am informed of the same, I would use some caution to informed them as they live in a place where little or no information are received by the Situation in which they are placed – I have a Brother-in-law by the name of James S Dozier a Sergeant in the same service, he is dead his heirs are living in Westmoreland County, perhaps it is in truce is to ask and answer, but should you think proper to comply with my request I will use my

¹ The transcript of his pension application S5592 has been posted in this database on date even with the revision of this transcript.

[several indecipherable words] to give them information [At this point, and the image of this document as posted online is cut off.]

from the 6-page file

This is to certify and given under hand that I well remember when my Brother John Hutt was stationed at Hampton Virginia in the artillery company of Captain John Mazarett and further I recollect that he was sent to the southern Army and always understood that he was in General Gates' defeat I also well recollect the day he got to his Mother's after his discharge and [word written over and illegible] his discharge given him by Captain Christopher Roan at the city of Richmond I have seen, I also well recollect that when General Washington was about besieging Lord Cornwallis in York Town Virginia that a requisition was made of the Militia that he the said John Hutt either volunteered or was drafted which of the two I do not recollect, However I am satisfied he served during the siege and until the capture of the British Army by the American Army commanded by General Washington

S/ Gerard Hutt, Senr.

[Attested January 7, 1831 in Westmoreland County Virginia]

I John Hutt of the Town of Chillicothe in the State of Ohio formerly of Westmoreland County in the State of Virginia being now in my Sixty Eighth year of age do hereby certify that in the year 1778 as well as I can recollect being then about fifteen years of age, I voluntarily enlisted into the service of the Virginia State line, in the company of artillery then commanded by Captain John Mazarett to serve for and during the term of three years which Term of service was faithfully performed by me the aforesaid John Hutt as well appear by an Honorable discharge in the Town of Richmond given by Captain Christopher Roan who commanded the said Company of Artillery after the promotion of Captain John Mazarett and furthermore soon after my return home there was a requisition for a draft to be made of the Militia for the besieging Lord Cornwallis at York Town Virginia I entered myself a volunteer and served during the siege until he Lord Cornwallis was captured with the surrender &c of all his Army.

And I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with one William Sandy now dead whose parents were neighbors and that he the said Sandy did enlist in the said company of artillery whether before or at the time I enlisted I cannot be positive and that after he had served a considerable time in said company he by some agreement with the officers was transferred to or enrolled into [indcipherable word] Corps of horse Troops and am confident he served three years if not during the war and was I believe honorably discharged.

In witness to the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand in my own hand writing this 7th day of December 1830

S/ John Hutt