

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of Richard Hunt W8953

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

State of Kentucky

Lincoln County S.S.

On this 24th day of March 1834 personally appeared in open court [illegible word] the County Court of Lincoln County now sitting Richard Hunt a resident of the said County of Lincoln & State of Kentucky, aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That he entered the service of the United States in the latter part of the year 1777 when the British army was in the possession of the City of Philadelphia [26 Sep 1777 - 18 Jun 1778], under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated.

That he entered the service as a substitute he does not recollect for whom in the Virginia Militia in Culpeper County Va. in the latter part of the year 1777 he does not recollect the month under the command of Capt Richard Ware. John Roberts was Lieutenant and William Roberts was the Major he does not recolect the Col nor the number of the regiment but it was a draft of five hundred men and raised for the purpose of protecting the country from the incursions of the British Army then in Ph'a. the whole was under the command of Brigadier General James Barbour. that he was marched from the Court house in Culpeper County to the Schuylkill River in Pensylvania a distance of upwards of Two hundred miles, that he was engaged in no battle but his company with other troops were sent in pursuit of a body of Hessians, who escaped over the Schuylkill River in flat bottom boats. there were some Regiments of regular troops employed on the same expedition, but he does not remember the names of any of the officers. That he served a Tour of three months and was dismissed by Capt. Richard Ware. he does not think that any written discharges were given on the occasion.

That he again entered the service in the Summer of 1780 he does not recollect the month, as a Draft in the Virginia Militia in Culpeper County in what was called the first Eighteen months Draft, and that he served throughout the Tour as a Sergeant, under the command of Capt Harry Hill, he does not remember the name of the Lieutenant, nor the number of his regiment. That his Company whilst on this Tour was placed under the orders & Direction of Different Captains, to wit Capts Stephenson, Armstead Kilpatrick, Crane & Lamb. there were likewise Majors Paulson [sic: John Poulson] & Gamble & Cols Gasdon [sic: Thomas Gaskins] & William Davis [sic: William Davies], the whole Brigade under the Command of Baron Steuben

That his company was marched from Culpeper Court house Va. to Fredericksburg in the same state, where Capt Hill resigned, and the command of the company was bestowed on Capt Stephenson, who exercised & disciplined the Company whilst it remained in that Town. The troops were stationed some time in Fredericksburg, from which Company was marched to Chesterfield Court House Va, where with other troops they were stationed during the Winter of 1780 & Spring of 1781. They were marched to Chesterfield Court house under Capt Armstead, and after that during the time they remained there his company was commanded alternately by Capts Kilpatrick & Crane were Continental officers, and placed over them for the purpose of exercising and drilling them, the Commanding Col. at Chesterfield Court house was William Davis. Nothing of moment ocured whilst at Chesterfield to this Declarant except that he apprehend a Deserter and delivered him over to the proper authority for which he received a Certificate from Col William Davis.

That the Troops were marched from Chesterfield Court House in the Spring or summer of 1781. his company still under the orders alternately of Kilpatrick & Crane to Powhattan [sic: Powhatan] Court

House in Va. and from that place they marched in pursuit of Enemy who had invaded Va. under Lord Cornwallis to the Forks of James River & thence to Staunton River which they crossed & recrossed at Cole's ferry, and pursued the British Army on its retreat towards Little York. That in this pursuit the American Army of which his Company was a part was several times drawn up in order of Battle in sight of the British Army, but no engagement took place until Lord Cornwallis & his army were surrounded & Captured at Little York that the regular officers were Genls. Washington, Fayette [sic: Lafayette], [Benjamin] Lincoln & others that his Company was engaged in the Siege under the Command of Capt Lamb, he thinks that Lord Cornwallis surrendered in the month of October [19th] 1781 and whilst they were still at Little York this Declarant with others were discharged by Capt Lamb by a written discharge (which he left at his father's in Va. when he removed to Kentucky in the Fall of 1782 and that he does not know what has become of it.

He states that at the time he was discharged as aforesaid he had served sixteen months on the last Tour as a Sergeant (though he was drafted for Eighteen months for which he thinks he ought to be allowed) and the whole nineteen months (unless the War Department will allow the balance of the eighteen month Tour which would make it 21 months)

He states that he was born in one of the lower counties in Va. does not know which, but was raised in Culpeper County in same state, that he has no record his age, and that he was born as near as he can ascertain in 1755 or 1759. That he lived in Culpeper County until he was between Twenty four & twenty five years of age when he removed to Lincoln County Kentucky in the fall of 1782 where he has lived ever since with the exception of one year in Rockcastle County Ky, & one year in the state of Tennessee That he has no Documentary evidence of his services, his Discharge being lost as above stated, and the Certificate of Col Will Davis above alluded to was placed by this Declarant in the hands of the late Samuel McKee Esq in the year 1805 then a member of Congress, McKee is since Dead. he has made application for his Certificate and it can't be found nor does he know of any person now living who can testify to his services. he states that he is known in his present neighbourhood to Moses Foley, William Finley & Ephraim Pennington who can testify as to his general character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

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NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: Rich'd. Hunt/ age 25/ height 5' 7"/ farmer/ born and residing in Culpeper County/ dark-brown hair/ gray eyes/ dark complexion/ enlisted 20 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates also compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse lists Richard Hunt as follows: age 25/ height 5' 8½"/ black hair/ grey eyes/ dark complexion/ farmer/ born and residing in Culpeper County/ drafted 15 Sep 1780 for 18 months. Previously served three years in 11th Virginia Regiment.

On 29 Dec 1841 Winniford or Winifred Hunt, age 86 on 3 Sep 1842, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Rev. Herdsman "of the English clergy" in Culpeper County to Richard Hunt in August "two years before the Declaration of Independence," and her husband died 5 July 1838. James Hunt of Rockcastle County KY, age 70 on 29 May 1842, stated that his brother, Richard Hunt, died on 5 July 1837. Winifred Hunt stated that their first child was about three months old when her husband entered service, and that while he was away, "She herself raised with her own hands and exertions our crops, that while she was engaged in ploughing Corn one of the seasons she had to fasten her oldest child on her back and carry him while ploughing, having no person to stay with him while she was at work and her child was too small to leave by itself." She stated that their second child was born in Feb 1785, and there were six children altogether. She stated in addition, "that about twelve years ago her husband

without just cause seperated from her and lived apart from her till his death, but he was never divorced from her and allways recognized her as his wife and in his will published some time short time before his death not exceeding six months he recognized her as his wife."