

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hite ¹W5105

Deborah Hite

f50VA

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Virginia Jefferson County Sct.

On this 21st day of August 1838 personally appeared before the County Court for Jefferson County Deborah Hite a resident of said County of Jefferson of Seventy-eight years of age who being sworn according to law doth on Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed July 7th, 1838, entitled "And Act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows." That she is the widow of George Hite who was a Lieutenant in the Army attached to the Cavalry of Lees Legion [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee's], that he entered the Army in the area early life, about the age of Eighteen years, she believes about the year 1779, that while the Army was near "Ninety Six" [the siege of Ninety Six occurred May 21-June 19, 1781] he received a wound in his sword arm which disabled him for life. He obtained a furlough and returned home, and there remained until the close of the War, never having been in actual service thereafter – though he set out for the Army in July 1783 but meeting with General Wood [probably James Wood] between Winchester & Richmond he was ordered back; She further declares that she married the said George Hite on the 4th day of February 1783, that her Husband the aforesaid George Hite died December 16th, 1816, that she was not married to him before he left actual service he having retired on a furlough on account of being disabled – that the marriage took place previous to the first day of January 1794 at the time above stated. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written.

S/ D. Hite



At the same time the said Deborah Hite produced to the court the family Record of said George Hite which the said Deborah on her oath states has remained in her care since her husband's death and which is proved by James L Ranson a credible witness to be in the handwriting of said George Hite and which is in the words and figures –

"George Hite was born on the 28th day of October A.D. 1761 –"

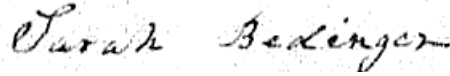
"Deborah Rutherford was born on the 11th day of March, A.D., 1760."

"The above parties were married by the Reverend Daniel Sturges on the 4th day of February A.D. 1783 –"

¹ BLWt1089-200 Lieut. Issued Mar. 6, 1790 No papers

Sarah Bedinger a credible witness known to the Court has such also appeared in court and being sworn deposes and says that she was present at the marriage of George Hite with the aforesaid Deborah who is her sister which was she verily believes in the year 1783.

S/ Sarah Bedinger



[pp 3-4: family register:

George Hite was born the 28th day of October A.D. 1861

Debra Rutherford was born on the 11th day of March A.D. 1760

The above parties were Married by the Reverend Daniel Sturges on the 4th day of February A.D. 1783, and had issue as follows –

Robert Gates Hite was born the 19th day of February A.D. 1784

Jacob Hite was born on the 20th day of December A.D. 1785

Thomas Rutherford Hite was born on the 14th day of August A.D. 1788

Frances Madison Hite was born on the 28th day of December A.D. 1790

Thomas Rutherford Hite died (with an illness of only 17 hours) on Monday the 26 day of September 1791 aged 3 years one month 12 days

"Happy the babe who privileged by fate
To Shorter Labour and a lighter weight
Received but yesterday the gift of breath
Ordered tomorrow to return to death"

Margaret Rutherford Hite was born the 17th day of February 1793 half past 3:00 AM and 7 minutes after was born Susannah Rutherford Hite

Sarah Madison Hite was born the 9th day of May A.D. 1795

Mary Elizabeth Hite was born the 19th day of August A.D. 1797

Eleanor Madison Hite was born on the 29th day of December at 1 o'clock in the morning in the year of our Lord 1800

Eleanor Madison Hite departed this life October the 25th 1802 at 4 o'clock in the Evening in less than thirty minutes after she was supposed to be ill – may we like her hair no fear of death, from a [indecipherable word or words] prepared to meet the Lord Jesus Christ

[p 11: On November 26, 1844, in Jefferson County Virginia, John R Flagg made oath that he is the administrator of the estate of Deborah Hite, his late mother in law and the identical person who was a pensioner of the United States under the 1838 act at the rate of \$320 per annum; that Deborah Hite resided in Jefferson County Virginia for the space of 40 years prior to her death; prior thereto she had lived in Frederick & Berkeley counties Virginia; that Deborah Hite died in Jefferson County July 16, 1843 leaving the following children: Francis [sic, Frances] M Ranson, wife of James L Ranson, Margaret R Hite, Sally E. R. Beckwith, Mary E. Merritt and two grandchildren, Sally A. Flagg & George H. Flagg; that her and account settlement with George Hite, he remained in service until November 15, 1783, some nine months after George Hite and Deborah Rutherford were married; that the pension due the deceased widow should have been \$400 per annum since her husband was a Lieutenant of Dragoons.



