

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Robert Husted W2804

Sarah Husted

PA

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State of Pennsylvania

Fayette County Ss. On the 3^d day of April A.D. 1833 Personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Robert Husted a resident of Springhill Township in the county of Fayette and state of Pennsylvania aged 78 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in the year 1776 to the best of his knowledge (tho he cannot now from old age and loss of memory recollect dates,) under Captain Zadok Springer for a tour of three months and was marched out under Captain Geddis [probably Gaddis], to a place called "Beech bottom" on the Ohio River [in present WV], and there staid and erected a fort, guarding and protecting the frontiers from the Indians. After this service ended he was again drafted in this County (Fayette) and state of Penn'a for a term of one month and went out under a Lieutenant Brown and was stationed on the frontiers at a fort called "Jarretts fort," [possibly the on Whiteley Creek, Greene County PA 10 to 12 mi from present Waynesburg] and was kept constantly on the scout as an Indian spy. He thinks to the best of his knowledge that this was in the year 1777.

After this second service was ended, he went out as a volunteer under Captain James Booth [VAS1757], and was stationed on the waters of the Monongahela along the along the fronteir as an Indian Spy, sometimes at fort Powers [1 mi N of Bridgeport on Simpson's Creek in present Harrison County WV], and sometimes at Edwards fort [probably the one 5 mi S of present Boothsville WV], he was engaged in this service as a volunteer, to act as an Indian Spy four seasons in the years he thinks 1777-8-9 & 80 during which time he was frequently engaged in skirmishes with the Indians. He served in each tour as a private except the tour for one month in which he acted in the Capacity of Sergeant.

He was out during the four seasons referred to at least six months each season.

He further states that he was in the service of the United States during the revolution all together at least twenty seven months, or two years & three months.

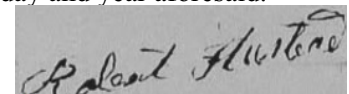
He states that he was born in the state of New York in the year 1755, on the high lands between the Fishkill and Peakskill [sic: Peekskill]. He has a record of his age at home in a big Bible. He was living in this county (or rather the frontier then) when he was called into service – and has lived since the revolution in the same place with the exception of three years he resided in the State of Virginia – and now resides in this county (Fayette). He was called into service as before stated, twice drafted and the residue of the time as a volunteer,- he was no substitute.

He states that his officers are as before stated Captains Springer, Geddis and Booth. Geddis and Springer were promoted to be Colonels, and commanded him – tho he was generally kept on the scout.

He states that he never received a discharge, as they were not given to Spies, that he ever heard of; nor was there much chance of writing.

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he now know of any one living who can testify to them. But he names Rev'd Wm Brownfield & John Oliphant Esqr who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, residing in his neighborhood.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



NOTES:

On 6 Dec 1838 Sarah Husted, 73, applied for a pension stating that she married Robert Husted on 4 June 1781, and he died on 26 June 1838.

The file contains a family record transcribed below.

BIRTHS.

Robert Husted Was born March 1th AD 1755

Sarah Husted Was born May 10th AD 1765

John Husted Was born Feb 19th AD 1782

David Husted Was born Sept 8th AD 1783

Lydia Husted Was born Sept 15th AD 1785

Alex'r Husted Was born Feb 11th AD 1788

David Husted Jr Was born Feb 19th AD 1808

Sarah Ann Husted Was born Sept 28th AD 1811

Lydia Husted Was born May 12th AD 1812

Robert Husted Was born August 11th AD 1813

Ann Husted Was born May 19 AD 1815

Sarah Husted Was born August 3^d AD 1817

Maria Husted Was born July 21st AD 1819

Jane Husted Was born Feb'y 11th AD 1821

MARRIAGES.

Robert Husted & Sarah McDonald Ware [sic] Married June 4th AD 1781

David Husted & Jane Maxwell Were Married Dec'r 22nd AD 1811