

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hutchins (Hutchens) W19828

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 26th day of July 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Orange, aforesaid, at the Dwelling house of her son John Hutchins, Ann Hutchins a resident of the aforesaid County, aged about seventy-eight years of age (who from old age and bodily infirmity cannot attend Court to make this Declaration) and who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that she is the lawful widow of the late James Hutchins of the aforesaid County Deceased who during the War of the Revolution was in the United States service a private of Dragoons – & private of Infantry and therefore makes this her Declaration under Act of 4th of July A.D. 1836.

1st This Declarant has reason to believe and does believe that her Deceased husband James Hutchins as "private of Dragoons" did serve a three month tour of duty in the militia, in the United States Service in the spring or summer of 1780, under Captain Mark Patterson, and was in said tour in the South – This tour was for his Declarant and the said James Hutchins were married – this tour this Declarant proves by William Hopson¹ of the aforesaid County.

(After we were married)

2. This Declarant, further states, that on or about the first day of the next year, to which, 1781; this Declarant's husband was drafted into the United Service, for a three month tour and was a private of Dragoons, was attached to Captain Mark Patterson's Company of Dragoons, and in this tour was under Colonel Malmedy – were on the Pedee [River] and Cape Fear [River] in this Tour – and after serving out his 3 months tour was discharged & returned home. In this tour as in the former her husband was in a legally organized Corps and called into service by Competent Authority as this Declarant has ever understood & believes.

3. This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath, that on or about the first of September 1781, there was a call for militia -- when her husband volunteered for a three month tour of duty in the United States Service, and was attached to a company of Dragoons under Captain Abram Allen and was under said Allen till he said Allen was wounded at the engagement at "Kirks Lane"² after which he was placed under Captain Douglass and under him served the remainder of his three months tour. In this tour, my husband was in a legally organized Court, and called into service by Competent Authority as she has ever understood & believed.

4. This Declarant further states that upon her said oath that, sometime in the next year, her husband she remembers, served a three month tour of duty in guarding the public jail at Orange

¹ [William Hopson S7004](#)

² September 12, 1781 http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_kirks_farm.html

County which at that time containing prisoners taken from the enemy.

That her husband in all served twelve months in the United States Service in the War of the Revolution, and as private of Dragoons nine months; and three months or thereabouts as private of Infantry and this is all that her husband served that she remembers: – That this last tour was in the spring of 1782. This Declarant further sets forth upon her said oath that, she and the said James Hutchins were lawfully married by John T. Patterson, Esquire, sometime in the month of January 1781. She has no record of the date of her marriage, but she nevertheless remembers it very distinctly, and is confirmed in it by this fact – viz., her first child Rebecca was born on the first day of June 1782, and that she was, as she remembers, very distinctly, married the January 12 months before the birth of her daughter Rebecca.

That she has in her family Bible 8 Record setting forth the dates of her children's births and is as follows:

Rebecca Hutchins was born June one day 1782

Moses Hutchins was born October 12, 1783

Mary Hutchins was born September 22 1785

Thomas Hutchins was born April 17 1787

James Hutchins was born January 13 1789

Sarah Hutchins was born October 2, 1790

John Hutchins was born the 13th day of December 1792

Nancy Hutchins was born April 16 1795

James Terrel Hutchins was born July 10 1797

Henry Barlow Hutchins was born June 5, 1799

"the names above recorded sons and Daughters of James & Nancy (Ann) Hutchins"

The family record is hereto annexed –

This Declarant, further states upon her said oath that the above is a true record of the births of her and the said James Hutchins' children and was recorded in said family Bible some 30 years ago,

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And this Declarant the said Ann Hutchins, widow as aforesaid, further states upon her said oath that she was living in the aforesaid County of Orange when she and the aforesaid James Hutchins were married –

That her husband the aforesaid Hutchins died on the 19th of January 1835.

That she has never married since that period but remains the widow of the said James Hutchins, the Deceased as appears by the proof hereto annexed. As to discharges, she has no remembrance of seeing any.

That in each of his tours he was legally called into service.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date first above written before me.

Test S/ Samuel Couch, JP

S/ Ann Hutchins, X her mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County

On this the 28th day of July 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, William Hopson, a resident of said County, now in the 84th year of his age – who being first duly qualified according to law, maketh on oath that in the year of 1780, he as private of Dragoons served a three month tour in the militia in the United States service in a company of dragoons of which company Mark Patterson was Captain. In all of which to work, James Hutchins of this aforesaid County now deceased was private of

Dragoons with us.

This Declarant further states that he understands that Ann Hutchins widow of the said James Hutchins, now deceased is applying for a pension – That she is the said Ann a widow and has never married since the death of her husband the aforesaid James Hutchins but still remains his widow.

S/ William Hopson, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 28th of August 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Dollar,³ a United States pensioner, who being first duly qualified maketh oath, that during the War of the Revolution, and till his death, he was well acquainted with James Hutchins Deceased and remembers that in the War of the Revolution of seeing James Hutchins a private in the militia in the United States service, in the year of 1781, and was in Captain Patterson's Company when this Deponent saw said Hutchins in the service.

