

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hunter <sup>1</sup> W8957

Ruth Hunter

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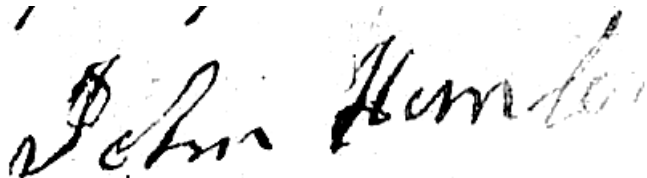
[p 19]

State of Kentucky Madison County SS

On this 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Will Goodloe, Jacob S. White and Jos. Turner Justices of the County Court in & for the County of Madison aforesaid now sitting John Hunter a resident of said County aged 71 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated. That in 1777 he enlisted in Goochland County Virginia, into the Continental service for three years – that George Holland was his Captain & Charles Scott, Colonel or Commandant – thinks he was in the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment – was about sixteen when he enlisted – was stated some time at Dumfries – was marched to the North – afterwards to the South & was finally discharged at a place called Cabin Point in Virginia – believes it was – that after he was discharged he was again called out in the Militia & served in Captain Henry Johnson's Company –

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.

S/ John Hunter



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State of Kentucky Madison County

This day personally appeared before me Thomas Willis a Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Madison aforesaid Isaac Lane a resident of said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath state that during the Revolutionary War he was residing in the County of Albemarle Virginia – that he is now seventy-four years of age – that he has known John Hunter of this County of Madison Kentucky ever since he was a Boy – said Hunter's Father kept a public House in Goochland County Virginia on the great road from Staunton to Richmond – I was at said Hunter's Father's according to the best of my recollection in 1777 when said

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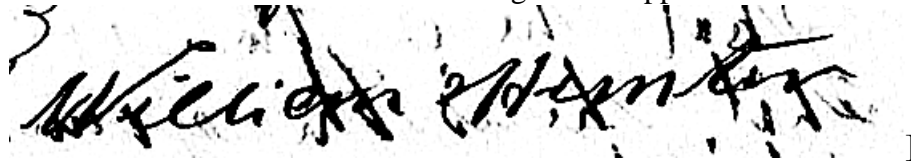
Hunter enlisted as a regular soldier into the service of the United States; I feel confident he enlisted for three years – I know his mother was very much distressed about it – I think that a Captain Holland or Hollis enlisted him – I was frequently at said Hunter's father's during the Revolutionary War after said John Hunter enlisted – always understood that John was out in the Army. I understood this from his Father's family – in 1780 I was out in the militia & in marching down towards Richmond I was at said Hunter's Father's & saw said John Hunter who had just returned from the Army – I have known said Hunter from that time to this. He has always sustained a fair character as an honest, correct man – said Hunter is an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 1832 – His original declaration is now before me marked 2992 as I understand – being an unlettered man.

S/ Isaac Lane, X his mark

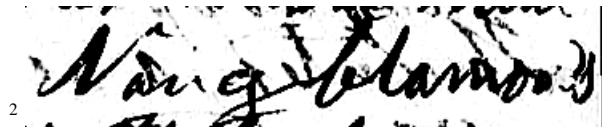
[p 10: On August 19, 1848 in Madison County Kentucky, Ruth Hunter, a resident of said County and state made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Hunter who was a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him prior to the January 1, 1794; she has four children the oldest one of which is about 60 years old; that she was married in the state of Virginia in Fluvanna County; that her husband died September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1842. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 13: On August 31, 1849 in Madison County Kentucky, William Hunter a resident of said County, gave testimony that he is the son of John and Ruth Hunter; that he is the youngest of his parents children; that he is 53 years old the 29<sup>th</sup> of October next; that his mother had 3 children older than himself; the oldest of whom is Nancy Clamons [?]<sup>2</sup> who is 62 years old this fall; he has a brother named John Hunter who is 58 years old and a sister Polly Lamb who is now dead and who was 2 years and some months older than the affiant; that he has always understood that his parents were married about 63 years ago.

[p 6: On May 7, 1855 in Madison County Kentucky, Ruth Hunter aged 90 years a resident of Madison County Kentucky made application for the bounty land due her as the widow of John Hunter, deceased; that her husband was a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain William Finney in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Everett Meade [Everard Meade]; that she married him in Fluvanna County Virginia on or about the middle of July 1788; that her name prior to her marriage was Ruth Jennatt [? very faint]<sup>3</sup>; that her husband died September 21, 1842 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]



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<sup>3</sup> The War Department staff guessed her name was Ruth Gennett or Jennatt