

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Major Hitchens S36017

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Sussex County }
State of Delaware } SS

On this Twenty fourth day of June 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware aforesaid, personally appeared Major Hitchens aged Seventy five years resident in the County & State aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" That he the said Major Hitchens enlisted in 1777 or 1778 in the State of Delaware in the company commanded by Captain William McCannon [sic: William McKennan] of the Delaware Regiment that he continued to served in the said corps, or in the service of the United States untill the close of the revolutionary war when he was discharged from service in the Town of New Castle in New Castle County State of Delaware that he was in the Battles of Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] Cambden [sic: probably Battle of Hobkirk Hill near Camden SC, 25 Apr 1781] the Cowpens [7 Jan 1781] and several others not now recollected.

and that he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for his support and that he has not any other evidence of his services now in his power besides the certificates hereto annexed.

Major hisXmark Hitchens

[Jesse Royal (pension application S36258) and Mitchell Lecatt (S36040) certified Hitchens's service.]

Before me John Fisher district Judge of the United States for the Delaware district, personally came Jacob Furbee a resident in the said district, Esquire, aged about sixty-one years, a person to me well known & hereby certified to be worthy of credit, who being by me solemnly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, deposes and declares to the best of his knowledge & recollection, That Major Hitchens, late a soldier in the Delaware regiment, entered into the service of the U. States in the spring or summer of the year 1781 & joined a recruiting party at Christiana Bridge in the state of Delaware; that in the month of September in the same year the said Mager Hitchens marched with the Delaware troops, consisting partly of old soldiers, with a number of recruits, to the seige of York-town; and immediately after the capture of L'd. Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] that portion of said regiment (in which was the said Major Hitchens) was sent on to South Carolina to join the Delaware troops there under the command of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene], where we continued until the fall of 1782, when the remnant of the Delaware regiment returned home and arrived at Christiana Bridge aforesaid under the command of William McKennan & Paul Queenault [sic: Paul Quenowault], who were both at that time Captains; that this deponent was discharged on or about the 23^d of March 1783 & left the aforesaid Mager Hitchens in the service, who this deponent presumes was discharged, when the continental troops were disbanded; & further this deponent saith not.

Taken, sworn & subscribed at Dover, 15 May 1820

[signed] Jacob Furbee

State of Delaware} Ss

Before me Edward Roche Notary & Tabellion public for the State of Delaware on this seventeenth day of May AD eighteen hundred and twenty, personally came Caleb P. Bennett [pension application S35779] formerly an officer of the Delaware Regiment, in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and as such to me the said Notary personally well known; and herein worthy of full faith and credit, who being duly affirmed by me according to Law, on his solemn affirmation, affirms and

says. That he is acquainted with Major Hitchins, who is now an applicant for a Pension{ that to his certain knowledge the said Major Hitchins enlisted, and joined a detachment of the Delaware Regiment, in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one which detachment Capt. Wm. McKennan had the command, and this deponent was Lieutenant. That the said Detachment was then at Christiana Bridge and shortly afterwards marched to Virginia and served at the Siege of Yorktown, and at the Capture of the British army there that after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, the said Detachment marched to South Carolina and there joined the Remnant of the said Delaware Regiment, then commanded by Capt Robert Kirkwood, in the army of General Green. That the said Major Hitchins did serve as a private Soldier in the said Regiment as this deponent verily believes from the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one until the Peace, when the army was discharged by Proclamation.

[signed] C. P. Bennett

State of Delaware Ss:

Be it known that on this seventeenth day of May A.D. eighteen hundred and twenty, before me Edward Roche, Notary and Tabellion public for the State of Delaware, personally came Major P. Jaquett [sic: Peter Jaquett S46500] formerly an officer in the Delaware Regiment in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, and as such to me the said Notary personally well known; and herein worthy of full faith and credit: who being duly sworn according to Law on his solemn oath deposes and says; that Major Hitchens, an applicant for a Pension, was to his certain knowledge a Soldier in the aforesaid Delaware Regiment: that he well remembers the said Soldier as one of the Detachment under the command of Capt Wm McKennan & Lieut C. P. Bennett which joined the Remnant of said Regiment some time about the month of February seventeen hundred & eighty two then lying before the City of Charleston in South Carolina, and that he verily believes that the said Major Hitchens did serve as a Soldier in the said Regiment from sometime in the year Seventeen hundred and eighty one until he was discharged at the conclusion of the war.

[signed] P. Jaquett Late Capt. D.R.

On the third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty came personally before me William B. Cooper one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas for the State of Delaware Major Hitchens named in the above annexed certificate or declaration, and being by me first duly sworn, upon his Oath further declares that he may perhaps be mistaken as to the year in which he enlisted as a private soldier in the Delaware Regiment upon the Continental establishment, and altho his memory and recollection from age and infirmity does not at this time enable him to recollect the names of all the different officers under whom he served further than is stated in his original declaration; yet he avers and declares upon his solemn Oath that he served as a common soldier during the revolutionary war upon the Continental establishment for a longer period of time than nine months and that he has no other evidence of his services than the deposition to this and his preceeding declaration annexed.

Major hisXmark Hitchens

District of Delaware, Ss.

On this nineteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty One, personally appeared in Open Court of the Superior Court of the State of Delaware in and for Sussex County (it being a Court of Record and haveing the power of fine and imprisonment) Major Hitchens aged about Sixty – resident in Little Creek Hundred in the said County who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, in the Delaware Regiment, in the Company of Capt. Wm McCannon in the Delaware Line, The first declaration made by the Deponant was on the twenty fourth day June in the year one thousand eight hundred and Eighteen – and the pension he has received has been on the pension certificate No. 17,689. And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818

and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

The Inventory of Goods & Chattles of Major Hitchens

1 Cow	\$8.00
1 Bed Stead, Cord and Mat and some furniture	8.00
1 Old Bed Stead	0.75
2 Fish Barrels	0.37½
1 Old Chest	0.12½
1 Iron Pott and Hooks	0.25
1 Dozen Plates	0.50
1 Old Spider	0.6¼
3 Punch Bowls Cups & Saucers	0.12½
3 Jugs and 1 Bottle	0.25
2 tubs one Pigon Tile Ware	0.25
6 Puter Spoons	0.12½
3 old knives & 1 Fork	0. 6¼
2 Old Axes & one earthen pan	0.75
1 Old Tray & Old bole	0.12½
1 Old Table	0. 6¼
Some Bacon	3.00
2 Old Baskets	<u>0. 6¼</u>
	\$22.87½

And this deponent further saith that he is verry infirm and unable to work, this deponant has a wife named Sally about sixty five years of age & two grand children one about twelve years of age & the other about fourteen years of age who live with him, Sworn and Subscribed by the said Major Hitchens this nineteenth day of March Eighteen Hundred and twenty one. Major hisXmark Hitchens