

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Esli Hunt S7054

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State of South Carolina, Greenville District

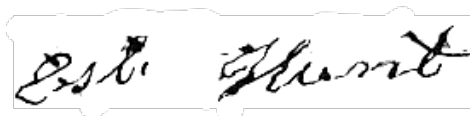
On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Esli Hunt a resident of the district and State aforesaid aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Bedford County Virginia and entered the service about the age of sixteen years as a volunteer at Bedford County Virginia under Lieutenant William Watts, in a Company of Captain Lethridge and was stationed at Chissell's Lead Mines [sic, Chiswell's Lead Mines] on New River Virginia for the purpose of guarding & protecting the operations. The whole was under the superintendency of Col Callaway & occasionally Col Lynch. His next service was in guarding the commissioners (two of whom he remembers only – Doctor Walker of Virginia & Col Richard Henderson of North Carolina) in running the dividing line between North Carolina and Virginia under Col Williams. He was at the battle of King's Mountain. The officers under whom he served were Captain George Russell – Majors Jonathan Tipton & Walton & Colonel Charles Robinson & Colonel Sevier [John Sevier] – Colonel William Campbell was the commanding officer at this battle, where Col Ferguson [sic, Major Patrick Ferguson] was defeated. Some short time after this battle Col Sevier's men were discharged & on their return home they understood that the Indians were making an incursion into the Country. They were immediately collected by Col Sevier who attacked the party of Indians & killed thirteen of their number. The troops were then marched into South Carolina to join Genl Francis Marion on the Santee [River]. On their route they passed General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Army which was at that time on the high hills of Santee. He was at this time in the company of Captain Williams [Samuel Williams] – remained with Marion until Lord Rawdon withdrew within Charleston – where the rumors of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis being confirmed – he was together with the others discharged. He has no documentary evidence of his service. He further saith that his name is not on any pension roll, and he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present.

His whole term of service must have been taking the aggregate of his various tours about twelve or eighteen months.

S/ J. McDaniel, C. C. P.

S/ Esli Hunt

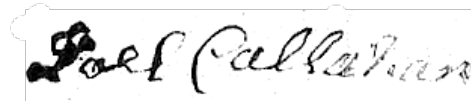
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Esli Hunt", enclosed within a decorative, hand-drawn border.

[Nathan Berry, a clergyman, and John Young, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came before me the subscribing Justice Joel Callahan and being duly sworn makes oath that he was acquainted with Estly Hunt during the revolutionary War – that the said Hunt served a three months tour with this deponent under General Marion near the High Hills of Santee in South Carolina – that the said Hunt also served a tour of eight weeks with this deponent against the Cherokee Indians – the first tour against the Indians was then 1781 – That the said Hunt was a true friend to his country &c. – sworn to &c. May 11th 1833

S/ Joel Callahan¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joel Callahan". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

S/ Richard Thurston JQ

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On this 15 day of July A.D. 1833 Personally appeared Esli Hunt before the subscribing Justice, and made the following further declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832 – On his oath he saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than one year and three months as a private, for the periods, in the companies & under the circumstances in his first declaration already set forth – and for such service he claims a pension – Also that the objection contained in the negative answer to the thirteenth Quire [sic, query], is remedied by the affidavit of Joel Callahan, which affidavit properly certified accompanies this declaration –

He also now swears to the following answers to the 2, 6, & 7 interrogatories² of the department which were not in his first declaration satisfactorily answered – To wit – That the only record of his age is contained in a family Bible which he has in his possession. That he does not remember ever to have received any written discharge. That George Salmon, John Young, Joel Callahan and many others can testify to this deponent's character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier.

That this deponent was stationed as already stated that Chissell's lead mines, in the year 1776 and was also at the battle of Kings Mountain in the year 1781 [sic, October 7, 1780] –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

¹ [Joel Callahan S21110](#)

² The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

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

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

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

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.

S/ Elsi Hunt

S/ Richard Thurston, JQ

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South Carolina Greenville District} Personally came Esli Hunt and being duly sworn makes oath in due form of law – That the first tour mentioned in his application for a Pension was for eight weeks in the year 1776 at Chissell's Lead mines in Virginia – under Captain Lethridge – The second Tour he volunteered himself again under Captain Lethridge in 1777 and served three months and guarding Chissels Lead mines again. The third tour he served three months under Captain Pleasant Henderson & Colonel Williams in the year 1779 in guarding the commissioners who were running the line between North Carolina & Virginia. The fourth tour he volunteered under Captain George Russell and served eight weeks in marching over to Kings Mountain and was in that battle under Colonel Sevier and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell. When he volunteered this time he lived in Washington [County] North Carolina (now Tennessee) in the year 1781. The fifth tour he volunteered and served eight weeks under Captain Rodney [?]³ and Colonel Sevier against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1781 the sixth tour he served three months as a volunteer under Captain Samuel Williams and under Major Walton & Colonel Sevier, in the year 1782 [sic, 1781] & marched to the High Hills of Santee and joined General Marion – That in all of these tours he served fifteen months, including the third tour of three months, guarding the commissioners and twelve months independent of this tour, for which twelve months service [indecipherable word, looks like "Jane"] as a private he claims a Pension. That he was not employed in any civil pursuit during these tours and that he served in companies regularly embodied and called into service by competent authority, and that he was constantly in the field or garrison during his services.

Sworn to & subscribed this January 25, 1834

S/ John [illegible last name], JQ Ex Off

S/ Esli Hunt

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$38.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 11 months and 18 days service as a private in the Virginia and North Carolina militia. The pension was paid until May 8th, 1837, the date of his death.]



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[possibly a mistaken attempt to identify Capt. James Roddey]