

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hunter S4411

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State of Tennessee Robertson County: SS

On this third day of April 1833 personally appeared before me Henry Frey one of the Acting Justices of the peace in and for said County of Robertson Thomas Hunter a resident of the County of Robertson in State of Tennessee aged seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make 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.

He states that he was drafted for a tower [tour] of three months in the year 1778 in the State of South Carolina Richland County and entered the service under Robert Gooden Colonel William Simmons Captain and Joseph Culpepper Lieutenant he was marched to Charleston in the State of South Carolina was stationed there until his term of service expired he was then dismissed and sent home, there was no regular officers at Charleston during the time he was stationed there. He states that he has been much afflicted ever since the revolutionary war and for the last eighteen years severely by reason of which together with old age he cannot recollect the day and month which he entered the service neither can he recollect the Regiment to which he belonged he further states that after his return from Charleston he went to what is now called East Tennessee where he again entered the service as a Substitute for a man by the name of Carmeil Jones for a tower of 3 months in the year 1779 under John Sevier Colonel Valentine Sevier Captain, he was rendezvoused on the waters of Holston River the place not now recollected was marched against the Cherokee Indians at what was then called the Valley towns and destroyed their Towns and killed 17 Indians and took 22 prisoners we took the prisoners to Nolichucky River and delivered them up to the proper authorities after the expiration of the service tower he still remained in East Tennessee he states that for the reasons before stated he cannot recollect the day or month which he entered the service neither at the time at which he quit the service.

The applicant further states sometime after his second tower expired he again was drafted for a tower of three months service in East Tennessee in the year 1780 under John Sevier Colonel Valentine Sevier Captain he was rendezvoused near the Watauga River in what is now called East Tennessee he marched with the other troops to Kings Mountain he was not in the battle at Kings Mountain where Ferguson was defeated the horsemen were marched forward and was in the battle. The footmen of which he was one was left behind and did not arrive until the battle was over. Colonel Campbell was Commander in Chief he states that he was marched from Kings Mountain towards Salisbury North Carolina with the prisoners though he did not go to Salisbury but was permitted to return. The applicant further states that he served in the

revolutionary war in the three towers of service in all nine months.

The applicant further states that he was born on the 17th day of March in the year 1763 in as he was informed by his parents in the State of North Carolina Halifax County his father moved when he was an infant to the State of South Carolina Richland County. That he has a record of his age in his possession which was furnished him by a Cozen [cousin] of his. That after the revolution he resided sometime in the State of South Carolina Richland County where he resided when he entered the service he then removed to Spartanburg South Carolina he then moved to East Tennessee Jefferson County he then moved to West Tennessee Montgomery County he then moved to Robertson County where he now resides. He further states that he never received any written discharge for either of the towers which he served he further states that he can prove by Conrad Coon¹ his character for veracity and his belief of his services in the revolution. The applicant further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services. He thereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State or, if any,

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ H. Frey

S/ Thomas Hunter, X his mark

[Ephraim Pool, a clergyman, and Conrad Coon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the South Carolina and North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Conrad Coon S3177](#)