

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hunt S38053

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Commonwealth of Kentucky Muhlenberg County: Sct

On this 5th day of March in the year 1834 personally appeared John Sr.¹ before the undersigned a Justice of the peace for said County as the said John Hunt from bodily infirmity is unable to attend the Court of the County and he being sworn by me upon his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated under Captain Robert Moore, Merick Davis [Myrick Davis] Lieutenant, Joseph Cunningham Esquire in the County of Roan [sic, Rowan] in the State of North Carolina our commander in chief was General Retherford [sic, Griffith Rutherford] Colonels Frances Lock [sic, Francis Locke] Major Berringer [probably John Henry Barrier, his last name is spelled in many various ways] in July 1776 he believes he was marched to Buck Creek at the Fort where we joined the main body of General Rutherford's Brigade we then went against the cherocee [sic, Cherokee] Nation of Indians when we came to the first Town we found the Indians had fled to Overhill Town we pursued them there where we killed a few Indians & took some Negroes & whites destroyed their houses, grain &c and after ranging throughout scouring the Country which occupied three months we were discharged by our officers verbally after giving us credit for three months tours. In 1778 or 1779 I think in June I entered the service under Ensign Cunningham and joined General Rutherford & his troops & marched to a place called Colstons the place of Rendexed [sic, rendezvous] of Tories & British: here of our provisions failed and my Company was ordered out in search of beef & other provisions. We obtained some beef cattle & after taking one or two Tories and driving our cattle near our troops, when an express met us informing us that General Davidson [William Lee Davidson] had engaged the Tories & British and that Davidson's situation was a critical one and as hungry as we were we was obliged to leave our beef and push as fast as we could to the assistance of Davidson and after traveling some miles we met some of Davidson's troops who informed us that the battle was over the British and Tories had fled we were then ordered to go & occupy Colstons farm [Colson's Farm, July 21, 1780] we lay there one day during which time the British & Tories made their appearance. We formed the order of Battle and a light horse company that was attached to our Army pursued them and the British fled before them. Colonel Locke then ordered Major Berringer with his Battalion (to which I was attached) to march to Brown's Creek where we were informed the Tories were gathering. We obeyed the orders & scour the Country but found no enemy. And after returning to Colstons and continuing there some days we were discharged. The length of time that he was engaged in this service he cannot recollect but he believes that it

¹ The War Department interpreted this as "Jr."

was in October 1779 when he got home he received no written discharge. After Gates defeat [August 15-16, 1780] he was called on by his Ensign Cunningham two or three times to scour the Country on account of the depredations of the Tories and he was also called on by Lieutenant Davis about as often in the same service but the number of days he does not now recollect. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no 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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ James Taggart, JP

S/ John Hunt, H his mark

[Benjamin Talbert, a clergyman residing in Butler County & William Jenkins residing in Butler County gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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1. Where & when were you born

I was born in New Jersey in the year 1750 or 51.

2. Have you any record of your age

A. My father kept my age in the family Bible which has been destroyed.

3. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? – I lived in Roan County State of North Carolina when I entered the service and continued to reside there until the year 1806 when I removed to Muhlenberg County where I now live.

How were you called into service

I was drafted

The Regular Officers that I was acquainted with were General Davidson, General Morgan & General Gates

I never received any written discharge from my Officer

I am acquainted with Captain J. S. Baker, Major John Howell, William Abbet, Joel Jenkins & David Harper

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[Facts in file: veteran died April 30, 1834.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum for six months service in the North Carolina militia.]