

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension application of Thomas Hutchins, W7836	<i>Sarah</i>	<i>fn76NC</i>
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[fn p. 19]

“State of North Carolina ~ Rutherford County”

On this Tenth day of September, 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the justices of the Court of Rutherford County now sitting, Thomas Hutchins, a resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina aged 79 years who being first duly sworn according to the law doth on his Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed the 7th June 1832 that he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated:

In the year 1775, I was then living in Wake County N. Carolina (right) where Raleigh now stands. I became a Volunteer under Captain James Hinton. We was at Corbet's Ferry on Black river. At that place there was some firing across the River from each party. From that place we was marched on to Moore's Bridge where we had a Battle and defeated the Highlanders. This service was under Governor Caswell I think. We was not but more than five or 6 weeks. Col John Hinton - Major John Hinton was the Commander of the Wake Regiment. I think Genl Moore got to the ground soon after the Battle with the Regulars from that place. I returned home. My Next Service was in 1778 for 5 months under Captain Woodson Daniel. We was marched on through Salisbury NC to Charlotte there we found the main army under General Rutherford. We was at Camden S Carolina at the 10 Mile House on our way to Savannah. We was halted at Purysburg [Purrysburg] there we was stationed for some time, principally engaged as spies until our term expired and we returned home to Wake County N Carolina. Soon after my return (home or here?). Soon after I was a Volunteer for ___ [blank in original] months under Captain Matthew McCulloch [sic, Capt. Matthew McCullers¹] in a Troop of horse (cavalry). We ranged through the middle of the State from the Roanoke [to] Cape Fear. We was at the retaking of Governor Burke [Thomas Burke]--at Lindley's Mills in Chatham County N Carolina we was discharged a Brazill's [?] Ferry and returned home. Col James Hinton Commanded this tower [sic, tour]. Shortly after my return I was drafted for three months under Captain Dread [could be David] Jones. We was at Hillsboro, at Salisbury Beatties ford on the Catawba we from that place was Caused to retreat at Torrence's [also spelled “Tarrant's,” “Torrance's,” “Torrence's"] the British light horse overtook us and killed several and took a good many prisoners. We scattered and shifted for ourselves in small parties until we came up with the Main Army between Haw & Deep Rivers. It was under the command of General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene]. We Crossed over Dan River then my term of Service was out. (I was) discharged and went home. Soon after my return I was Drafted for three months under Captain Martin Lain under the command of Col John Humphries we was at Hillsboro, Salisbury, Camden, High hills of Santee, Returned back to Camden crossed the Congaree [River] to Thompson's Fort found that vacated. We pursued on to the Eutaw Springs there we had warm work and many of (my) companions fell by my side from that place I was one of the guard that was ordered on with the prisoners to Salisbury N Carolina, but they had left that place before we arrived there. We overtook them at Bell's Mills from that place I went home and was not called on any more during the War. This statement is made mostly from memory. There was many important transactions that took place but I am not able to connect them to be of any service. One thing is certain that I was the principle part of my time in the Service of my country from 1775 to the end of the War.

¹ [Matthew McCullers W7415](#)

The young men was not safe any other way. We could not have any encouragement to make a crop. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present, and declare that this name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Quest by the court:

1st where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in Augusta County, State of Virginia in the year 1753. (crossed out - When I was quite young my parents moved to North Carolina. when (from) Raleigh (we) moved to Wake County)

2nd (Question): have you any Record of your age? Yes I have it in my possession at this time. 3rd

Question: Where were you living when called into service and where do you now live. Answer, I was living in Wake County N Carolina when I was called into service and continued then until the year 1796 from that place I moved with my family to Rutherford County North Carolina where I have lived ever since. (4th) Question: How was you called into service were you drafted, Did you Volunteer or was you a substitute and if a substitute for who?

Answer: My first service was a Volunteer, 1 1/2 (months)

My second service was a Draft 5 (months)

My third Service was Volunteer 2 (months)

My fourth service was Drafted 3 (months)

My fifth service was Drafted 3 (months)

Question 5: State some of the names of the generals and field who were with the troops where you served.

Answer: Governor Caswell - General Rutherford, General Greene, Captain Hinton, Captain Davidson.

State the names of some persons in your neighborhood to whom you are known who can testify as to your character or veracity. Sworn to and subscribed this day and year.

Thomas Hutchins, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year of Inst.

[There follows two sworn statements by neighbors William Carson, and James W Carson, that they know Thomas Hutchins, that he is 79 years old, and that he served in the Revolutionary War.]

fn p. 7: On April 27, 1844 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Sarah Hutchins, 76, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Thomas Hutchins late pensioner from Rutherford County North Carolina; that she married him in Wake County North Carolina in May 1786; that he died December 7th, 1843 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 32: On April 27, 1844 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Reuben Proctor, 75, gave testimony that he was present at the marriage of Thomas Hutchins to Sarah Proctor in Wake County North Carolina in the summer of the year 1786 or 7. His relationship if any to the widow is not stated.]

[fn p. 23: On May the 11th, 1846 in Rutherford County North Carolina, Isaac Hutchins gave testimony that he is a son of Thomas Hutchins, late pensioner deceased from Rutherford County and his widow Sarah; that he was born April 14 1806 and has a record of his age; that he also has a record of the age of William Hutchins the 4th child of his parents.

Isaac Hutchins

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[fn p. 15: On June 2, 1847 in Rutherford County North Carolina, William Hutchins gave testimony that he is the 4th child of Thomas & Sarah Hutchins; that he was born June 15, 1794 as he has always understood and as he made a record of his age in his family Bible together with the age of his father and several of his, the affiant's, children; that his older siblings were Richard, Betsy and Patsy, he being as stated the 4th child of his parents.

William Hutchins

[fn p. 11: miscellaneous pages of family record:

[illegible] Hutchins was born the 14th day of April 1806

John Hutchins was born [illegible]

Polly Hutchins was born the 16th Day of Geneary 1801

William [paper torn text missing] was born the 15 Day of June 1794

William Hutch [paper torn text missing] his book and his hand and pen

Thomas Hutchins was born the 22 day of January in the year of our Lord 1753

William Hutchins the sone of Thomas Hut [paper torn text missing] was born the 15th Day of June in the year of our Lord 1794

John Hutchins was born the 8th day of February in the year while Lord 1816

Wm B Hutchins was born the 25th Day of October 1818

Wright Hutchins was born the 10th Day of October in the year of our Lord 1820

[fn p. 4: Note indicating that the last payment was made to Young Hutchins, Elizabeth Walters, Martha Beaty, William Hutchins, Sarah Early, Thomas Hutchins, Polly Wearn, John Hutchins, Isaac Hutchins & Moses Hutchins only living children at the death of the widow.]

[Facts in file: In May 1786 in Wake County North Carolina, the veteran married Sarah Proctor; she died January 10, 1845 in Rutherford County North Carolina

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$64.99 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the State Troops of dragoons. Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing the 7th day of December 1843 and ending January 10, 1845, when she died.]