

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Anthony Hidecker (Heydecker) S32317 fn23SC¹

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State of Alabama Autauga County: SS

On this 28th day of January A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Alwin J. McWhorter, Judge of the County and Orphans Court for said County, now sitting, as judge of the Orphans Court for said County, John A Hidecker a resident of the County and State aforesaid about eighty-five years of age 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 7, 1832.

That in the year A.D. 1779 he volunteered in the service of the United States while engaged in the War of the Revolution in a Company under the command of Captain William Weathers, in the State of South Carolina, – that he served under the command of his Field Officers, Majors Greene and Benson and General Francis Marion, and others whose names he cannot now recollect, until the close of the war, when he was discharged – that he was engaged in the battle of Savannah, and in that of Guilford Court House, and in many skirmishes against the Tories in South and North Carolina – That he received from Colonel Horry a written discharge, but that the discharge was left by him in South Carolina when he removed from that State to Alabama and, he believes, has been lost, so that he cannot now procure it, some 13 or 14 years having elapsed since his removal – and that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person in Alabama whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, nor in any other State or else where, as far as his present information extends.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State –

He answers the questions propounded by the War Department as follows –

1st Where and in what year were you born?

I was born in Germany on the River Rhine about the year 1748 – and was one of the Hessian Troops imported into the United States, but after their capture in the Jerseys, he volunteered in the cause of the United States, and served as I have stated before –

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

I have no record whatever –

¹ On January 3, 2011, the contents of this veteran's file were erroneously posted in the first 24 pages of the file of William Hext W7593 (SC) as posted on Footnote.com.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

I was living with Captain Weathers, when I volunteered in Georgetown District, in the state of South Carolina. Since the War, I have resided in Georgetown District South Carolina and about 14 years since removed to Alabama where I have resided ever since. I now live in Autauga County, Alabama.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I volunteered as before stated –

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

My memory is too precarious to recollect the names of persons, except those I have named Ford – Except the battles of Savannah and Guilford Court House, I will principal business was in suppressing the treasonous movements of the Tories in the States of North & South Carolina –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I received a discharge as before stated, given me by Colonel Horry – I left it in South Carolina, when I left that State, and my belief is that it is lost or destroyed –

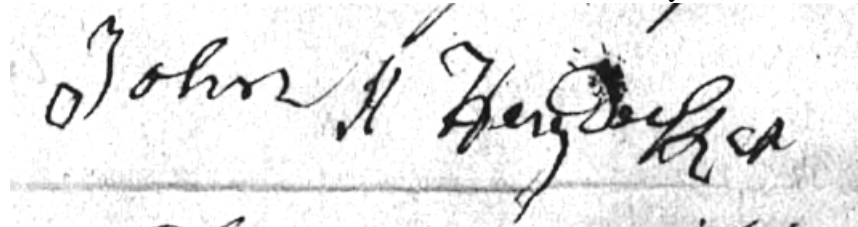
7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

William R. Pickett– Lewis Stoudenmier, Emanuel Gholson, and George Deramus, and Jacob Seyrest &c

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid –

S/ Alwin A. McWhorter, JCC

S/ John A. Heydecker

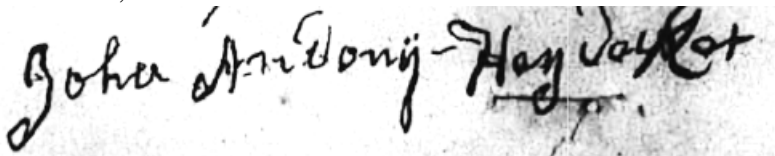
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[Standard supporting affidavit given by all the men named in answer to the seventh interrogatory.]

State of Alabama Autauga County: This day John A Hidecker personally appeared before me John McAlister a justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid & made oath in due form of law that he never served in a civil capacity during the revolutionary war.

Sworn to & declared before me this 11th July 1833

S/ John McAlister, JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John McAlister - Justice of the Peace". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

The State of Alabama Autauga County

On this 17th day of October in the year while Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Anderson Crenshaw one of the Circuit Judges of said State, now sitting as Judge of the Circuit Court of said County, John A Hidecker, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged as stated in his former declaration, to which this is prayed to be taken and received as an amendment, who being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service – but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – For three years I served as a private volunteer, and for such service I claim a pension.

In explanation of the above statement the applicant states that he cannot with precision state at what time in the year 1779 his service commenced – he believes it was in the spring of that year, the last of that season. He also states that his service was as above stated, was not rendered continuously. Short intervals of a few weeks sometimes intervened at times when his service did not was not deemed indispensable and he obtained permission to see to his private affairs –

The applicant further states that his service above mentioned was rendered in an embodied Corps by authority either of the then General Government or under the sanction of State of South Carolina – and that during the said aggregate of three years he was not employed in any civil pursuit –

The applicant likewise states that the discharge which he has mentioned in his original declaration was received, according to the best of his recollection, from Colonel Horry near Orees plantation [sic, Horry's plantation], near Georgetown South Carolina in the fall of the year 1782, say the first of that season –

The applicant further adds that in the present state of his memory, it is impossible for him to specify, with more particularity than he has done in his original declaration, the circumstances of his service. He was in the battles of Savannah and Guilford Court House, as there stated – with the troops of General Marion – and in troops which volunteered, in several emergencies, particularly against the Tories – It is hoped that the fact that he was a stranger in this country at the time, both to the geographical situation in which he was place, and to the language spoken by the people, will be duly considered in forming a judgment of the correctness of his original, and this amended declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year above mentioned.

S/ M. P. Holman, Clk

S/ John A. Heydecker

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, full one-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]