

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Moses Hutchings S8742

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State of Virginia }
County of Pittsylvania }Sct.

On this 22nd day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Daniel Coleman, Walter Coles, William G Pannill & Coalman D. Bennett the Court of Pittsylvania County now sitting Moses Hutchings a resident in the County of Pittsylvania & State of Virginia aforesaid aged 79 years next March was born in Culpeper County Va & has resided in Pittsylvania 60 years who being first sworn according to law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States an Ensign in the Militia of Virginia under Cap. John Donalson [sic: John Donelson], Hugh Henry Lieut. the first of March 1777, that his commission is lost or mislaid, that it was signed by Patrick Henry. He rendezvoused at Pitts'a. Old Court House in the month of March 1777 from whence he marched with the Company aforesaid and Capt. William Witcher's Company from the aforesaid County to Long Island on Holstein [sic: Holston River at present Kingsport TN] where he was put under the Command of Colo. [Evan] Shelby and was engaged against the Cherokee & Chicamaga [sic: Chickamauga band of Cherokee] Indians but was in no general engagement where he remained untill some time in the month of July following when a treaty [sic: Treaty of Long Island, 20 June 1777] was agreed on by Colos. Shelby, [William] Preston & Christie [sic: William Christian] on the part of the U. States and Little Carpenter, Conestoga [sic: Oconostoto] & Dragon Canoe [sic: Dragging Canoe] Chiefs appointed on the part of the Indians when he was discharged by Capt. Donalson by direction of Colo. Shelby and returned to Pitts'a. In the month of Dec. following he enlisted under Capt. Thos. Dillard [Thomas Dillard] and was appointed Indian Spy and marched to Boonsborough [sic: Boonesborough] in Kentucky where he arrived in the month of March 1778 and continued untill he was discharged about the last of June and was discharged by Capt. Thos. Dillard which discharge is lost or mislaid. He further states that Capt. Thos. Dillard was the commanding Officer. Maj'r. Smith who was to have commanded the expedition never arrived, from whence he again ret'd. to Pitts'a. where he remained untill 1779 when he was commissioned as Lieutenant (which commission is lost or mislaid) and was signed by [blank] under Capt. Armistead Shelton and remained in Pittsylvania County untill 1781 Feby. when Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis] came on from the South when the deponent with 9 others took their Horses and Rifles and set out to harass as much as possible the British Pickets and proceeded as far as Powels[?] Tavern in North Carolina from whence they went to Thomas's Mill where they found the Enemy by which time the Company had increased to about 20 where they attacked a House in which a part of the Enemy was quatered, the Enemy then turned into North Carolina and this deponent with his comrades returned and joined the troops of Pittsylvania County and the companies being all officered the deponent could not get a command as Lieut and entered Capt. Thos. Smith's Company [probably Thomas Smith's of Augusta County VA] as a private and marched to the high Rock ford in North Carolina where the Company aforesaid was attached to Colo. [William] Campbell's Regiment and was in many skirmishes with the British and Tories untill the Battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] where they joined the main Army and this deponent was in the whole engagement under Colo. Campbell on the left Wing, from whence he marched to Ramsey's Mill on deep River North Carolina where he was discharged by Colo. Campbell in the month of April (say 1st day or 31st of March.) 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. M. Hutchings