

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Hundley S31152

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State of Kentucky

Oldham County Sct.}

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before Andrew Steele, Gabriel Barbour Washington Carter, & William E. Gibson— Justices composing the County Court for the County of Oldham in the State of Kentucky, John Hundly, a resident of sd County and state aged Seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, — That he enlisted in the army of the United States, but from the great lapse of time and his advanced age, he cannot now remember what year but he states that it was in the spring of the year preceding that in which the battle of Jamestown was fought [Battle of Green Spring Plantation, 6 Jul 1781]. Nor can he now recollect the number of the regiment which he states belonged to the Virginia line in which he served, under the following named officers That he resided in the County of Hanover & State of Virginia when he entered the service, that he enlisted and went out under Captain Charles Dabney, Lieutenant Richard Cluff Anderson [sic: Richard Clough Anderson, pension application W1356], the name of the ensign he does not now recollect and that he was the orderly Sergeant and — Mulenburg General [sic: Peter Muhlenburg], that the company was assembled in the County of Hanover, whence they marched to Williamsburg, where they joined General LaFayette that after he arrived at Williamsburg, Capt Dabneys Company (the one to which he belonged) was sent for – whither they went – down to Kemps landing on James river to oppose the British who were coming up the river in their small vessels called tenders – that the day before he arrived the british were repelled in a fight by the troops then there, that he and the whole of Capt. Dabneys Company remained at Kemps landing four or five months, that from thence they returned to Williamsburg and after remaining there about three months he then marched back to Hanover Courthouse to meet the British who were then committing great devastation in that quarter — that some time after he returned to Hanover Courthouse, the British having abandoned that neighbourhood, he received a written discharge from Capt Dabney which he has long since lost He states that he was in the service during this engagement as orderly Sergeant one year. He further states that in about two weeks after he was discharged by Capt Dabney, he was sent for by General Marquis De La Fayette, by a special messenger to ride upon expresses – that he immediately joined LaFayette, and was charged with distributing the Draft Acts of Virginia to ten Counties, That he was sent by General LaFayette upon an express with letters to General [Nathanael] Greene who was then in the South that while performing this duty he was taken prisoner by Col. Tarlton & his Corpse [sic: Banastre Tarleton and his Legion] about twenty miles from Richmond in Virginia, by whom he was robbed of his papers, dispatches &c. and then taken to Richmond thence to Williamsburg at which latter place he was confined in close jail ten days thence to Jamestown, where on the night of the battle at that place he was exchanged. — that as soon as he recovered of the small pox which he took with him from the Brittish, he joined LaFayette again and continued to ride express, carrying dispatches to various parts of the United States, in which he was constantly engaged for one year and untill about two weeks before the close of the War – for all of which service he has never received any compensation whatever & that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove his services

he states that he was born in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia in the year 1763. – that he has no record of his age, that he lived in Hanover County Virginia when called into service, that he lived in Hanover County Virginia two years after the close of the revolutionary war from thence he moved to Wilkes County Georgia, where he lived about two years & then moved to Kentucky where he ever since resided & where he now resides in Oldham County — that he enlisted in the service in the Virginia State line – and that Capt Charles Dabney, Richard Cluff Anderson Lieutenant with those above named are a

part of the regular officers who were with the troops when he served he does not recollect tho, number of Continental & militia regiments with which he was acquainted— That he received a written discharge from Capt Dabney which he has lost — he states that he is well known to Jack Pryor, William Gatewood, and diverse others who reside in his present neighbourhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution— He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not upon the pension roll of the agency of any State—

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year afsd

John hisXmark Hundley