

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hudson W3422 Ann Childers VA
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District of Virginia SS.

On this Third day of May 1824, personally appeared in open court, being a court of record for the County of Henrico John Hudson aged sixty four years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March, 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820, that he, the said John Hudson enlisted for the term of three years on the [blank] day of February in the year 1777 in Portsmouth in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by captain Thomas Bresse [sic: Thomas Bressie, pension application R12763] in the regiment commanded by colonel [Gregory] Smith in the line of the State of Virginia on the United States continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until 1780 [page torn] the battle at Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] when he was discharged from the said service, in Portsmouth in the State of Virginia after enlisting we marched to Valley Forge under the Command of Capt. Triplett and was at the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778] under the Command of Capt'n John Hudson and at the battle of Stoney point Commanded by Captain [James] Moody and that he has no other evidence, now in his power, of his said services, except what is hereto annexed

And, in pursuance of the act of the 1st May, 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States, on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that I have not, since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; 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. that he has no real nor personal property (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) that he is a farmer but unable to pursue it, his family is a wife fifty six years old and a grand child 4 years of age, and that he is in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support himself without the assistance of his Country

Sworn to and declared, on the 3 day of May

John hisXmark Hudson

State of Virginia Henrico County to wit

This day [26 June 1824] Alexander Childres [see endnote] personally appeared before me a Magistrate for the County aforesaid and Made Oath that he belonged to the First Reg't. of Artillery from the State of Virginia on the Continental Establishment during the Revolutionary War that he was well acquainted with John Hudson who belonged to Capt. Thomas Bresse Company at that time The Deponant further Makes Oath that he first saw the said John Hudson in Portsmouth Virginia in February 1777 that they then marched in the same Army to gether to the Vally Forge and that they ware Both at the Battle of Monmouth and Stoney Point in July 1779 [see endnote] and that the said John Hudson was allway considered by his officers to be a faithfull soldier & is at this time a Respectable and Honest Man the declaration & schedule made by John Hudson in the County Court of Henrico on the 3^d day of May 1824 & hereto annexed is substantialy correct & true as they come within his own knowledge

Alexander HisXMark Childres

John Hudson, of the County of Henrico, in the State of Virginia, this day personally appeared before the Judge of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Richmond District, and solemnly declared on oath that in the year 1777 he enlisted a soldier under Captain Thomas Brissie, in the Second Virginia Regiment in the revolutionary war, that when the company was full, he marched under J. Hudson, then a Lieutenant,

in the same Company, but afterwards promoted to the rank of a Captain, and, joined the main army commanded by General Washington at Valley Forge, and was there attached to General Muhlenburgs [sic: Peter Muhlenberg's] brigade. He further saith, that he was at the battle of Monmouth, and the storming of Stoney Point, and serve out his time faithfully, as the Copies of Certificates from his commanding officers, herewith exhibited, and on which he drew his land bounty, will manifestly prove.

That in the fall of the year 1812, after the commencement of the late war between the United States and Great Britain, he enlisted under Captain Clement White, in the 20th Regiment of Infantry, and marched under him to the lines of Canada, in the spring of 1813; That being advanced in years, he performed the duties of a drummer, a species of musician very difficult to be obtained, at that state of the war' and which consideration, he believes, induced Captain White to enlist him, altho, he was beyond the age at which he was compellable to perform military duty.

From the severity of the climate, he became unfit for duty, and was discharged, at Plattsburg, on lake champlain, but a few months before his term of service would have expired; – as the certificate of Captain Clement White will sufficiently attest. His discharge was signed by General Izard; but was afterwards destroyed by heavy rain, which inundated his knapsack, the s'd. John Hudson further declared on Oath that, from age and infirmity, and by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he stands in need of assistance from his country for support.

Sworn to in open court the 7th day of March 1827.

Wm. W. Hening C.H.C.R.D.

March the 1st 1827.

This is a list of property that John Hudson betends to own in the whole world apraised by Edward Inrufty and Richson Inrufty and Richard Williams

The first is oald Book case. . .	2.00
Oald chest of draws.	1.50
Too oad tables.	1.50
One Iron pot and oven.	2.00
One Mare.	5.00
One sow and pigs.	3.50
Six Shotos.	<u>6.00</u>
John hisXmark Hudson	\$21.50

This is to certify that John Hudson enlisted in my Company of the 2nd Virginia State Regiment in February 1777 for the term of three years, which he served dully.

Thomas Bressie Capt'n.
November 10th 1783

The above Soldiers served the time for which he was enlisted
A Copy J. Pendleton Jr

J. Hudson Capt'n.
2nd Virginia Regim't.

I do hereby Certify that John Hudson the holder of this certificate enlisted with me in the fall of 1812 at the City of Richmond and State of Virginia in the service of the United States in the 20th Regiment of Infantry as a Soldier and Marched from thence with me to the Northern frontier in the spring of 1813, & continued to discharge the duties of a good Soldier until some time in the year 1814 on the lines of Canada, at which period from the severity of the climate he became very infirm so much so, that he obtained a discharge from the Army on account of his ill health which was produced from the severity of the service in that country & agreeable to the best of my recollection at the time of his discharge which took place at Platsburg he only lacked a few months of finishing the term for which he enlisted – Given Under my hand at the City of Richmond this 17th day of Feb'y 1827.

