

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hudlar W8450

Nelly Messer¹

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[fn p. 7]

State of Kentucky Madison County: SS

On this the 4th day of July 1850 Before me Adam Rogers the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Madison and State aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Nelly Messer a resident of said County aged ninety years. After being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July the 4th 1836 granting pensions to certain widows, and any other act which may provide for her. States that she is the widow Asa Messer deceased and of John Hudlar deceased. That her first husband the said John Hudlar was a soldier in the Army of the revolution. That he entered the service of said war in or near Jones County State of North Carolina in the early part of the war and served several years in the Continental line at or near to the close of the war. That she is now very old and her memory has become very much impaired so much so that she is unable to state the names of all the officers under whom he served & all the various other particulars of his service but as well as her memory serves her he served under General Washington and part of his time under General Morgan and General Green [Nathanael Greene] & others not now recollected, and that he was in the Battles of Guilford, Cowpens, Moons Creek and various others not now recollected. She further declares that she was married to the said John Hudlar deceased on the 10th day of October 1778 in Trenton Jones County North Carolina by Esquire Weber [Webber?]. That her said husband (John Hudlar) died in Jones County aforesaid sometime in the year 1800. That she was afterwards married to Asa Messer. That he is also dead that he died in the year 1830. That she is now a widow having remained so ever since the death of her said husband. That her said husband John Hudlar deceased never applied for a pension & that she has never before made any application for a pension being informed that she was deprived of the right in consequence of her second marriage, but as she is now a widow & being recently informed that her said marriage is no bar to her claim she is lead to make this application though time has deprived her of much valuable and important testimony. She trust the Department by reference to the proof hereunto annexed and accompanying this application and the rolls of the Continental line of US to which she respectively refers will find were evidence sufficient to justify them in placing her name on the roll of Revolutionary pensioners under the Act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836 as aforesaid as a widow of one who served over two years as a private in the revolution, as she is certain her said husband John Hudlar deceased served five years or more as a private in the Continental line of North Carolina as aforesaid.

¹ Former widow

S/ Nelly Messer, X her mark

[fn p. 9: On July 4th, 1850 in Madison County Kentucky, Mrs. Esther Moy, 85, gave a supporting testimony saying that she is the sister of Nelly Messer; that she, affiant, was born in 1765 in Jones County North Carolina; that she was present at the marriage of her sister in Trenton North Carolina to John Hudlar in 1777; she remembers the date of the marriage because "her mother said: "Now Esther you must fix up your time next: you are twelve years old that's as old as I was when I was married."]

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[At the top of the page appears a slip of paper reading:

"Nelly Hudlar was Born Oct the 8th 1757 [could be 1759] the above persons were married Oct 10th 1777 married in Trenton N Carolina."

State of Kentucky Rockcastle County: SS

On this the 26th day of August A.D. 1850 before me Alfred Smith the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County & State aforesaid personally appeared Isaac Moy a resident of said County aged sixty-three years on the first day of September next after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following affidavit in support of the claim of Nelly Messer of Madison County Kentucky for a pension under act of July the 4th 1836 for the revolutionary service of her first husband John Hudlar deceased. States that he is a son of Esther Moy who hath given her affidavit in this case that he was born in Jones County State of North Carolina and after several years residence there they moved to Rowan County North Carolina and from thence they moved to the State of Kentucky, did he has been personally acquainted with the said Nelly Messer from his earliest recollection up to the present time. That her first husband John Hudlar deceased was reputed and generally believed in his neighborhood to have served several years in the Revolution, that he has often heard to what company & Regiment he belonged but has now forgotten that he recollects that it was always said he served under General Morgan & General Green [Nathanael Greene] and belonged to the Continental line of North Carolina. That it was always said that he served upwards of 5 years. That he has always been informed that the said John Hudlar and Nelly Mallard [?] the aforesaid was married in Trenton State of North Carolina on the 10th day of October in the year 1777, That he has known the annexed record of their marriage for many years although he has not seen it for several years & had forgotten that he had it but since the application of the said Nelly Messer she informed him that she delivered the said records to him with other papers several years since and on an examination he found the said record which he readily recognize. That he believes the said record to be the original and that it is correct. That to the best of his knowledge it is written in my handwriting of his father before his death according to the direction of the said John & Nelly Hudlar. That the said John & Nelly Hudlar never had any children. That the said John Hudlar & Nelly his wife always lived & cohabited together from his earliest recollection as man and wife to the date of the said John Hudlar's death in the year 1800. That after the death of said Hudlar Nelly his widow married a man by the name of Asa Messer with whom she lived until the year 1830 at which time he died. That the said Nelly has never since been married and is now living. That there is not a shade or shadow of 8 p.m. but the said Nelly Messer is justly honorably and legally entitled to a pension for the service of her said husband John Hudlar deceased.

S/ Isaac Moy

Isaac Moy

[fn p. 31: Certificate dated August 16, 1851 from the North Carolina Comptroller's Office listing payments made to a John Hudler for services during the revolution and also contain the following statement:

"It also appears by Rolls and Returns in said office that John Hudler [sic] enlisted during the War, as a Continental soldier on the 24th day of June 1779 and that John Hudlar was in Rendezvous at Kingston under Lieutenant John McNees 3d N. C. Regiment July 3rd 1779."

an earlier certificate from the North Carolina Comptroller Office contains the following quote: "It also appears by the return of J. Glasgow, Currell of Dobbs Regiment to General Caswell, dated July 6, 1779, that John Hudlar enlisted on the 24th of June 1779 for the War; and by the return of Lieutenant John McNees 3e Regt. N. C. that John Hudlar arrived at rendezvous in Kingston N. C. July 3, 1779."]

[Veteran's former widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband's service of 2 years as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]