

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hunt S38062

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Virginia to wit

On this 29th of May 1818 before me the undersigned one of the Judges of the General Court and Judge of the 3rd Judicial Circuit came James Hunt aged 59 years of the County of Prince William one of the Counties of the 3rd Circuit aforesaid & being by me first duly sworn doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late Act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" – That in the month of October 1776, he the said Hunt entered the Army of the United States in the Company commanded by Captain Mallory of the 3rd Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, the said Hunt entering as a substitute for a Class which according to the then existing laws & regulations were bound to furnish a regular soldier for and during the War. That the said Hunt entered in the service of the United States until the year 1781 when he was discharged at Fredericksburg in Virginia, and has lost his written discharge. That he was in the Battles of Savannah [probably the siege of Savannah, September 16 – October 18, 1779], where he was severely wounded & made Prisoner – at the Siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British May 12, 1780], – in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777] & Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and others of repute. That he is very poor and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support – and that although there are living witnesses of his services he has it not in his power to procure their testimony.

Sworn to and declared before me the Day & year above.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade

Virginia 3rd Judicial Circuit

Superior Court of Fairfax to wit:

On this 24th day of May 1820 personally appeared in open Court aforesaid (being a Court of record for the said County of Fairfax within the Circuit aforesaid) James Hunt aged seventy years resident in the said County who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit "He enlisted in Charleston South Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain Thomas Buckner in the 3rd Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel William Heth, Virginia Line for and during the war all of which will more fully appear by his declaration of record in the Department of War bearing date the 29 of May 1818" whereupon he has received a Certificate of pension bearing date the 21st of July 1819 and numbered 12,494 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 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. I also declare that I was not bred to any trade, but and [sic, when?] I quitted the Army hath taken up without instruction the business or occupation of a rough Carpenter which from my advanced age I am now but little able to practice that my youngest child is upwards of twenty-one years of age and none of my family resides with me nor nearer to me than one hundred fifty miles.

S/ James Hunt, X his mark

A Schedule of the Property, Goods and effects of the above mentioned James Hunt by him subscribed and delivered in Open Court on making the above Declaration (viz.)

one old Broad axe	\$2
one Hand saw	2
one auger 4/6, two chissells 3/ one file 9/	1.37 ½
one drawing knife	.75
	\$6.12 ½

S/ James Hunt, X his mark

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in Prince William County James Duvall [?]¹ and made oath that James Hunt a soldier in the Regiment to which he Belonged was in an action at Williamsburg under his Command in the month of March or April 1781.

S/ Zachariah Ward

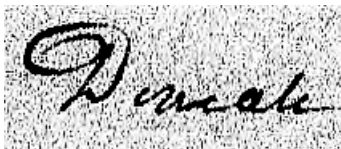
Fairfax County to wit

This day personally appeared before me John C. Hunter one of the Magistrate for the said County in the Commonwealth of Virginia, Robert Preston² and made oath that James Hunt of said County was taken prisoner with him in Charleston South Carolina in the year 1780, and that at that time he the said James Hart longed to the 3rd Virginia Regiment in the service of the United States, commanded by Colonel William Heath [William Heath].

Given under my hand this 25th day of January 1819

S/ John C Hunter

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 29, 1818, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]



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² [Robert Preston W4056](#)