

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Ector W19216

Susannah Ector

f39NC

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State of North Carolina, Orange County

On this the 15th day of October 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace, in and for the County aforesaid, Susanna Ector, a resident of the said County aged 85 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, maketh oath that from old age and bodily infirmity she is unable to attend Court to make this Declaration, and is therefore under the necessity of making it at her own residence, before William Murray, a Justice of the peace for said County and ordered that she may obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th, 1836.

That she is the widow of Samuel Ector of the aforesaid County Deceased who during the latter part of the Revolutionary war was drafted to serve a period of 18 months, in the United States Service. The precise date that her husband, the aforesaid Samuel Ector, was drafted, this declarant does not remember, but to the best of her recollection and belief it was on or about the 1st of July 1782.

That the draft aforesaid was called a Continental draft -- & that her husband was accordingly placed under Continental officers. Donoho [Thomas Donoho] was his Colonel. That after this Declarant's husband had been some two months or thereabouts in the United States Service in the North Carolina Continental line and while he was stationed in the Town of Hillsboro -- he hired one William Hall for the sum of 50 pounds to serve out the remaining part of the 18 months. Hall agreed to do so -- received the 50 pounds and after staying but three days in the Army as a Substitute for my husband, the said Hall did desert -- and it was then and ever since so said and believed that said Hall ran off and settled in what was then called the new purchase in Kentucky. Whereupon, my husband as appears by the written obligation, was bound upon Hall's deserting, again to go into the Service, as private under Donoho: that he accordingly did so, and soon thereafter marched off to the Southern Army under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], and that as private in the North Carolina Continental line he served till peace was made, which took place in the fall 12 months, after his draft -- that he was discharged from the Service at the close of the war by Donoho in the Town of Hillsboro and returned home. That at the time peace was made and he received his discharge, he had been in service 16 months, to the Best of this Declarant's remembrance.

That when he came home he had a Discharge from Donoho, but that it is now lost or misplaced.

The obligation her husband gave upon procuring Hall as a Substitute, she has found among her husband's old papers and connects it with this Declaration.

She has also procured the affidavit of John Dolley¹ who remembers the fact of her husband's hiring William Hall as a Substitute, and that in a few days thereafter, the Substitute did desert, where upon her husband rejoined his Company and served till the war closed. (Affidavit of John Dolly annexed) (and also James Williams affidavit)

1 [John Dolley S6802](#)

This Declarant has also caused inquiry to be made of the Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina for the name of her deceased husband upon the muster rolls of North Carolina line and learned from the Secretary that the name of Samuel Ector is not upon the rolls. (See letter of William Hill, Secretary of State).

This Declarant further states upon her said oath that she is & her deceased husband Samuel were married in the County of Rowan, and the State aforesaid by William Sharp, Esq. in the year 1774.

That in about one month after their marriage she and her husband removed to this County that they were living here at his death which occurred in the year of 1811 in May, that she has lived here ever since his death.

That she has a family record by which it appears she was married in the year of 1774.

That her eldest child

“Joseph Ector, was born August 9, 1776” &c

A copy of the family record is hereto annexed, which this Declarant states she believes to be true giving correct dates of the births of each and all of hers & the said Samuel Ector's children.

That her husband, as above stated died about 28 years ago, that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn & Subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

S/ William Murray, JP

S/ Susannah Ector, X her mark

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Samuel Ector was Born in the year 1744

Susana Porter was Born in the year 1753

Samuel Ector and Susana Porter was married in the year 1774 married in Rowan County NC by William Sharp, Esq.

Children of Samuel and Suana Ector

Joseph was Born August the 9, 1776

James was Born November 16, 1778

Jane was Born July 28. 1780

Samuel was Born December 4, 1782

William was Born March the 16, 1785

Margret was Born June the 6, 1787

Hugh was Born January the 30, 1789

Kezia [probably the same as Hezekiah referred in a later document as being a child of Susanna Ector] was Born May the 20 1791

Thomas B. was Born Feb. the 24, 1795

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“I do hereby acknowledge myself a Soldier in the North Carolina Continental Soldier for the Term of 18 months, this Enlistment to be Void on Condition that William Hall a man I have Substituted in my place shall faithfully serve the above mentioned time, Else to remain in full power. Given under my hand this 24th day of August 1782

Test: S/ Thos. Donoho

S/ Saml. Ector”

I do hereby acknowledge myself a Soldier in the North Carolina Continental Service for the Term of Eighteen Months, this Enlistment to be Void on Condition, that William Hall a man I have substituted in my place shall faithfully serve the above mentioned time. Else to remain in full power Given under my hand this 24th day of August 1782
Left The Service
Sam: Ector

[pp 15-16: John Dolley's affidavit is illegibly faint.]

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On the this the 15 day of October 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange aforesaid, James Williams² a resident of said County aged 77 years; who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that he was well acquainted with the late Samuel Ector, and has always understood and has never heard it contradicted that said Ector, sometime in 1782, did enlist for 18 months in the United States service, and that he hired as a substitute one William Hall, and paid said Hall Fifty pounds for substituting that according to the contract, if Hall failed to act as Substitute, said Ector was under obligation to serve out said tour – & that said Hall after serving about 2 or 3 days deserted and it was said, went to Kentucky, whereupon said Samuel Ector as he was bound to do, again went into the Service and served till the close of the war, in November 1783:

Sworn subscribed the day & date 1st above written, before me

S/ James Moore, JP

S/ James Williams, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby certify that it appears from the muster rolls in this office that the troops raised in this State and attached to the Continental line for the terms of twelve and eighteen months, served in said line towards the close of the war of the revolution, particularly the eighteen months men, who were drafted or volunteered in 1782. The twelve months men appear to have been drafted or volunteered in 1781.

Given under my hand this 22nd day of November 1837

S/ Wm Hill

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Raleigh 27th May 1837

Dear Sir

I do not find the name of Samuel Ector on any document in this office. I find the name of

² [James Williams R11585](#)

William Hall a private once on the musterrolls, but the time of enlistment and length of service does not correspond with the paper sent to me. It is stated that he entered the service on the 12th of April 1781 as a private in Capt. Carter's company of the 10th Regiment for 12 months, and left the service on the 7th April 1782. I find the names of John Pendergrass a private in the 10th Regiment entered the 20th of May 1776 for 3 years, and discharged 20th May 1779. This is the only one of the name mentioned on the rolls. The name of Mat: McCauley does not appear but once on the roll, and there as Lieut. – On a small book in page 98, containing lists of Officers and Soldiers who had their accounts settled by different Boards of Commissioners, I find an allowance was made to Mat. McCauley a Capt. for the sum of £452.2.9 by Willie Jones Benjamin McCulloch & Henry Montfort Commissioners in 1783 & 84. Mr. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, has one of those books, and there was one ordered to be placed in every clerk's office in the State in the office of every County Court Clerk.

For these services I am entitled to \$.40

Very respectfully

your Obedient Servant

S/ Wm Hill [Secretary of State of the state of North Carolina]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$46.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending October 27, 1841 when she died. The amount of her pension represented credit for her husband having served as a private for 14 months in the North Carolina militia.]