

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Edward Hutchins S38052

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note: this application is heavily water damaged and very faint: Here is my best shot at it: use with care.]

District of Georgia For the State of Georgia Edward Hutchins of Laurens County and State of Georgia on the 11th day of September 182_ [last digit completely illegible] personally appeared in open Court being the Superior Court of Record established by the Legislature of Georgia for the Southern Circuit of the said State & having exclusive [indecipherable word] & jurisdiction over all civil & criminal causes of the last Resort, Edward Hutchins your petitioner of the age of seventy-six years or thereabouts & who being duly sworn according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the 1st of May 1820; that he the said Edward Hutchins enlisted for the first time in the character of a regular Soldier for the term of six months in the month of September A.D. 1775 in the State of North Carolina in the company commanded by Captain William [indecipherably faint text] & [several lines of indecipherably faint and heavily water damaged text] North Carolina, at the expiration of the above six months alluded to he then enlisted about the month of February A.D. 1776 in Captain William Ca [balance of name illegible] Company belonging to the 5th Regiment commanded by Colonel Buncombe for two years & six months but was returned for three years & served the whole time of three years in the Company & Regiment last set forth in the North Carolina line Continental Establishment but before the expiration of the three years service [several indecipherable words] to Colonel Buncombe was taken prisoner by the enemy at Germantown, taken to Philadelphia [indecipherable word or words] there [indecipherable word or words] prisoner of war, but by the loss of soldiers and other disasters of war Regiment then in operation was reduced & consolidated into to Regiments, your petitioner was then transferred to Captain Robert Fenner's Company & 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton & continued to serve in the said Corps until the 9th day of February 1779 when he was regularly discharge from said service by Colonel Silvey Harney [Selby Harney] in the State of North Carolina on Neuse River –

Your petitioner was in the Battle of Brandywine [indecipherable word] in the service of the 2nd Regiment, then the battle of Germantown in which he was [several indecipherable words] wounded in his left arm [several lines of indecipherably faint and heavily water damaged text] and was retained as a prisoner of war for 2 months and some days at New York was then [several indecipherable words] August exchanged the year forgotten into the said 2nd Regiment commanded by Colonel John Patton & on the 21st of November following his discharge took up the line of march for Charleston in the State of South Carolina, but while on the March in the State of North Carolina on the 9th of February [several indecipherable words] petitioner's term of service expired [several indecipherable words] discharge by Colonel Silvey Harney. Afterwards

[several indecipherable words] in the month of July was in the year 1781 under Colonel James Armstrong, they rendezvoused [several indecipherable words] following at which time the company with which he volunteered Joined the main Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] at the High Hills of Santee South Carolina and was discharged by Colonel Hardy Murphy [Hardy Murfree] in the month of May next following the entry of the last volunteer enlistment under Colonel James Armstrong, then on account of your petitioner's father having died & by your petitioner's representing the necessity of his being at home to take care of his Father's estate [a large number of lines illegible and heavily water damaged]

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an 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" 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 Schedule of your petitioner's property is as follows (viz.) 28 head of hogs, 12 head of cattle, [illegible] –1 cart, one shot gun, he is a common planter or laborer, he is old and illy able from the infirmities of age & effect of causes of heavy [indecipherable words] wounds occasioned by his serving in the Revolutionary War to procure for himself and the two daughters who live with him [balance of document is illegibly compromised by water damage with the exception of 2 interlineations one reading "about 30 years of age" and the other reading "is about 21 years of age" which I assume all references to the ages of the 2 daughters he mentions in his application].

10th Sept. 1824

S/ Edward Hutchins, X his mark

[Note: Because the application is so heavily damaged, I have elected to transcribe the body of a letter dated September 26, 1925 in which the contents of the application were summarized in response to an inquiry, as follows:

"I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S – 38052, it appears that Edward Hutchins enlisted in September 1775 and served six months as a private in Captain William Fenner and Captain Robert White's Companies, Colonel Howe's North Carolina Regiment.

"He enlisted November 21, 1776 and served in Captain William Caswell's Company, Colonel Buncombe's 5th North Carolina Regiment, was transferred to Captain Robert Fenner's Company, Colonel John Patton's 2nd North Carolina Regiment and was in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown, (in one of which he was slightly wounded in the left arm), Monmouth, and Stony Point on June 1, 1779 when he was taken prisoner, held two months in New York, then exchanged and rejoined his Regiment and was discharged February 8, 1780.

"He enlisted in July 1781 and served as Sergeant in Captain Brevard Company of the 10th North Carolina Regiment until July 11, 1782.

"He was allowed pension on his application a cutie June 15, 1821 while residing in Laurens County, Georgia, aged 76 and there stated that he had 2 daughters, Minny, aged 30 years and Gaither or Gather, aged 21 years, and that his wife was dead. Her name is not on record."

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State of North Carolina Secretary's Office 6 November 1821

I William Hill Secretary of State in & for the State aforesaid, do hereby Certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State that Edward Hutchins a private in Captain Caswell's Company of the 5th Regiment was mustered on the 21st of November 1776, for 3 years, was a prisoner on the first June 1779 and discharged 8th of February 1780. That Edward Hutchins a Sergeant in Captain Brevard's Company of the 10th Regiment was mustered in 1781 for 12 months and left the service on the 11th of July 1782.

Given under my hand the date above.

S/ Wm Hill

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 15, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]