

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Huff S18045

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State of South Carolina Greenville District }

On this fourteenth day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions now sitting Stephen Huff a resident of Anderson District aged seventy seven 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 – He first entered the service in the Summer of 1780 under Captain William Leftridge [Lt. Colo. William Leftwich] in Bedford County State of Virginia. His first Lieutenant was Henry Means. He volunteered for three months and served the whole of the time. The Corps in which he served was raised by authority of the State of Virginia and was stationed at Chissels Lead Mines [Chiswell Lead Mines] on New River for the purpose of guarding them. At the expiration of the three months he was discharged, and received pay for his services at Bedford Courthouse. The second tour he volunteered, in the Fall of 1780, for eight months under Captain John Greaves [John Graves?]: and marched under the command of Major Ward [perhaps John Ward] to Hillsborough and Salisbury, and under the command of Major Ridley into South Carolina, where he joined the main Army under General Green [Nathanael Greene]. He was stationed some months at Cheraw Hills in South Carolina. He was at the Siege of "Ninety Six" [May 21 – June 19, 1781] when General Greene was forced to leave the place by the arrival of Lord Rawdon. – After this he was principally employed in procuring and supplying provisions for the Army under the direction of Commissary James Erwin – The third tour he volunteered under Captain William Terry and was again placed under the command of Captain Greaves – This tour he volunteered for three months and was again marched into South Carolina and discharged. He resided in Bedford County State of Virginia when he entered the service. He was in no regular engagement or battle except the siege of "Ninety Six" – He has no documentary evidence and knows of no one whose testimony he can procure as to his services. He was born in the year 1756 June 24th – in the State of New Jersey. Has no record of his age – Was living in Bedford County State of Virginia when called into the Service – and has lived in South Carolina ever since the Revolutionary War – and he now lives in Anderson district, but only 4 or 5 miles from Greenville Courthouse which is the reason of his applying in Greenville instead of Anderson for a pension, it being much more convenient for him to do so – He volunteered every time he was called into the service. He recollects General Greene, Colonel

Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Colonel Washington [William Washington], but does not recollect any of the Continental regiments – He was discharged in writing at Taylor's ferry on the Roanoke River after reaching there with provisions for the Army – it is now lost. He is known in his present neighborhood to the Reverend James Douthit, Reverend John B Chappell and William E Wickliffe and Major Thomas Henderson who can testify to his character for truth and to their belief in his revolutionary services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not found on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Stephen Huff, X his mark

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and William E Wickliffe gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Greenville District

Personally came before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the district of Greenville, Stephen Huff and being duly sworn makes oath that the tour of eight months which he served in the revolutionary war and which he mentions in his application for a Pension was served as a substitute in the place of a man by the name of Samuel Foster, that the said Foster had been drafted for three months but in consequence of his leaving the service without permission he was returned for eight months Service – that he then hired this deponent to take his place and gave him for so doing a horse &c – that this deponent did take his place and served as is stated in his declaration – the third tour of three months he volunteered as stated in his declaration under Captain Terry and was placed under the command of Captain Greaves – that he again joined the Army under General Greene in South Carolina and continued with it until his term of three months expired – that he was discharged by General Greene the day before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781] –

This deponent further states that he is very poor and if there be objections to any portion of his services and not to others he is willing to receive a Pension for such services rather than be at any more trouble about the matter. – Sworn to &c – December 9 – 1833

S/ John Crittenden, J Q Exoff.

S/ Stephen Huff, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the Virginia service.]