Clement White late Captn.
20th Reg't. U. S. Infantry

Henrico County to Wit

This day Alexander Childres, aged seventy five years, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, and made oath that he hath been well acquainted with John Hudson ever since an early period of the revolutionary war. That while this affiant, was a soldier in [Col. Charles] Harrison's Artillery, the said John Hudson to his knowledge, enlisted in Captain Bressie's company of infantry; that the said John Hudson having been transferred to the Continental establishment marched with this affiant and joined the main army at Valley Forge. He knows that the said John Hudson was with him, at the battle of Monmouth. That this affiant was at the Storming of Stoney point, and believes that the said John Hudson was there also, because he saw him with the army the next day; but the operations having been carried on in the night, he cannot possibly say with certainty whom he was in the action. His duty was to march strait forward and fight. This affiant further saith, that he hath lived a near neighbour to John Hudson, in the County of Henrico, and State of Virginia, for the last twenty five years, and knows him to be at this time, in very indigent circumstances. This affiant himself draws a pension from the United States, and, if he may be permitted to express an opinion, he would say that no old soldier in the revolutionary war, was ever better entitled to relief from his country than John Hudson. Besides his long and faithful services in the revolutionary war, this affiant knows that the said John Hudson served in the late war, between the United States and Great Britain in the Capacity of a Drummer; and he never heard any fault found with the said John Hudson, in either war, but always understood that he was faithful to his duty. Given Under my hand, at the City of Richmond in the County of Henrico this 26th day of March 1827.

Ben. Sheppard

These are to certify that the bearer hereof John Hudson, a Soldier in the first Virginia Regiment, having faithfully served the United States from the 7th August 1779 for eighteen months, and reenlisted in 1780 and being enlisted for the War, is hereby discharged from the American Army.

Given at the War Office the 6th day of August, 1783. B. Lincoln [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]

By order of the Secretary of War./ Jos. Carleton, Sec'y.

Registered in the Books of the Regiment

Sam'l. Tinsley Adj't Major [Samuel Tinsley]

[Copied certified 12 June 1828]

State of Virginia Henrico County To Wit.

Before me Benjamin Shepherd a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Major William Price, who was a Lieutenant in the Continental line of the Revolutionary army, and made oath, that he is well acquainted with John Hudson of Henrico County who was a Drummer in the 2nd Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment, and belonged to General Muhlenburgs Brigade; that he saw the said Hudson in the year 1777 at Valley Forge, that he marched from thence with the Troops, and was in the engagement at Monmouth, Where Lt. Price got wounded, and does not remember seeing Hudson for some time after, but well remembers, always to have heard, and verily believes that Mr. Hudson continued in the U.S. service until after the Capture of Lord Corn Wallis at Little York in Virginia [Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]

Given Under my hand this 12 day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Ben. Sheppard

John Hudson Declaration

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act, entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution," approved on the 15th of May 1828, I, John Hudson of Henrico in the County of Henrico, in the State of Virginia, do declare that I enlisted in the Continental line of the army of the Revolution under Capt Thos Bracie of the [blank] Reg't* for and during the War and continued in it's service until it's termination; at which period I was a Drummer in Captain John Hudsons Company in the second regiment, of the Virginia line of Continental establishment. And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates for the reward of Eighty dollars; to which I was entitled

under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778. And I further declare that I never have been on the pension list. Witness my hand this 7th day of June in the year 1828

*and was transfered to Capt. John Hudson's comp'y which belonged to the 2nd Virg'a. Regiment, my discharge states the 1st Reg't which is an error
John hisXmark Hudson

John Hudson's Explanatory Declaration

I John White of the County of Henrico in the State of Virginia do declare, that when my Declaration which was forwarded to the Treasury Department was made out, I was not apprised of the necessity or even the propriety of entering so fully into detail as it appears I should have done, By way of explanation therefore; I do hereby declare that I was enlisted by Thomas Bracey, (who acted I believe as a recruiting officer only) as a private soldier of the Infantry, and was turned over to Capt John Hudson under whose command I marched to Valley Forge, from Hampton in Virginia, after which I was made a Drummer in which character I continued, and do not know why I was not so designated by the muster rills, am however informed it is not customary in making the returns to particularise by name who are drummers &c, Captain Hudson died and I was transfered to new officers two or three times, but belonged when I left the service at the close of the War to Captain Tarlton Payne's Company. I further declare that at the time I made my former declaration, I did not know of any other private soldier or musician belonging to the service of the name of John Hudson but myself; am since informed that a man of my name, who belonged to the Virginia State line is registered in the Books of this place (Richmond) as having been enlisted in that service, perhaps for eighteen months or three years, who may be dead, for all I know, I was not acquainted with him. I also declare that I am the man who served in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, and that I do not know why I was not registered as a Drummer, My discharge is believe to have been filed. Witness my hand this 22nd day of September 1828.

