

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hufacre S1826

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State of Tennessee Knox County: Circuit Court February Sessions 1833

On this 12th day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court in a Circuit Court now sitting for the County of Knox aforesaid, being a Court of record, George Hufacre, a citizen of said County, aged 75 years who having been duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of an act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832 – That he was born in York County Pennsylvania on the 7th day of August 1757, where he continued to live about ten years, when he moved to Washington County Virginia where he continued to live at the commencement of, and during the whole continuance of the Revolutionary War, and for a short time after its termination – he states that sometime in the year 1776 he was drafted in the said County of Washington Virginia as a private militia man to perform a tour of duty against the Cherokee Indians – that he was enrolled into a company commanded by Captain James Thompson and with the said Captain Thompson's Company, and two other companies commanded by Captains William Edmonson and William Cocks, was marched from the said County of Washington to the Long Island of Holston [River] – On this route applicant recollects of staying at Eaton's Fort all night and marching the next day to meet the Indians who laid on the Long Islands flats about 4 miles from said Fort – here we had a battle with the Indians and defeated them without the loss of a single man and only four wounded – in this battle several Indians were killed and wounded – Applicant states that he now has no recollection of there being any commander in chief of the said three companies while on their march, but he thinks in arranging the order of battle and conducting the contest, Colonel Shelby [probably Isaac Shelby] took an active part – Applicant states that a few days after the battle he marched with his said Company to Kincannon fort in Washington County Virginia, and there remained under the command of his said Captain Thompson in the protection of said Fort until sometime in October of the same year, 1776, when Colonel Christie [William Christian] commanded raising forces to go against the Indians – Applicant volunteered under his said Captain Thompson to perform a tour of duty and with the said Captain and his Company marched to the Long Island on Holston, and met some other companies not far from the place where applicant had been engaged in the above mentioned battle with the Indians – At this place Colonel Christie of Virginia and Colonel Love of North Carolina took the command of the troops and after making some preparations we marched and crossed the French Broad River at Buckenham's [Buckingham's?] Island and through what is now the Counties of Sevier and Blount in the State of Tennessee, crossed the Little Tennessee River not far above Indian Tellico Town in the Cherokee nation and afterwards Island Town – during our campaign through the nation our

said officers had a talk with the chiefs of the Cherokee who then stipulated a Treaty should be held at the Long Island of Holston, and that present hostilities should cease until the conclusion of said treaty – Applicant under his said officers marched and recrossed the Little Tennessee River, and near Little River now in Blount County Tennessee, the Army had no provisions nor was there any opportunity of procuring any in that country; the commanding officers therefore gave orders that the soldiers might pursue the nearest and best way to the Long Island on Holston where there were supplies – Applicant after reaching the Long Island of Holston was shortly discharged and returned home – he believes he did not receive a written discharge for his service – he states that he had been in constant service, partly as a drafted man and partly as a volunteer, from the time he had first entered the Army until about Christmas in the same year, which he thinks was at least seven months – Applicant states that sometime in the next year, 1777, he was again drafted in Washington County Virginia to go out for the protection of the frontier settlements on Clinch River and to guard New Garden Station – he was in service this campaign two months – he has entirely forgotten the names of the officers who commanded him in this Campaign – he recollects that Alexander Smith and a Mr. James lived at New Garden Station at the time he was there – After remaining in service about two months as before mentioned he was discharged and returned home – Applicant states that sometime in the spring of the next year, 1778, he was again drafted in the said County of Washington to perform a tour of duty in guarding the said New Garden Station – that he was put under the command of Lieutenant James Leaper and marched to New Garden Station on Clinch River where he continued two months in service and was then marched home by the said officer & discharged – Affiant states that sometime in the next year, 1779, he was again drafted to perform a tour of duty for the protection of the frontier on Clinch River – he recollects of marching with a Company among whom were ___ Hatfield, James Cochran and John Keywood, but he has entirely forgotten the name of the Officer who commanded him – he marched out upon Clinch and remained in service two months when he was discharged and returned home – Applicant states that sometime the next year, 1780, he was ordered by the officers who commanded the militia of said Washington Go out and guard the citizens of said County, while they were employed in collecting and driving cattle from the range below the North fork of Holston, in this service applicant was engaged one month but he does not recollect who was the officer who commanded him – Applicant states that after returning home from this last service he was ordered by his commanding officer of the County of Washington to go to Abingdon in said County, for the purpose of guarding some Tories who were imprisoned in the jail of said County – he remained in this service one month and was under the command of Captain Joseph Black and was then discharged – applicant states that from his age and the long time which has elapsed since the above mentioned services were performed that he has forgotten many of the incidents of said service, nor does he recollect accurately the precise time in which he was in the service, but his impression is that he was in the service in the war of the Revolution as a private at least fifteen months for which he claims a pension – Applicant states that at no time during his service was he associated with any of the Continental troops or their officers – he states that he lived in the County of Washington Virginia during the whole of the Revolutionary War and afterwards until about the time the land office was opened in Tennessee when he moved to Knox County Tennessee, where he has continued to live ever since – he states that he has a record of his age which was taken from his Father's family record – he states that the persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood who can testify to his credibility and his reputation for revolutionary services, are Samuel Bowman, Michael French, James Greene, Benjamin McNutt and others – he states that to the best of his recollection he

never received any written discharge for his services nor has he any documentary evidence whatever of his said services nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services – 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 in open Court this 12th February 1833

S/ Wm Swan, Clk

S/ George Hufacre, X his mark

[Samuel Bowman & Michael French gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia militia.]