

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Huff S5590

VA

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State of Virginia

Franklin County Sct.

On the 1st day of July in the year 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the justices of the County court of Franklin County now setting John Huff a resident in the County aforesaid & state aforesaid aged seventy years who being first sworn according to Law doth on oath make this declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was born in Pittsylvania county Va [sic: formed from Halifax County in 1767] and lives now as above in the adjoining county of Franklin Va. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1781 at Henry Courthouse Va by Draft, that he was marched from Henry county in a company of Militia commanded by Capt'n. Thomas Henderson and Lieut't Matt'w Small [Matthew Small] and joined the main army in South Carolina under the command of Gen'l [Nathanael] Greene, at a place called 96 – where he was engaged in a battle [siege of Ninety Six SC, 22 May - 19 Jun 1781]. from 96 the army march to a place called Camden in said State of South Carolina where he was discharged after a service of six months – On his return home he volunteered in Henry County now Franklin to serve in a company commanded by Capt. John Renfrow [sic: John Renfro] and marched against some Tories collected on the North Carolina [in Oct 1781 according to Renfro's pension application (W9250)] – We fell in with them captured 12 or fifteen and was then marched to Prince Edward County Va. where he was discharged after a service of one and a half months – on returning home he again volunteered in Henry county Va in a company of militia commanded by said Capt. Renfro, and marched against some of the British then stationed in North Carolina – and was again discharged – after a service of one and a half months — This applicant expressly states that he was in actual service nine months that he never quit till honourably discharged – His discharges are all lost and he has no documentary evidence He is well known in Franklin county where he resides – and if any should doubt his statements he refers for his character for truth to the Hon Judge Saunders of Franklin County Colo James Hairston and Nath'l H Claiborne member of Congress all of whom know him well. the interrogatories prescribed by the department being put to him he has answered the same by the foregoing declaration — He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll or the agency of any state sworn and subscribed to in open court the day & year aforesaid

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NOTES: In Floyd County VA on 9 Feb 1859 Sparrel Griffith, guardian of James Henry and Ferdinand Huff, applied for bounty land on their behalf as minor children and orphans of John and Elizabeth Huff. His application states that John Huff married Elizabeth Guilliams in Franklin County on 9 Feb 1837, and that he died at home on 10 May 1840. It further states that John Huff's widow married Stephen A. Payne and moved to Athens County OH and died 21 Oct 1850. The application was supported by an affidavit by Isaac Huff, age 64 and one of John Huff's children by his first of three wives, giving the dates of birth of James Henry Huff as 17 May 1838 and of Ferdinand Huff as 17 Dec 1839. The file includes a copy of a bond signed in Franklin County on 1 Feb 1837 by John Huff and James Ferguson for the marriage of Huff to Elizabeth Guilliams of Floyd County.