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Pension Application of Benjamin Hudson W8956

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State of Kentucky }  
Garrard County Sct }

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Garrard County Court, now sitting, Benjamin Hudson a resident of the County of Garrard and State of Kentucky, aged 69 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. The commanding General was Baron Steuben – Col Gaskin [Thomas Gaskins] Major [John] Poulson were also officers under whom he served was marched from ~~Culpeper~~ to Fredericksburg by Majr Rich'd Yancey and Capt Thomas Waggoner, when the above named officers assumed command

That he entered the service in March 1781 and continued until the fall 1782.

That he resided in Culpeper County in the state of Virginia at the time of entering the service. and entered the same as a substitute for Joshua Hudson [his brother].

That he was at the Siege of York when Cornwallis was captured [19 Oct 1781], and made a prisoner.

That he marched from Culpepper to Fredericksburg and from Fredericksburg through Chesterfield, by the point of Fork [at present Columbia] through Richmond and Manchester to York.

That the continental troops under the command of Generals [Daniel] Morgan, Lafayette, and [Anthony] Wayne were also in the service at the same time, and some time in company. That he knew General Steuben. Knew Lafayette, Genl Wayne, and Washington.

That he received a regular discharge and afterwards sent it to Richmond and rec'd. a certificate for \$80 – since which time he has never seen s'd. discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] Benjamin Hudson

[Benjamin Sutton, pension application W8772, stated that he was present when Hudson entered the service for 18 months as a substitute for Joshua Hudson and saw him several times in the army afterwards.]

Culpeper County 178[?]

this is to Certify that I Benjamin hudson [two illegible words] hired [illegible word] a substitute to serve in the Continental servis For the space of Eighteen months agreeable to an act of assembly ~~passed in this the Present year~~

Given under my hand this 19th Day of march 1781

Jas. Barbour C Lt for Culpeper [James Barbour, County Lieutenant]

State of Kentucky }

Shelby County }

I Moses Hudson of the County and state aforesaid, being now sixty eight years old, do upon my oath state that my brother Benjamin Hudson entered the service of the state of virginia as a drafted malitia man during the War of the Revolution, in Culpepper, Virginia some time in March 1781 to serve the stated the usual Tour of duty required by the Laws then existing. This affiant cannot recollect the Captains name under whom said Benjamin was drafted to serve, but he usually mustered under Captain Richard Gaines of that County. he does not recollect the Regiment to

which which he belonged. This affiant thinks but will not say positively that Coln Gascin commanded the Regiment. This affiant states that said Benjamin returned home after the surrender of Gen'l Cornwallis in the Fall of 1781, having been all the time in the service aforesaid as he very confidently believes, as the other troops who marched with him returned at the same time, and about the same time the prisoners of war were marched under guard up towards Winchester, and other parts. My brother served nine months in the service as a militia man, but whether one two or three Tours of duty this affiant cannot state. He was discharged finally at Little York after the surrender of Cornwallis, as he believes and so states Benjamin Hudson was born in the year 1762, in the month of September 9<sup>th</sup> day, as recorded in the family Bible. [signed 14 Aug 1835] Moses Hudson

NOTES:

A size roll of noncommissioned officers and privates taken at Powhatan Courthouse VA lists the following: Benjamin Hutson, age 19, height 5' 4", light hair, grey eyes, fair complexion, planter, born and residing in Culpeper County where he enlisted as a substitute on 19 Mar 1781 for 18 months. Served on 27 Apr 1781.

On 15 Feb 1839 Jemima Hudson, 76, applied for a pension stating that she married Benjamin Hudson in the spring or summer of 1785, and he died 1 Oct 1832. With her application is a copy of the license for Benjamin Hudson to marry Jemima Berry dated 15 Aug 1785 in Culpeper County, a family record in the handwriting of her husband, and the will of Benjamin Hudson. The last two documents are transcribed below. Another document states that Jemima Hudson died on or about 4 Jan 1845 leaving the following children: Susannah Richardson, Elizabeth Anthony, William Hudson, Fanny Parker, Peggy Yager, David Hudson, Jesse B. Hudson, Joshua Hudson, Adency[?] Barnes, and Morgan Hudson. On 13 Oct 1853 Morgan Hudson assigned power of attorney to obtain an increase in pension that might have been due.

BH & JH Children.

Susannah Hudson was Born October the 16 1786

Betsy Hudson was Born July the 26 1788

William Hudson was Born April the 15 1790

Francis Hudson was Born November the 5 1791

[?]riaiah Hudson Was Born June the 29 1793

Peggy Hudson was Born August the 5 1795

John Hudson was Born February the 9 1797

David Hudson was Born November the 3d 1798

Waller Hudson was Born 1800 July the 28 Day

Jesse Berry Hudson Was Born on Saturday the 3d Day of April 1802

Joshua Hudson Was Born Sept'r 4 Day on Tuesday 1804

Dence Hudson Was Born April the 2st day 1806

Morgan Hudson was Born June 13 1809

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Hudson of Garrard County and State of Kentucky, calling to mind the uncertainty of life: I resign my body to the grave and my soul to God who gave it. I make this my last will and testament.

I will in the first place that all my just debts be paid and then I give and bequeath all my real and personal Estate to my beloved wife Jemima during her lifetime or widowhood: after her decease I will that my Estate be equally divided amongst our children, Susannah, Betsy, William, Frances, Juriah, Peggy; John's two children to have one share equal to one of my own children; their names are Thomas & John: David Jesse Joshua Dence & Morgan.

I will that Morgan my son execute this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I set my hand and seal this 24 day of September 1832

test

Benjamin Hudson

John H Eason/ John Hutchinson/ Besorby Brown