

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hunt W19832

Rhoda Hunt

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State of Virginia Pittsylvania County, to wit

On this 12th day of November 1840 personally appeared before me Vincent Witcher a Justice of the Peace for said County and State aforesaid Rhodey Hunt a resident of Henry County in the State aforesaid, aged seventy-four years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, entitled an act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows. That she is the widow of James Hunt who was a Sergeant in the War of the Revolution. That he enlisted (in the year 1776 as she has often heard from himself and others) and served as a Sergeant in Captain Thomas Thweatt's¹ Company in the 14th Virginia Regiment under Colonel Lewis [Charles Lewis] and Colonel Davis [William Davies] as will more fully appear by the Certificate of James Johnson who was a soldier that served with him. She further declares that she was married to the said James Hunt on the 25th day of December in the year 1787, that her husband the aforesaid James Hunt died on the 8th day of February 1803; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794: to wit at the time above stated. That he lived in the County of Halifax in the State of Virginia when he entered the Service, he returned to the said County and lived there about 12 years, then moved to then County of Henry and died there.

S/ Rhodey Hunt, X her mark

Virginia to wit

I Vincent Witcher a Justice of the Peace for the County of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that Rhody Hunt presented to me an Old Bible containing a Record of her Marriage with James Hunt, and also a record of the age of some of their Children to wit, Spencer T. Hunt, Betsey Hunt, Frankey Hunt, Nancy Spain Hunt, Lucy Hunt, Edward Hunt, & Susanna Hunt and made oath that the said Book was in the Possession of her husband the said James Hunt and used as a Family Record to the day of his death, Since that Period it has been in her possession to this day. Given under my hand this 12th day of November 1840

S/ V. Witcher

The Reason why Mrs. Rhody Hunt has appeared before a Justice of the Peace in the County of Pittsylvania to make the foregoing Declaration, she resides about 20 miles from Henry Court House, very near the line between Henry & Pittsylvania, and it is most convenient for her to

¹ [Thomas Thweatt \(Thweatt\) S7708](#)

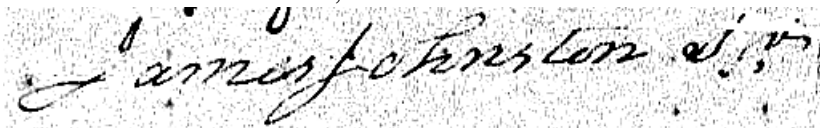
appear before a Justice of the Peace in Pittsylvania County, He lives within [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point.]

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I James Johnson a Resident of Henry County in the State of Virginia a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States hereby Certify that Rhody Hunt of the said County of Henry is the widow of James Henry who was a Sergeant in the Army of the Revolution. That to my own certain Knowledge he enlisted in the year 1776 for three years, was appointed an Orderly Sergeant and served as such in Captain Thweatt's Company in the 14th Virginia Regiment under Colonel Lewis and Colonel William Davis. I myself was a Soldier having enlisted at the same time and served with him in the same Regiment; and know that he served true and faithfully as a Sergeant the whole time for which he had enlisted and was honorably discharged. I further Certify that the said Rhody Hunt who is a resident for the pension has lived a close neighbor to me for about 40 years previous to that time she lived with her husband the said James Hunt in the County of Halifax in said State.

Given under my hand this 12th day of November 1840

S/ James Johnston, Sr.²

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James Johnston Sr.", written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured paper.

[p 3: family record:

James Hunt [was married] to Rhoda Nunnallee the 25th day of December 1787

Spencer T Hunt was Born the 16 day of December 1788

Betsey R. Hunt was born February 6th, 1790

Frankey Hunt was born October 5th 1791

Nancy Spain Hunt was Born 4th April 1793

Lucy Hunt was Born the 18 September 1794

Edward Hunt was born August [day illegible] 1796

[indecipherable name and words] 26th 17[indecipherable]]

[p 6: On October 6, 1841 in Halifax County Virginia, Mrs. Lucy Wimbish, widow of James Wimbish,³ deceased, who was a revolutionary Pensioner gave testimony that she is a cousin of James Hart deceased the husband of Rhody Hunt who now lives in Henry County and is applying for a pension; that James Hunt lived in the neighborhood of the affiants Father Elijah Hunt; that she knows he entered the service in 1776 and marched to the North and was in service at least 4 years; that she believes he served under Captain Tweatt [Thomas Thweatt] or Captain Terry, both of whom were officers from Halifax County Virginia. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

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Halifax Court House Virginia October 21st 1841

Mr. Edwards

Sir. Enclosed I send you the affidavit of Mrs. Lucy Wimbish relative to James Hunt

² I could not identify a federal pensioner by this name (or Johnson) who seemed a likely candidate for this affiant

³ [James Wimbish W19641](#)

having enlisted in the Army of the Revolution. She is of Opinion that the said James Hunt first enlisted for three years. That served out his term, and reenlisted She is confident that he served at least four years and that he was a Sergeant under the first enlistment. Mrs. Hunt has delivered to me and Old Memorandum Book which she says was in the possession of said James Hunt when she married him. That he frequently said this Book was given to him by his Lieutenant William Pointer went in the Service of the Revolution, that the said Book was in his Possession when he died, and that it has been in her possession ever since, from some memorandums of the delivery of Clothing &c it seems the said James Hunt was a Sergeant in the first Virginia Regiment under Colonel William Russell and that he was attached to the Company of Captain Marks or Captain Terry – the said Book is herewith sent to you⁴

Yours very Respectfully

Thomas Williams

direct to me at Aspen Grove Pittsylvania County, Virginia

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4th, 1836, for her husband service as a Corporal in the Virginia Continental line.]

⁴ a note appearing on page 30 of this file reads as follows:

Wid. File 19832 James Hunt, Va. Fragment of an account book of the First Virginia Regiment including private accounts of James Hunt has been removed from this case and may be found locked up in the Record Div.

AW February 12, 1909.

In said book is the following entry

"Frankey was born October the illegible 1791

Betsey Robenson was born February 6, 1790

Spencer Trent Hunt was born December 16, 1778."