John hisXmarke Hudson

[The letter by Hudson's agent that accompanies the above includes the following: "I beg leave to mention that I am informed, his bed, and the only cow, which perhaps he has in the world are now in the hands of the officer, and to be sold at our October Court...."]

At a Quarterly court continued by adjournment and held for Henrico county at the Courthouse on the 6th day of March 1839.

The declaration and Schedule of John Hudson a Revolutionary soldier were this day presented in court, sworn to in open court by the said John Hudson and the declaration subscribed by him also in open court and are in these words. to wit: "State of Virginia. Henrico County, to wit. On this 6th day of March 1839. personally appeared in open court, being a court of record (so made by law of the State, for said county) John Hudson, a resident in said county, aged eighty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the 1st of May 1820; that he the said John Hudson enlisted for the term of three years, on the [blank] day of February in the year 1777, in Portsmouth in the State of Virginia, in the company commanded by Captain Brissell in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Smith in the line of the state of Virginia on the United States Continental Establishment. that he continued to serve in the Corps until the year 1780 after the battle of Stony Point when he was discharged from the service in Portsmouth in the State of Virginia. After enlisting he marched to Valley Forge under the command of Captain Triplett and that he was at the battle of Monmouth under the command of Captain John Hudson, and at the battle of Stony point he was commanded by Captain Moody. that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the Roll of any State except the State of Virginia, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application than the did for a pension under the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818. to wit that he did not know that he was entitled to such a pension. and in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820 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 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, securities, contracts or debts due me, nor have I any income other than that is contained in the Schedule hereby annexed and by me subscribed (with the exception of eighty dollars per annum which was granted to me by the Government of the United States under the act of the 15th of May 1828) but have no other income or property whatever. That since the 18th of March 1818 no change has been made in my property as it respects its value, except that occasioned by use and natural decay. Sworn and declared on the 6th day of March 1839 before the court of the county of Henrico aforesaid.

John hisXmark Hudson

Schedule of the property of John Hudson of Henrico county, a soldier in the late Revolutionary war, named in his declaration to which this schedule is annexed, which declaration is made by him in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820, has the following property. Tow tables, one old Desk with drawers, five chairs, a few articles of Kitchen furniture, two cows, two hogs, one axe, and some old garden and farming tools. He is by occupation a Farmer, but he is unable by old age and bodily infirmity to support himself. His family consists of of his wife Nancy, aged seventy four years, also verry infirm, one widow'd daughter Catherine Marrell fifty two years of age, extremely weak and sickly, and one of his granddaugther Mildrytan Jordan a orphan aged about sixteen years, the before mentioned constitutes his present family of which three (including himself) are unable to do labour, and are in such indigent circumstances as to require the assistance of the country or private or public charity. he hopes and trusts therefore in his present poor and feeble situation to obtain soone the aid and interposition of the Government, as his time according to the course of nature, to remain here, must be short, and could for that reason not be able with any degree of certainty to make another application.

[From [Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Digital Collection](#)/ Henrico County]

To the General Assembly of Virginia

The Petition of John Hudson of Henrico County a Soldier who has served his country through two wars, the Revolution and the War of 1812, is now in his 79th year begs leave humbly to represent. That about the middle of October Eighteen hundred and thirty he unfortunately broke one of his legs, since which time he has not been able to any thing for himself or for his helpless family: your Petitioner has a wife and two daughters to maintain, his wife is a very old woman and is disabled by a rising on her right hand which prevents her from rendering service to herself or any body else: his daughters are old women and not able to do much. Your Petitioner never ast of his native State any assistance while he was able to labor for his living, but is very reluctantly compelled in his aged, crippled, and feeble condition to ask such aid as the representatives of the people in their justice may deem reasonable. It is true the Gen'l. Government allows your petitioner a pention of eighty dollars per year, but it is totally inadequate to support him and his helpless family. Your petitioner prays that your Honorable body may commisserate his situation and afford him such relief as in your justice you may think reasonable, and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c &c

John hisXmark Hudson

[The file contains a supporting statement signed by six of Hudson's neighbors.]

Dec'r 11th 1833 ref'd to C[lai]ms/ 1834 Jany 7th Rejected/ 8 Reported

NOTES:

Alexander Childres was probably the same person as Alexander Childress, pension application W10604. In that pension application, however, Alexander Childress did not claim to have been at the battle of Monmouth or the storming of Stony Point.

On 18 Oct 1842 Ann (Nancy) Hudson, aged 83 on the previous May 17, applied for a pension stating that she married John Hudson on 1 Jan 1786, and he died 4 Mar 1842 at age 92 leaving the following children: Sally, Polly, John, and William. She added that John Hudson had also enlisted for five years during the War of 1812 under George McLocklin and was a drummer in Capt. Jett's Company of the 20th Infantry. With her application is a copy of a bond signed in Henrico County on 2 Jan 1785 by John Hudson and John Williams for the marriage of Hudson to Nancy Williams. A typed summary states that Ann Hudson died 18 Dec 1851.