

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Abram Hunsucker S5258

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State of Virginia, Washington County

On this 22nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the justices of Washington County now sitting, Abram Hunsucker, called by the Soldiers Hunnesuckle, a resident of the said County and State, aged Seventy eight 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 7, 1832.

That said Abram Hunsucker or Hunnesukle [sic] states that he was born, as he has been informed by his parents, in the year 1754 in Lancaster County Pennsylvania; that his father when this affiant was very young, first removed to Shenandoah County Virginia, and then into Cumberland County North Carolina, on Deep River. This affiant performed several tours of duty as a militia man against the British and the Indians during the Revolutionary war, previous to the year 1781 but he is now not able to say how long he was in each tour of service. About the first of the year 1781 he served a tour of about three months and in that time he was under the command of Captain Clark [Mordecai Clark] of the North Carolina militia in the battle of the Cowpens, General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] commanding the American forces. Shortly after returning home it was required that each fifteen militia man should furnish one man for twelve months. This affiant then of Captain Henry Read's company of militia in Burke County engaged for that service; was marched to Salisbury & sworn in and placed under the command of Captain Brevard [Alexander Brevard] and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Dixon [Henry Dixon]. From there he was marched and joined General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] at the siege of Ninety Six. From this place after raising the siege he marched with Greene to the high hills of Santee. There after various marches was with Greene in the battle of Eutaw Springs being then under the immediate command of General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter]. From Eutaw went back to the Santee hills and at after various marches was honorably discharged at Camden by Col. Dixon having served 12 months. This affiant has lost his discharge and has no documentary evidence of his service.

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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Abram Hunsucker, X his mark

State of Virginia, Scott County, To wit:

This day John Huntsucker [sic] personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace in & for the said County of Scott and made oath that Abram Hunsucker was drafted under Captain Henry Read in Burke County State of North Carolina and served a twelve month in the Revolutionary war. This affiant does not recollect the year, but he saith he does recollect that his service terminated with the Revolutionary war. This affiant understood that the said Abram Hunsucker was under the command of General Morgan at the Cowpens. This affiant further saith that he understood & believes that the said Abram Hunsucker was in the battle at the Cowpens and afterward

in a battle fought at the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina under General Sumner.

Given under my hand this 11th October 1832.

S/ James H. Stewart

I further certify that it is proven before me that the above named John Hunsucker is a credible witness.

S/ James H. Stewart

State of Virginia, Scott County To wit:

This day John Smith personally appeared before me the undersigned justice of the peace in & for said County and made oath that Abram Hunsucker was drafted under Captain Henry Read in Burke County State of North Carolina, and serve a twelve month in the Revolutionary war. This affiant does not recollect the year but he well recollects that his service terminated with the revolutionary war. This affiant saith he was with the said Abram Hunsucker in the battle at the Cowpens and he the said Hunsucker was under the command of General Morgan. This affiant saith he well recollects that the said Hunsucker was gone for the space of one year. And he further saith that he understood that the said Hunsucker was in the battle at the Eutaw Springs in the State of South Carolina.

Given under my hand this 11th day of October 1832

S/ James H. Stewart

I further certify that the above named John Smith is a credible witness.

S/ James H. Stewart

[The file also contains a largely illegible certificate given in support of the claimant's character by Joseph Barker, a clergyman.]

[Facts in file: Veteran died January 6, 1834, place not stated; a daughter of the veteran is referred to but not named in the file; there is no further family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]