

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Hudson S8743

VA

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State of Virginia }
County of Mecklenburg to wit }

On this fifteenth day of October 1832 – personally appeared before Richard H Walker, Wm. Burchell, Geo Rogers, & Nathl. Alexander of the county court Charles Hudson Sen’r. a resident of the county of Mecklenburg and state aforesaid, aged eighty one years old the 10th day of February last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he the said Charles Hudson enlisted in the army of the United States in March 1776 under Capt. James Johnson at Lunenburg court house Nicholas Hopson [Nicholas Hobson] was the 1st Lieut., Peter Garland was the 2nd Lieut. and John Stokes ensign in said company. That they marched from the aforesaid court house through the town Petersburg Va. to Williamsburg and there joined the continental army. That that army the 6th Regiment was commanded by Charles Scott: that in the month of May 1776 as well as he recollects he marched through little York on York river crossed the river at that place, marched through Gloucester and Matthews [sic: Mathews] counties to Guinn’ [sic: Gwynn] Island at the mouth of Piankatank river to join the forces stationed there but on the arrival of the company in which I marched the battle was fought the day before between the Americans & English [10 Jul 1776]. That then we were marched back to Williamsburg or to a place not far from Williamsburg called Springfield. That sometimes we were stationed at the aforesaid places of Williamsburg and at Springfield, and a place near hog island [in Surry County] called Burwell’s Ferry. That he had enlisted for two years, that the aforesaid Capt. James Johnson gave a furlough to your petitioner to return home in Lunenburg because he was sick, that he receiv’d orders to return to the army which was stationed at Williamsburg but was not able from bad health to return to the army. That your petitioner then hired a substitute gave him a horse and best saddle, that your petitioner was discharged in the month of Sept 1776 (the day of the month he does not recollect) by the aforesaid Capt James Johnson and the discharge is now lost & cannot be found. That your petitioner has received no pension or annuity heretofore and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state and he hereby relinquishes any claim to any pension except under the aforementioned law of June 1832. That your petitioner knows of no one except Wm. Coleman by whom he can prove of his serving in the army as aforesaid. That he was born in the county of Amelia & state aforesaid that he removed from that county to the county of Mecklenburg in the state aforesaid where he has ever since resided

Charles hisXmark Hudson

State of Virginia Mecklenburg County (to wit)

On this 16th day of October 1833 personally appeared before William Leigh Esqr. Judge of the Circuit Superiour Court of law & Chancery for this County in Open Court Charles Hudson Sr a resident of said County aged eighty two years the 10th day of Feb’y last who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 7th day of June 1832. That he enlisted into the Army of the United States on the first Saturday [2nd] in March 1776 with Capt James Johnson in the County of Lunenburg who commanded a a company of Virginia Continental Regulars for the term of two years service in the war of the Revolution, Nicholas Hopson was the first Lieut. Peter Garland was the second Lieut. and John Stokes was Ensign in said Company “That they were marched from Lunenburg Court House through the Town of Petersburg Virginia to Williamsburg and there joined the Continental Army & was attached to the 6th Regiment commanded by Colo. Charles Scott & in the month of May following they were marched (as well as he now recollects) through Little York Town upon York River crossed the River at that place, marched through Gloucester & Matthews Counties to Guinn’s Island at the mouth of Piankatank river to join the

forces stationed there but did not arrive in time to join in the battle it having been fought between the Americans & British the day previous to our reaching there; That then we were marched back to Williamsburg or to a place called Springfield not far from Williamsburg; That some times we were stationed at the aforesaid place of Williamsburg & at Springfield and a place near Hog island called Burwell's Ferry. His time of engagement as before states was for two years But having been taken sick his Capt. James Johnson granted him a furlough to return home in Lunenburg, that he was ordered to return to Williamsburg to join the army but not having recovered his health was compell'd to hire a substitute who was a certain Thomas Gordon who was accepted by the said Capt. Johnson and the said Capt. Johnson granted unto him a full, clear & honourable discharge for the said term of two years service which took place about the last of September following his enlistment

“That your declarent cannot at this time recollect the particular day on which he enlisted nor the date of his discharge he having lost or mislaid his discharge & furlough but he thinks he is safe in stating that he served in person six months & about fifteen or twenty days and the balance of his time of two years by Thomas Gordon his substitute to whom he gave all the property he was then possessed of in the world which was a horse, bridle & saddle & he thinks as he procured a man to serve his time out that he ought now in justice & all good conscience be allowed for his full term of two years enlistment; That he has been informed that his substitute a good many years ago remov'd. from this State to the State of North Carolina & have since departed this life that by his death he is deprived of his testimony as well as of the testimony of Philip Sneed who was Orderly Serg't. in the said Company and the said Philip died in the County of Lunenburg some two or three years since he is therefore deprived of all other testimony than this his declaration & cheerfully submits his case to the Honb'l. Department of war. Your declarent states that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any State & he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever except the present; The declarent further states that during the time he was in the army he was continually in the field and that he was not engaged in any civil pursuit, that he was at time detailed to the service of driving the baggage & commissary wagon. He was born in Amelia County in this State but lived in Lunenburg untill his enlistment, but afterward removed to this County where he has resided mostly ever since the Revolution – Sworn to in open Court

Charles hisXmark Hudson Sr

A Statement showing the service of Charles Hudson Sr of Mecklenburg County Virginia [reformatted from the original]

period when the service was rendered	Duration of claimants service		Rank of the claimant
	years	months & days	
March 1776 to Sept. 1776			
6 th Continental Regt.			
In person	0	6 & 15	Soldier
By substitute	0	5 & 15	
Names & Rank of officers under whom he served			
Capt. J. Johnson Lts Nicholas Hudson & P. Garland Ensign Jn. Stokes			
Names & Rank of the Genl & Field Officers			
Cols Charles Scott & Edmund Buckner Adjutant Nath'l. Burwell [Nathaniel Burwell]			
Battles in which the applicant was engaged			
none			
Country through which he marched			
Virginia			
Place of abode when he entered the service, and age at the present period			
Lunenburg County 82			
Evidence by which the declaration is supported			
Traditionary			

1st Question By the Court Where & in what year were you born?

Ans. in Amelia County, & I was born in 1751 as well as recollected.

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Ans. I have not.

3^d Where were you living when call'd into the service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war & where do you now live? Ans I lived in Lunenburg when I inlisted & for some time after the war from thence I moved to this County, in which I have since resided.

4th How were you called into service: were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? Ans'r I inlisted for the term of two years

5th State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect – Ans'r. Nathl. Burwell, I believe he was an adjutant, he used to exercise the troops sometimes, Edmd. Buckner Colo. of 6th Regiment, & Charles Scott who commanded it as general when it marched from Williamsburg to Guinn's Island and back, Edward Meade [sic: Everard Meade] I believe at first a Captain & afterwards a Colonel, Gen'l. [Charles] Lee was with the troops for little while & Sam'l. Hopkins, a Captain.

NOTES:

On 16 Aug 1833 Drury A. Bacon, 67, stated that his nephew, Thomas Gordon, told him he was a substitute for Charles Hudson, and that his father, William Gordon, kept the horse during his service and took the horse to Thomas Gordon to ride home from the army.

Hudson's pension was for six and one-half months service.