

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Luckey S4580

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State of Tennessee Fayette County: Hugh Lucky

On this 15th day of January 1833 personally appeared before the County Court of Fayette County in said State of Tennessee aged 70 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 provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was a resident of Lincoln County North Carolina at the age of about 16 entered the service of the United States, as a militia man in Captain Lofton's Company whose company he thinks was attached to Colonel Graham's Regiment. That his first regular service and that of his company was as Rangers and for this purpose and in this sort of service he was actively employed for some months, although he in common with his neighbors and County men had voluntarily without being regularly attached to any Regiment been engaged in some severe skirmishes against the Tories before --

The next service he rendered was shortly afterwards, precise date not recollected, his term came to go out, and went under Captain White to Wilmington in what among the soldiers was called Rutherford's expedition being under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] -- And on this expedition he was taken prisoner by a party of Tories and with much difficulty was released, partly on account of his youth, that he and some others had been out on a scout from the Main body of the troops and thus exposed he and some of his comrades were taken prisoner. States that he is now frail and his memory has failed him as to minute particulars. That he was for a considerable time under the command of Captains White & Lofton he recollects distinctly but cannot now give the dates nor all the excursions they took. States that he was in all from the time he entered service to the close of the War about three years under arms, part of the time he was kept as a minute man subject to call whenever necessary for foreign service, and engaged often in protecting the Country against the ravages & inroads of the Tories; in these expeditions he served suffered much and frequently made narrow escapes until they at length succeeded in putting them down -- He supposes that it might be called a draft when he went into service regularly, at all events the Captains' Company were all classed and [indecipherable word, possibly "went"] on tours of duty in their turn, and this affiant had several different tours in his turn. One celebrated encounter with the Tories in his time and in which he was engaged was as a volunteer was called the battle of Ramsour's at Ramsour's Mill in Lincoln County. He further states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no

individual in this part of the Country in which he lives, except James Reed who can prove his actual service, although he believes that there are other persons living who might prove it if it were in his power to hunt them up, but feels unable to undertake such a task.

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.

S/ Hugh Luckey

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Thomas C. Hudson, Clerk

This day came into open Court James Reed a Citizen of the County of Fayette and made oath that he has known Hugh Lucky, who makes the above declaration sense and during the War of the Revolution and states that he has seen him in the Company of which he speaks as a soldier & knows that he did perform duty as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, part of the time he alludes to in his declaration, that this affiant lived at that time in the same County and neighborhood with him, but being younger was not in the ranks nor does he know the whole tenor of his service; but recollects distinctly that he said Lucky was out in the latter part of the war, He did not then know the different Regiments or the regulation of the Militia and hence cannot say what Regiment Captain White's Company was attached in which Company said lucky was at the time he speaks of --

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court

S/ Thomas C. Hudson, Clerk

S/ Jas Reed

[Seton Hudspeth and H. S. Morgan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Fayette County: Set

On this 9th Day of December 1833 personally appeared in the Circuit Court in and for the County of Fayette in the State of Tennessee Hugh Lucky aged seventy-one 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in a company commanded by Captain Baldrige of Lincoln County and State of North Carolina and several different tours in different Companies by Captain Loftin the Captain of a company of Rangers and Captain Winslow under whom he volunteered and by Captain Grimes which Companies were under General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] he was marched from Lincoln County North Carolina to Ramsour's¹ in the same County but the battle had been close before the arrival of the Company to which this declarant was attached and many other small skirmishes in the State of North Carolina and was marched to South Carolina by Colonel Graham who was the Colonel commanding the Company to which this declarant belonged. This declarant resided in the State of North Carolina at the time he entered the Army of the revolution and left the Service at the close of the War & served in all 3 years. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed this 9th Day of December 1833.

The court then propounded the following interrogatories as required by the War department.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1763 and at the age of 16 years I entered the service of the revolution and was born in Lancaster County State of Pennsylvania

¹ If this is a reference to the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, that engagement occurred on June 20, 1780.
<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I had but it has been lost or destroyed

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in the County of Lincoln North Carolina and since the revolution, I have lived in Lincoln County North Carolina & Franklin County Tennessee I lived in Franklin County Tennessee 2 years and in Hardeman County Tennessee one year and have resided in Fayette County Tennessee ever since

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was drafted the first service and served in all 3 years in the War of the Revolution

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Captain Alexander Brevard so well as I recollect was a regular but did not command the company to which I was attached my memory fails me and I do not recollect the names of the Regular Continental officers.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a discharge from Captain Gale [?] but did not get discharges as he was a minute man until the end of the war.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer, I am known by James Read who knows I was a revolutionary Soldier and Hiram S. Morgan Esquire my neighbor and many others who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a Soldier of the Revolution. The character of those persons are known to William C. Dunlap Esquire in Congress.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this night day 1833

S/ Isaac B. McCallan, Clk

S/ Hugh Luckey

[Hermann S. Morgan, a clergyman, and James Read gave the standard supporting affidavit; in addition "He the said Read knows that the said applicant did serve as he states in his declaration he was a youth but new the applicant at that period."]

County Court of Fayette April Term 1834

On this 17th day of April 1834 Personally appeared in open Court Hugh Luckey who has applied for a pension under the Act of 1832 to which declaration this is an amendment. That he served under Captain Baldrige as mentioned in his foregoing declaration three months each time for which he volunteered and served under said Baldrige about two years or more and under Colonel Graham and General Rutledge under Captain Loftin part of his time he volunteered under Captain Broksdale [sic] from the County of Prince Edward Virginia and continued in service under him nine months and was marched from thence to Petersburg, and thence to Southfield where he received his discharge[:] the list of Skirmishes are in his foregoing declaration and served each tour of duty of three months each for about three years in all[:] his memory is very frail and he cannot recollect any more than what he has already stated in the

declaration accompanying this amendment.

S/ Hugh Luckey

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court this 17th of April 1834

S/ Thomas C. Hudson, Clerk

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for six months service in the revolution.]