

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hester W19762

Elizabeth Hester

f69NC

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[p 3]

State of North Carolina Granville County

On this 18th day of September 1843 personally appeared before me, William A. Johnson, one of the acting Justices of peace in and for said County Elisabeth Hester, a resident of said County of Granville aged as she believes Eighty-six or seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the 3rd section of the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836 -- That she is the widow of Joseph Hester who was a she believes a private in the Army of the Revolution whether he belonged to the Regular troops or militia she cannot say – the period Which he entered the Army or left the same she is unable to state, but Recollects of hearing him say that he first served two years and six months she further declares that she has no documentary evidence to show the service or length of time he served and that she does not know of any person living that served with her said Husband, by whom she can prove the length of time he did serve, but she believes that he has one sister living that can testify as regards his leaving home & going into the service. She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Hester as well as she recollects in the year 1781, the month she cannot recollect. And that her husband again went into the war as a soldier & served until about the time peace was made. And that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Hester died some time in year 1802 and that she has Remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed she further declares that in consequence of old age & bodily affliction's she is unable to appear in open court to make this Declaration -- Sworn and subscribed before me the day & year above written.

Witness

S/ W. A. Johnson JP

S/ Elizabeth Hester, X her mark

[p 5: On November 6, 1843 in Granville County North Carolina, James Terry, 85, gave a supporting affidavit as to the marriage of Elizabeth to Joseph and as to the reputation of Joseph as a soldier of the Revolution and recalls Joseph saying he served under Capt. William Gilliam & Col. Malbury [Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne].]

[p 8: On September 26, 1843 in Granville County North Carolina Phariby Forsyth, 84 or 85, sister of Elizabeth Hester states she was present at the marriage of Elizabeth and Joseph and that Joseph was in the service both before and after the marriage, but she cannot testify as to the

length of his service. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 12, copy of marriage bond license issued in Granville County, NC for the marriage of Joseph Hester to Elizabeth Parker; issued July 4, 1781; Joseph Hester and Barnett Pulliam, bondsmen.]

[p 13: Thomas T. Hester, 46 [as of August 1845], son of Benjamin Hester, gave a supporting affidavit saying that his father, Benjamin Hester,¹ often spoke of being in the service with his brother, Joseph Hester.



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State of North Carolina Office of Secretary of State

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify, that it appears from the muster rolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Joseph Hester a private Soldier in Capt. Jones's Company of the 10th Regiment entered the service on the 1st of January 1782 for the term of 12 months. In also appears in a book of settlements of the Army accounts, that Joseph Hester as one of the 12 months drafts, was allowed the sum of \$80 for services in said Continental line.

Given under my hand this first day of November 1843

S/ Wm Hill

[p 37: On November 13, 1843 in Granville County North Carolina, Peter Cash,² 90, gave testimony that he was well acquainted with Elizabeth Hester, the widow of Joseph Hester who the affiant believes to have been a soldier in the revolution based on affiant's conversations with said Joseph Hester. The affiant cannot state whether Hester's services were in the militia or regular Army.



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[p 31]

State of North Carolina Granville County

Samuel Chappell³ personally appeared before me Pleasant Wilkins one of the Acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County after being duly Sworn according to Law Deposeh and Saith that he became acquainted with Joseph Hester at Valley Forge sometime about the year 1777 he thinks about the latter part of said year they were then marched to different Stations and I have no recollection of seeing him anymore until we got to Halifax in North Carolina I then came home from Halifax I then went on to the South and joined the Militia in South Carolina. I then went to Charleston where I found him still in the Regular Army about the time Charleston fill in the hands of the British I have no Recollection of seeing him any more until after the War Ended we then settled ourselves in Granville where the said Joseph Hester resided until his death

¹ [Benjamin Hester S6998](#)

² [Peter Cash S8142](#)

³ [Samuel Chappell \(Chapel\) W6671](#)

but I am acquainted with his widow Elizabeth who is still living in Granville.
Question do you know to what Regiment he was attached or under what officers he served
Answer

I do not now Recollect
Further this Deponent saith not
September 17th A.D. 1844

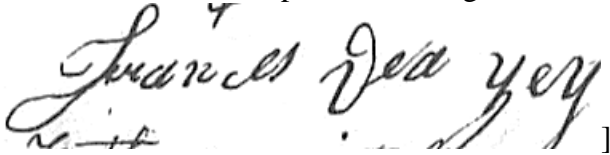
S/ Samuel Chappell, X his mark

[p 33: 4-page letter dated January 1st, 1845 addressed to J. L. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions, by Elijah Hester regarding the application for a pension filed by his mother.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Hester". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. A small circled "D" is visible above the first letter "E".

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[p 55, Sept. 5, 1845, Francis [sic, Frances] Veazy, daughter of Benjamin Hester states that she often heard her father speak of serving in the Revolution with his brother, Joseph Hester.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Veazy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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[p 59: Druciller Hester, 77, [as of August 11, 1845], testified that she was the widow of Zachariah Hester⁴ that she lived a near neighbor of Joseph Hester during the war and was aware of his going into and coming out of the service; she says she knew of the marriage of Joseph and Elizabeth Hester. He signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 61, James Terry,⁵ 88, [May 9, 1845] testifies that Joseph, Benjamin, John and Zachariah Hester were "all of the same family" and all served in the War; that Joseph served almost 'during the war'; that he served under Capt. Wm Gilliam and a Col. named Malbady [Malmedy?].

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Terry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for her husband's service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line for 2 years.]

⁴ [Zachariah Hester S7002](#)

⁵ probably the same man as [James Terry R10464](#)