

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Hutchison, Sr S5585

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State of Virginia } S.S.

Monroe County }

On this 22^d day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Monroe now sitting John Hutchison Sen'r a resident of the said County and state of Virginia aged 77 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: That in the month of February 1778 he was drafted in that part of the County of Botetourt, since the County of Greenbrier, and now the County of Monroe, where he then resided, and where he has ever since resided, to serve a tour of duty of one year as a regular soldier in the revolutionary war under a requisition of the state of Virginia, for all the single men in the said state between the age of 18 and 45 to serve a tour as aforesaid and to find their own cloths, with the liberty of choosing their officers; that he was marched by Capt. Thomas Bowyer from the said County of Botetourt in the month of March 1778 through the counties of Rockbridge Augusta Rockingham, Orange and on to the Potomac near George Town where he crossed it & continued his march through a part of the state of Maryland (about where the City of Washington now stands), to the Schuylkill River in the State of Pennsylvania, at valley forge, where the American Army under the command of General Washington, were then in Winter quarters; that he chose to serve under Capt Andrew Wallis [sic: Andrew Wallace] of the 12th Virginia regiment of Infantry [renumbered the 8th Regiment on 14 Sep 1778, then absorbed into the 4th Reg.] under the Command of Col James Wood, and General Charles Scott's brigade. After having chosen his officers & company as aforesaid he was inoculated for the small pox and before he had finally recovered from inoculation, he was taken sick by the Camp fever. The Brittish army having evacuated Philadelphia [18 June 1778], the American Army pursued, and he was not able to march. He and the rest of the sick left behind the army, were viewed weekly by the Doctor General & those able to march were sent with officers to join it; the sick with whom he was at length overtook the Army at King's Ferry on the Hudson River; he was then assigned to Captain [Andrew] Waggoner's company, (Captain Wallis being sent home as supernumerary) and marched with the army to White Plains in the state of New York: After the Army arrived at White Plains he volunteered to serve in Captain George Walls' company of Riflemen, which was one of three companies of Riflemen detached to guard the lines of the American Army under the command of General Nathaniel Guess [sic: Nathaniel Gist], whose guard was assigned from Philip's buildings on the Hudson River, to the foot of Valentine Hill near said river [in present Yonkers]. Some short time after having arrived at his station, Col Guess's detachment ambuscaded and drove a foraging party of the Enemy of about three or four hundred, and took six or seven prisoners; that he continued to serve in said detachment until about the time Army was to leave white plains, when orders were received by Col Guess to be ready to march at a minuets warning, when Maj'r Taylor left his station on Valentine's hill without such marching orders before day light, which was immediately occupied by the Brittish who surrounded Col Guess and succeeded in taken about 37 men from him. About this time the main army moved from White plains to the vicinity of West Point, as he understood, & the Infantry under the Command of General Scott further towards the state of Connecticut, & he and six other men were selected by Captain Walls, under the order of the commander in chief to ascertain, if possible, what number of transports the Brittish were supposed to be sending to Georgia from their shipping which lay in New York harbour. He proceeded with his captain & the other men selected upon this service, and whilst engaged in it, he and they, at one time took seven prisoners of the Enemy, and at another, having met with a small party of Jersey militia and American dragoons drove a Brittish picket guard from off "Hordes Servics" [?] (which is joining Powley's Hook), and brought away from them between 15 & 18 horses which were under their guard. He continued under the command of the said Captain Walls in this service, until the

Army again crossed the Hudson into Jersey, & the Infantry were recalled and all marched to Bonbrook [sic: Bound Brook] & Middlebrook in the said State of New Jersey, where they took up their winter quarters, & then he was again restored to Capt Wallis's Company, in which he continued until he was discharged, which discharge took place there in the latter part of the month of February 1779 having served the said term of one year as aforesaid. His discharge was signed by Col Nathaniel Guess (in the absence of General Charles Scott) which he has since lost, and he has now no documentary or other evidence in his power of said service; he knows of no person whose evidence he can procure, who can testify to his service.

He was born in the County of Augusta & State of Virginia the 27th day of April 1755, having seen the record of his age in an old bible in the hand writing of his father; he does not now know where the said record is.

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 & subscribed the day & year aforesaid
John Hutchison Sr
[Certified by John Hutchison, Jr, Clerk of the Court of Monroe County.]

[The following report is by District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated many pensioners from present West Virginia. For details see the pension application of David W. Sleeth (S6111).]

John Hutchison - 1 yr. Va. Militia [sic]

I the undersigned John Hutchison make the following redeclaration of my services as a soldier in the war of the revolution to Wit.

I was born April 27, 1755- am a native of Augusty County Va. in the year 1776 I moved with my father to the neighbourhood in which I now live - in February 1778, I was drafted for one year to serve as a regular, with liberty to choose my company and Regt in the Virginia line. - I went from home to Vally Forge. there joined (of my own choice) Capt. Andrew Wallis Company Col. James Woods Regt. (the 12th Virginia Regt) I was inoculated with the small pox, and when convalescing took the camp fever - whilst I lay sick of the camp fever, the army moved off for the white Plains. I joined the army before it reached the white Plains. "I overhalled it at the Hudson river" on joining the army at the Hudson River I was transfered to Capt Waggoners Company. Capt Wallis with other officers were sent home as supenumeries - after being at the White Plain for 3 or 4 weeks, the light infantry was detached to guard the lines between the American & British armies I volunteered in that service. was attached to Capt Walls or Wails Company. I continued in the service last above mentioned until we went into winter quarters at Baskin ridge N. Jersey. I remained there until about the first of march 1779 and was then discharged haveing been twelve months in actual service. I got a written discharge, cant tell what has become of it - about 200 of us marched from Virginia to vally forge under the conduct of Capt Thomas Bowyer & Lt. Walker. My son John wrote my Declaration.

Sept'r. 8, 1835.

John Hutchison

a copy. W. G. Singleton