

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Houston W23300 Sarah

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[f p. 37]

I Samuel Houston of Belfast in the County of Hancock and District of Maine on oath say and declare that sometime in the year 1775 I enlisted as a private in the service of the United States in the late revolutionary war near Bunker Hill and shortly after the Battle there and immediately after was embodied in Captain George Reed's company in Colonel John Starks Regiment and served in said company eight months the term of my enlistment in the New Hampshire line. I again enlisted for one-year in the same company and Regiment and served therein till the first of March 1776 when I was drafted into a foot guard for the Commander-in-chief and continued in said guard my year out under the command of Captain Gibbs. In January 1777 I enlisted again for three years and was embodied in a Troop commanded by Capt. George Lewis in Colonel Baylor's Regiment afterwards commanded by Col. William Washington by whom I was honorably discharged at Philadelphia in December 1779 during this service I was some time a noncommissioned officer.

I further say I have lost all my discharges and papers, that I am now by reason of my reduced circumstances in need of the assistance of my country for support that I am 65 years old.

S/ Saml. Houston



[The above document is not dated, but based the veteran having been born in 1753, this document would have been made sometime in 1818.]

State of Maine

Waldo SS Court of Common Pleas March Term A. D. 1829

On this twenty seventh day of March A.D. 1829, being the 4th day of the said term, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record by the laws of said State, with power of fine & imprisonment,

Samuel Houston aged seventy-six years resident in Belfast in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the Revolutionary War, as follows to wit: as a private & noncommissioned officer three years in Captain George Lewis' Company in Colonel William Washington's Regiment, in the Virginia Line with other services of all which he made declaration before the Honorable William Crosby a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas on the sixth day of April A.D. 1818 & has received his pension Certificate therefore numbered 12679 –And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of

the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

S/ Samuel Houston

Schedule

Real Estate About 55 acres of land on which lives in said Belfast--
& house & barn
Personal One Yoke of oxen
Two cows
One horse

I am a farmer, but passed my labors: I have a wife about 69 years & in good health for that age – my children are all of age & for themselves, and under all circumstance I do stand in need of the aid of my Country for my support.

S/ Samuel Houston

Sworn to and declared on said fourth day of said term before
S/ David Parham, Judge

The value of the aforesaid property is estimated by the Judge at the sum of \$856.

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I Samuel Houston of Belfast in the County of Waldo State of Maine for the purpose of obtaining a pension on oath declare that I was a private in the Army of the Revolution about 4 1/2 years part of the time in Captain George Reed's company, Colonel Starks' Regiment, another part of the time in Captain Gibbs' company in General Washington's Guard & another part of the time in Captain George Lewis' company, Colonel George Bailers [George Baylor's] Regiment of Light Dragoons, that my name was inscribed on the Pension List Roll of the District of Maine Agency at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing on the sixth day of April 1818, that I was struck from the Pension Roll on account of property.

I made the first application for a pension I think in 1819 under the act of 1818 at which time I lived in said Belfast.

My pension certificate is dated at the war office of the United States the 21st day of July 1819 & is numbered in the bank 12679

S/ Saml Houston



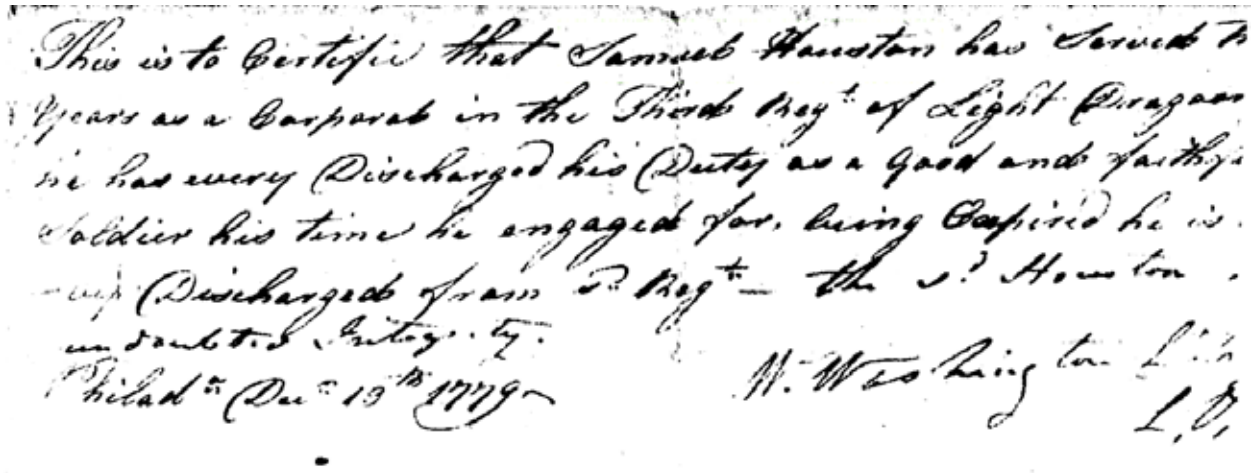
[attested August 16, 1832]

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This is to Certify that Samuel Houston has served two years as a Corporal in the Third Regiment of Light Dragoons he has very discharged his Duty as a good and faithful Soldier his time he engaged for having expired he is hereby Discharged from said Regiment – the said Houston

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W. Washington, Lt. Col.
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[f p. 11: On October 19, __, in Waldo County Maine, Sarah Houston, 77, a resident of Belfast in the County of Waldo filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Houston, a revolutionary war pensioner for his service as a member of Washington's Life Guard; that she married him February 23, 1786 and that her husband died January 9, 1835.



Sarah Houston

[Attested: October, 19, 1838]

[f p. 13: On October 17, 1838, Margaret Steele of Belfast Maine, aged 77, on the 18th of October 1838, gave testimony in support of the application of Sarah Houston in which she states she has known the applicant since their childhood; that they were brought up together in the town of Londonderry New Hampshire; that the applicant is about 10 months older than the affiant; that they resided within about a mile of each other and that Sarah is the affiant's mother's half-sister; that Sarah's maiden name was Sarah Boyes; that Sarah was married in the winter of 1786 to Samuel Houston at her father's house by the Reverend William Davidson; that after their marriage Samuel and Sarah lived with affiant's mother, a widow and had one child before they moved from Londonderry to Belfast; that affiant was married July 2, 1790; that Samuel and Sarah had 11 children 10 of whom lived to grow up & eight of whom are still living in the neighborhood.



Margaret Steele

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[f pp 6-7: Affidavit given by Henry Davidson, JP, that he was intimately acquainted with the veteran and his wife; that in 1817 he lived with their family and recalls seeing the family register which is now in the possession of their son Alexander Houston who occupies the mansion where his parents lived and died now in the new town of Searsport (formerly Belfast); that on April 30 1852, the affiant made the following extracts from the family register found in said Bible as follows:

"Marriages

Samuel Houston Junior and Sarah Boyes married February 23rd 1786

Births

Samuel Houston J. – born Londonderry April 14 1753

Sarah Houston born do December 11, 1760

Deaths

Samuel Houston J died January nine, 1835

Sarah Houston died March 19, 1839"

The affiant also testified that the only heirs of the veteran and his widow now living are Martha Houston, Robert Houston, Samuel Houston, Janet Houston, wife of Benjamin Houston Esquire, Alexander Houston, William Houston, & Caroline Houston wife of J. C. Blanchard.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March fourth, 1831, for service as a corporal of cavalry in the Virginia Continental line for three years. Veteran's widow was pensioned at a like amount commencing March fourth, 1836.]