S/ James Dollar, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 12th day of September 1838, personally appeared before the undersigned an acting justice of the peace in and for said County John Dolley,⁴ a resident of the aforesaid County aged 84 years who being first duly qualified according to law maketh oath that in the spring of 1782, he served a 3 months tour in guarding the public Jail in the Town of Hillsboro in the aforesaid County – in all of which tour James Hutchins of the aforesaid County now deceased was with us in guarding said town all of said tour.

S/ John Dolley, X his mark

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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 22nd day of February 1841 personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County William Hopson a resident of said County and an United States pensioner; who being first duly qualified according to law depose and saith as follows to wit:

That after the passage by Congress of the Pension Law of June 1832, this deponent came to the Town of Hillsboro and company with James Hutchins (since deceased) for the purpose of ascertaining if they could not both become pensioners under the aforesaid law.

They stated their case to John Norwood, Esquire attorney-at-law, but the attorney informed them, that for so much of their Revolutionary Service as was performed in the Cavalry, the aforesaid law made no provision: and as neither of them had served as much as six months in the United States Service as private of Infantry they could not avail themselves of the aforesaid law – this affiant states that he was well acquainted with the aforesaid James Hutchins – that they were both in the United States Service together in the Revolution. That the time this affiant and the said James Hutchins applied for a pension information on the law was either in the year of

³ [James Dollar W25535](#)

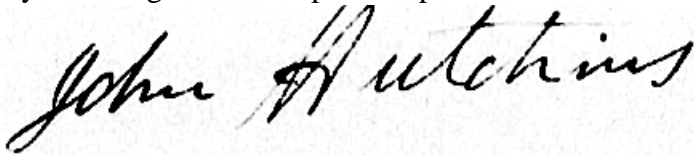
⁴ [John Dolley S6802](#)

1833 4 1834. That they were both under the impression from Mr. Norwood's instruction that neither of them was entitled to a pension. Mr. Hutchins soon after died – and in a year [or] two afterwards, this affiant received satisfactory & correct information that he could avail himself of the aforesaid pension law. That he accordingly applied and is a pensioner under the aforesaid law of 1832.

Sworn and subscribed the day &
date first above written before me.
S/ B. Sharrod, JP

S/ William Hopson, X his mark

[fn p. 24: On February 26, 1841 in Orange County North Carolina, John Hutchins, son of Ann Hutchins gave a supporting affidavit in which she confirms the testimony of William Hopson saying that he accompanied his father and William Hopson on their visit to ascertain whether they were eligible for the pension provided for revolutionary soldiers



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State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 23rd day of November, 1844, personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the Justices of the peace in & for said County, James Riggs⁵, a resident of said County in the 82nd year of his age, who being first duly qualified according to law, depose, as follows:
To wit:

This affiant stated upon his said oath that in the spring of 1782, as a Substitute for one Andrew Collins, he did serve the United States as private of Infantry 3 months in guarding the Town of Hillsboro, in the aforesaid County.

That in the said Tour, he was in the company commanded by Captain Perrill and Captain Richards part of the time. Farmer was Colonel –

In all of said 3 months tour, this deponent remembers that James Hutchins of the aforesaid County, now deceased, was a private of Infantry in said tour – and did serve all of said tour, under Colonel Farmer – and further this deponent sayeth not.

Sworn and subscribed this the 23rd day of September 1844, before me
S/ William Pearson, JP

S/ James Riggs, X his mark

[fn pp 6-12 family record:

Rebeckah Hutchens was born the 1st day 1782
Moses Hutchens was born October the 12 1783
Mary Hutchens was born September the 22nd 1785
Thomas Hutchens was born April the 17th 1787
James Hutchens was born January the 13th 1789
Sarah Hutchens was born October the 2nd 1790
John Hutchens was born the 13th day of December 1792
Nancey Hutchens was born April the 16th 1795

⁵ [James Riggs S9068](#)

James Terrel Hutchens was born July the 10th 1797

Henry Borlow Hutchens was born June the 3rd 1799

The names above Recorded sons & daughters of James and Nancy Hutchens

Alcy Hutchins was born October the 23rd 1815

Nancey Hutchins was born November 22 1817

Kity Hutchins was born March the 19th and Day 1822

Citty Hutchins was born March the 19 1820

Nancy E. Hutchins was born April 26 1830

Rebeckah A. Hutchins was born December the 10th 1831

James Hutchins was born May 5th 1755

Elizabeth Baker was born August 7 day in the year 1776

Robert Terrol, the son of Timothy Terrel and Elizabeth, his wife, was born November 14, 1694, in Blissland Parish.

Richmon Terell, the son of Obediah Terell and Grase Terrell, his wife, was born January 12, 1757

Mary Terrell, daughter of Robert Terrell and Rebecca his wife, was born November 17, 1789

Elizabeth Baker was born August 7, 1776