

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of John Huitt (Hewitt) W3682

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[fn p. 8]

State of Illinois, Greene County

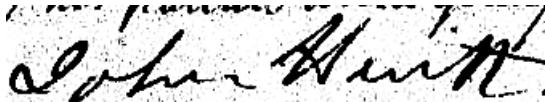
On this 3rd day of April 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in & for the County of Greene & State of Illinois John Huitt a resident of the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy two years 25th of Jan last, who first being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he was born January 25th in the year 1761 in Brunswick County, Virginia. That in the summer (In the month of August, he thinks) of the year 1778, he volunteered & entered the service of the United State commanded by Capt. Williams in the County of Granville, North Carolina, he served two months holding the office of second Sergeant, mounted upon horseback finding his own horse & equipments—which two months service at that time was reckoned equal to three months service upon foot. That this service was performed against the Tories in the adjacent neighborhoods. That the fall of 1778 he volunteered & entered the service of the United States in Granville, N. C. commanded by Capt. Smith, & served two months mounted, finding his own horse & equipments against the Tories in the adjoining neighborhoods, being a private: Which service was counted equal to three months upon foot. That in the year 1779 he volunteered & entered the service in Granville County, North Carolina commanded by Capt. McFarling [sic, McFarland?] & served as a private two months mounted upon horseback, finding his own horse & equipments against the Tories, which service was counted equal to three months service upon foot. That in the latter part of the year 1780 or in the first part of 1781 he volunteer & entered the service commanded by Capt. Moore, whose company was attached, Col. Maldberdy's [Malmedy's] Regiment. (Maldberdy [Malmedy] was a Frenchman, and he, this affiant, does not know how to spell his name) & served as a private, three months (mounted, finding his own horse & equipments, against both Tories & British, which service was reckoned equal to 4 ½ months service upon foot. That during this period of service he was in the battle at Guilford [County Court House]. That he volunteered & served as First sergeant under command of Capt. John Henderson, whose company was attached to Col. Malmedy's Regiment in the summer of (he thinks) 1781. That he served three months, mounted finding his own horse & equipments, against both British & Tories. That he was at the battle at Ramsour's Mill during the time (he thinks) he was under the command of Capt. John Henderson & that this service was reckoned equal to 4 ½ months upon foot. That in

the fall of (he thinks) 1781 he volunteered to guard the Legislature at Hillsborough & served as first Sergeant under the command of Capt. Goodge (Nathan Goody, he thinks) the whole time the Legislature was in session, which was (he thinks) three months. At least, he is confident that he served at this time not less than two months finding his own equipments, but no horse. That he volunteered in 1781 & served against the Tories as a private under the Command of Capt. White two months mounted, which service was reckoned equal to three months upon foot. That he volunteered for three months a short time before Cornwallis was taken, which was in 1781, & entered the service as a private under the command of Capt. Fuller & marched towards Yorktown in Virginia & that upon hearing that Cornwallis was defeated & taken, Capt. Fuller marched back his company & discharged them. That he served not less than two weeks at this time. So this affiant claims a Pension for 3 months service as 2nd sergeant under Capt. Williams—for 3 months service as private under Capt. Smith—for 3 months service as a private under Capt. McFarling; for 4 ½ months service as a private. under Capt. Moore, for 4 ½ months service as 1st sergeant under Capt. John Henderson, for 2 months service as 1st sergeant under Capt. Goodge, for three months service as a private under Capt. White & 2 weeks service as a private under Capt. Fuller = making in all 1 year 11 months & 2 weeks. & for such service he claims a pension.

That he recollects to have seen several officers among whom recollects, particularly Genl. Greene [Nathanael Greene] under whose command Col. Malmedy's Regiment was, all the time he belong to it. That recollects Col. Washington [William Washington] & Col. Lee [Henry Lee a/k/a "Light Horse Harry Lee"] & Major De Baron. That by reason of Old age the consequent loss of memory he cannot recollect the Christian names of several of his Captains nor the name of the Lieutenants under whom he served. Nor does he recollect the precise dates of the time when he served, but has told them as near he could after much reflection. That he has no record of his age. That he received discharges from service of his Captains but that left them with his father who went to the State of Mississippi & died there & that he has never been able to get said discharges. That soon after the Revolutionary War he moved to South Carolina, lived there about 3 [? # written over] years, then moved to the State of Georgia lived there about 18 years, that he then moved to the State of Illinois & lived in Madison County. about 16 years then moved to the now County of Greene where he has lived for the past 12 years. That he is well known to many person in his present neighborhood who can testify concerning him among whom he would mentioned Charles Kitchins [?] & Edward D. Baker.

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, that he herein relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present & declared that his name in not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State or Territory. That he has no record of his age, but that he was taught by his parents when young to know his age & since, he has kept it himself.

S/ John Huitt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Huitt". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid,
S/ Moses Bledsoe, Clk

[Charles Kitchens, a clergyman, and Edward D Baker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 13: On October 10, 1850 in Greene County Illinois, Elizabeth Hewit, 91, filed for a widow's pension under the 1848 act stating that she is the widow of John Hewit , a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on the 3rd day of March in the year 1788; that her husband died June 6, 1848; that they were married in Franklin County North Carolina; that she has no family record of said marriage; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[fn p. 16: On June 10, 1852 in Jersey County Illinois, the widow gave a supplemental affidavit in which she states that she has no record of the births of her children but that she knows their ages and that one of her children now living is over 60 years of age and to between 50 and 60 years of age one of her daughters is the wife of the late ex-Governor Carlin and one the wife of James L. D. Morrison now candidate for Lieutenant Governor of this State both of whom are over 50 years of age.]

[fn p. 12: Copy of a marriage bond issued to John Huitt & John Rackly [signed John Ratliff] April 3rd, 1787 to secure the marriage of John Huitt to Elizabeth Ratliff; issued in Franklin County North Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$101.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 7 months service as a Sergeant of the cavalry, 9 months service as a private of the cavalry, 2 months service as a private in the Infantry and 14 days service as a private in the infantry, all in the North Carolina militia.]