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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 12th day of June 1784, in the name of George Hite, as a Lieutenant of Infantry for £90.16.10, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to Robert Rutherford and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782. To wit – pay as Ensign in 8th Virginia Regiment from 10 September '80 to 22 June 1781 – And as Cornet in 3rd Regiment Light Dragoons from 22 June '81 to 16 November 1781 – And as Lieutenant from 16 November 1781 to 31st December 1781.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
4th day of February 1839.

S/ Jas E. Heath, AUDITOR

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D^r The United States In Account with George Hite *C^t*

1787	To pay as Lieutenant Dragoons from January 1 st to Dec ^r 31 st	doll ^s 90 100	By three months pay By Col ^l Carringtons (Clothing) Balance due	doll ^s 90 100 15 23 214 67 100
1785	To pay from Jan ^y 1 st to Nov ^r 15	350	By four months pay Balance due	133 30 216 60 350
	To five years full pay inclusive of half pay from to October 8 th 1776	2000	By Certificates Settled Nov ^r 27 th 1784. By Matthew Clay	2000

The above is truly copied from a Book of Settlements made with the Officers &c of the Revolutionary Army by Andrew Duncomb Afs^t Cont.

*Given under my hand at the Auditors Office
Richmond this 21st day of November 1839
J. E. Heath*

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$320 per annum from March 4th, 1836 for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do hereby Certify that Mr. George Hite has served as a Lieutenant of Light Dragoons in this States Quota of Continental Troops for upwards [?] of three years

Given under my hand this 11th day of September 1783

S/ James Wood, Colo. ? V. R.

I do hereby certify that Mr. George Hite has served
as a Lieutenant of Light Dragoons in the State Quota of
Continental Troops, of this State.
Given under my hand this 11th day
of September 1783.
James Wood, Col. D.V.C.

[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 91-page file

[p 2: partial image]

George Hite Lieutenant of the [image cut off at the top thereof at this point]
service of the this State's Quota received the 8th day of July 1781 near Orangeburg in the State of
South Carolina aged 25 years and lives in this County.

A copy

S/ Moses Hunter

Agreeable to the above order, I do certify that I have examined Lieutenant George Hite's wound
which I find large – obliquely across the Extensor carpi ulnaris — Flexor carpi ulnaris and
[indecipherable] Muscles of his right arm a little below the Elbow – must judge him unable to do
hard labor – this 6th day of November 1786

S/ Robert Henry

Berkeley '25 yrs.

Agreeable to the above order, I do certify that I have examined
Lieutenant George Hite's wound which I find large –
Obliquely – across the Extensor carpi ulnaris – Flexor carpi
ulnaris – and Accumbens Muscles of his right arm
a little below the Elbow – must judge him unable to do
hard labor – this 6th day of November 1786
Robert Henry
Berkeley '25 yrs.

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I do, with the advice of Council, hereby certify that Mr. George Hite, about 25 years of age, late
a Lieutenant in the 1st Regiment of Light Dragoons appears to have been disabled in such a

manner while in the service of the United States as to entitle him to the Sum of Forty Pounds yearly which allowance is accordingly made him, to commence on the first day of January.

Given under my hand at Richmond this 29th day of November 1786

S/ P. Henry [Patrick Henry]

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Received April 21st, 1778 of James Crane Deputy Sheriff of Berkeley forty pounds in full for my Pension due for the year 1786 as will appear from a certificate from the Executive dated the 29th day of November 1786.

Teste

S/ Joseph Crane

S/ G. Hite

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Hite". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ G. Hite".

[Note: Of the bulk of the other documents in this file relate to the annual authorization, disbursement and receipt of the pension by the veteran up until his death in 1816.]