

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Thomas Hutson S5447

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Virginia } ss.

County of Brooke } On this twenty ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the county court of Brooke, in the State of Virginia,

Thomas Hutson, resident in the same county, and state, aged seventy three years past, 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.

Declarant was born in the city of Dublin, in the Kingdom of Ireland in the year 1759 and emigrated to the Colony of Pennsylvania in the year 1773. Early in the summer of the year 1780 (month not recollected) enlisted as a private soldier in the army of the United States, in the Pennsylvania line, on the continental establishment, at a place called the Canogagegen[?] settlement [probably near Conococheague Creek], and about three miles from Green Castle, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, with Captain Bligh, to serve seven months. The declarant, with other enlisted soldiers were marched to Philadelphia, under the command of Captain Bligh, and thence marched to join the American Army beyond Morristown, in New Jersey; Declarant was then in Captain [Jacob] Bower's Company of the Sixth Regiment of the Pennsylvania line, and as well as Declarant can recollect, Colonel [Richard] Butler commanded the Regiment, and General Anthony Wayne, the line. In the fall of the year 1780 the Troops went into Winter Quarters, in Huts, near Morristown until near Christmas of that year, when the main army moved towards Princetown [Princeton]; Declarant obtained a pass or permit to return to Philadelphia, which was signed by Capt. Bower's, declarants commander, and when he arrived at Philadelphia, was ordered to the Col. Commandant, Col. Nichols who gave a written discharge to declarant, which is now lost, But it stated that Declarant had served seven months, the full time of declarant's enlistment.

Declarant further states that, continuing to reside in Canogagesee Settlement aforesaid, near to Frankstown, and within a short distance of the Juniatta river [sic: Juniata River], he, said Declarant, was drafted in the Spring of the year 1781 (month not recollected) to serve as a Militia man, a tour of two months duty, and this duty was performed by Declarant under the command of Captain McKinney. The company to which declarant belonged were, at the commencement of their tour of duty, stationed at Frankstown, near the Juniatta river, and remained at that station about two weeks, protecting the inhabitants from Indian depredations – thence was taken to a place called the “Standing Stone” [at present Huntingdon PA] on the bank of the Juniatta river, engaged in protecting the inhabitants from the Indians, and at the expiration of the said two months draft, which Declarant faithfully performed, was permitted to return home, and, as was the usual custom, on the expiration of such service, no written discharge was given. In this last mentioned service there was no continental officers or troops. Declarant further states that he has now no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

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. Thomas hisXmark Hutson

We John McMillen and Andrew Henderson Esq'r. residing in the County of Brooke and State of Virginia, hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Thomas Hutson, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy three years of age past,; and he is reputed and believed, in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we

concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid

[signed] Jno. McMillen

[signed] Andrew Henderson

[Certified by Adam Kuhn, Clerk of the Court.]

[On 4 May 1833 Hutson was issued a certificate for a pension of \$30 per year for 9 months service. The certificate has “drop” written on it. Hutson was apparently dropped from the pension list as a result of the following report by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton, who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Thomas Hutson/ Pen. Brook cyt/ Fraud

this fellow never done one hours service – he is as great a scamp as ever I met with – his mind and memory is as good as ever it was. So says his neighbours. they also say he is an impostur – his own statements convict him of the fact.

Thomas Hutson

{Declaration alledges that he served 9 month in Pa. line & Militia, under Capt Bligh & col.

{Butler. So says abstract from Brook County.

I the undersigned Thomas Hutson in pursuance of the requisitions of the Secretary of War make the following as a re-Declaration of my Revolutionary services to Wit.

I cant say certainly what is my age, but from Information I believe I am 77 or 78 years old. I am a native of Ireland. Came to the United States the fall before the Tea was burnt at Boston [16 Dec 1773]. I lived near Greencastle during the war of the Revolution, moved to this county about 30 years ago. – after the British was in Philadelphia and had left it [18 Jun 1778] (I cant say how long after the British left Philadelphia nor in what year) “I was enlisted for for seven months and received \$500 bounty in continental money.” my Captains name was Bligh. I cant now recollect when my company met or rendesvouzed “but some where in Pa.” – nor can I recollect the name of my Lt. or Ensign, our company marched alone to Philadelphia and went from there by water to Trenton. we joined the american army but I cant say where, “I think they called the place Red Banks” “one Antheney Wayne” was commanded. I think my Colonels name was Butler – the Pensylvania troops revolted [1 Jan 1781] whist we lay in Winter quarters – the enemy went to Princeton where I was discharged. “I got a written discharge which I sold for 12 or 13 Gallons of whiskey” thinking it would be of no service to me. – I allow it was about this time of the year (July 9) when I enlisted & was discharged the following Christmas. “I reckon may be” I was in service near seven months – one Nicklin a Col gave me my discharge.

awhile after the last preceeding tour was done I cant say how long. perhaps a year or two – “I — enlisted. I — lived — I took the bounty – got \$8– for two months. we started from some mills. McKinney was captain. he had 40 men. Went to the Standing Stone then to Bedford, then out towards Frankstown and Woodcock Vally. then to a Fort the name of which I have forgotten. returned to Juneatta and was discharged this latter service was a year or two after cornwallis and his army was taken Prissoners at Yorktown [19 Oct 1781]. I did not prove my services except by reputation. Capt McCluney wrote my Declaration. cant say whether the statement now given is in substance the same given to him. July 10, 1835

Witness/ W McCluney

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Thomas hisXmark Hutson

W G Singleton

NOTE:

I am unable to find any basis for Singleton’s charge of fraud except hearsay from unsworn, unnamed neighbors.

The file of Thomas Hutson includes a letter from D. L. Seymour of Washington to James L.

Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, dated 30 Dec 1844, inquiring when "Thomas Hutchinson [sic] late a pensioner of Virginia was put on the pension roll & when he was struck off & whether after he was stricken off he was restored." There is no answer in the file.