

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hudson S41675

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

On this 6th day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law & Courts of Equity for the State aforesaid personally appeared John Hudson aged about sixty-five years resident in Mecklenburg County in said State, 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 John Hudson enlisted in the regular service in Smithfield Johnson [Johnston] County in the State of North Carolina in the Company commanded by Captain William Ward of the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina Battalion in the Spring of the year 1776; That he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the fall of the year 1778, when he was discharged from service near to Baltimore State of Maryland; That he was in the battles of Brandywine and long bridge and Germantown, and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except what is hereunto annexed.

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid

S/ Robert H Burton, JCL & E

S/ John Hudson, X his mark

State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1820

On the 29th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for said County proceeding according to the course of the common law with Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, possessing a seal and having power of fine & imprisonment, John Houston between sixty-five & seventy years of age who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & first of May 1820, That he the said John Houston enlisted into the Service of the United States as a Continental Soldier under William Ward Captain in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina line in the year 1776 for two & a half years service in the County of Johnson [Johnston], that he was commanded by Colonel Burcomb [Edward Buncombe] & that he marched with said Regiment to Wilmington North Carolina, that he was then marched to the State of Maryland still under the command of said Colonel Buncombe, that he was at the Battles of Brandywine and at Germantown, that he received a contusion on the head at the Battle of Brandywine, and that he continued to serve as a Continental soldier for the full term of two & half years for which he was

enlisted, and was Honorably discharged in one of the states to the North of Baltimore, And he has long since worn out & destroyed his discharge under a belief that it would never be of any service to him, That he has no evidence now in his possession of his said Service except his certificate lately issued from the Secretary's Office of his having been placed on the pension list of the United States pursuant to the said act of the 18th of March 1818 and consequence of his declaration made before the Honorable Robert Burton one of the Circuit Judges of the Courts of the State of North Carolina in the year 1818. The said John Hudson doth further solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him and that he has no means other than the Schedule hereto annexed and subscribed by him, he also swears that he for many years past under an inflammation in the left leg and about ten years ago he had to submit to an amputation of the same, that he formerly supported himself by dressing deerskins & making buckskin gloves but that for ill health and debility he is now totally incapable of performing any Services towards his support that he has two in family his wife about seventy years of age and his daughter about twenty-six years of age, that his wife is very infirm and that he and his wife is greatly indebted to the Executors of his daughter for their scanty support

A schedule of the property of John Hudson on this 29th of August 1820

one old horse about 12 years of age valued	\$30
one mare about 10 years of age	35
2 cows & calves	20
2 cheap [?] beds with some bed close	6
2 old tubs	1
one bed stand	1.50
2 pots & one Dutch oven	4
2 piggins & one old pail	.50
one case of knives & forks	1.50
half dozen plates	.50
one cutting box	3
one Saddle	<u>3</u>
	\$106.25

The above is all the property I am possessed of except a tract of land which I attracted for since I was placed on the pension list under the belief that it would be certain I agreed to give \$307 for said Tract containing 107 acres and I paid \$80 of my pension money in part for it and was to have a credit of two years for the balance, I have no title for said land, and was to have none until it was paid for, If my pension should be discontinued I shall have to give up the land as I have no means of paying the balance.

S/ John Hudson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing May 8, 1818, for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]