

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hudson W8958

Judy Hudson PA

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State of Tennessee } on this 30th Day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the
Sullivan County } Honourable Edward Scott Judge of the Circuit Courts of said state John Hudson a
Resident citizen of said County & states aged Eighty years past who first being duly sworn according to
law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of
the 7th June 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officer and
served as herein stated towit that he entered the service as an Enlisted Soldier under Capt. Joseph Carr
Colo. Bakers Regiment in the year 1775 that he was Enlisted in Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania for
three years and was marched from thence to long island and Joined the main army under General
Washington remained at that place about eight months and was engaged during his stay in several
skirmishes with the british, and from thence was marched to Charleston South Carolina [sic: see endnote]
and was stationed on Sullivans isleand [sic: Sullivans Island] under the Command of General Benjamin
Lincoln and was in the Battle with the british the time they took the fort [Fort Moultrie] on said isleand
and blew up one of the Enemyes vessels from said fort and the british allso took Charleston at the same
time [sic], served out the remainder of his first three years engagement in that vicinity and was discharged
by said Colo Baker which discharge he has Carelesly lost for which reason he cannot now procure it. That
he again Enlisted for three years under the Command of Capt John Miller Colo. Wm. Washingtons [Lt.
Col. William Washington's] Regiment in the State of South Carolina at monks corner [sic: Moncks
Corner] and was marched from thence to Santee river from thence to Camdon [sic: Camden SC] and
stationed thare four or five months [sic] and was marched from thence to reedy or reed river and was
engaged at that place with a party of the british and had his horse shot under him in the river the troops
then stayed a few days in that vicinty and was mached from thence to Robisons hight was stationed thare
for about one month was marched from thence to Roogleys Mills [sic: Rugeley's Mill about 12 mi N of
Camden] Joined the main army at that place under the Command of General [Horatio] Gates from
thence was mached to the seven mile house within seven miles of Camdon and was that night [16 Aug
1780] engaged with the advansed partey of the British army and on the next morning was engaged in the
Battle with the whole british army at the time Gates was defeated and received two Severe wounds in
said battle and was placed in the hospital on account of said wounds and remained abot six weeks not fit
for duty under the care of Doctor Cleaveland he was wounded by a bayonet run through the Calf of the
left leg and the scars are now plain and in the same leg a small distance above the ancle by a ball supposed
to be a musket ball at which place seveal peaces of Bone ware taken out and the troops was again
rendezvoused near a place called the hanging rock [sic] under the Command of General [Daniel] Morgan
and was marched from thence to the Cowpens and was engaged in the Battle at that place the time Morgan
Defeated Tarlton [sic: defeated Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, 17 Jan 1781] – was marched from thence to
Hillsborough [NC] and from thence to Gillford Courthouse [sic: Guilford Courthouse NC, Feb or Mar
1781] Joined the main army under General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and was taken sick and
Discharged by General Green with two other persons Thomas Dun & Samuel Freeman after serving
about two years and one month of his last engagement [sic] after having been at least five years in active
service as a soldier under his two engagements thus set forth that he has no documentary evidence to
prove his service and that he knows of no person whose testimoney he can procure who can testify to his
service he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension except the present & declares that his
name is not on the roll of the pension agency of any State nor is there a resident Clergyman in his vicinity
by whom he can establish the facts required by the regulation of the war department – he was born
betweaan twenty and thirty miles from Philadelphia Pennsylvania and when he was discharged from the
service he went tto Buckingham County virginia and lived in that State until about twenty two years since
when he came to Sullivan County Tennessee whare he has ever since resided Sworn to and subscribed in

open Court this 30th Day of March 1833
Wm Anderson Clerk

John hisXmark Hudson

State of Tennessee

Sullivan County Be it Remembered that on this 22nd day of January 1834 John Hudson applycant for pension appeared before me the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace for said County made and subscribed the following statement in correction & explanation of the decleration heretofore made by him & which was drawn in such manner as to confound his several services & the incidents stated by him That as stated by him he resided in the County of Bucks & State of Pennsyvania entered the service of the country in the Revolution war first as drafted under Capt. Joseph Carr of Col Bakers command being officers of the Militia of Pennsylvania Said services was rendered in the year 1775 he was marched to washintons armey & served he feels confident eight months and on his return to Philadelphia enlisted for three years to go to the South and was marched under Capt. Robison Col. George Willson [see endnote] command the Route marched as well as I now recollect through Frederick town State of Maryland and by the way of Stanton [sic: Staunton] in State of Virginia afterwards Crossing Dan River at Boyds Ferry [near present South Boston VA] thence by Hillsborough Salsberry [sic: Salisbury NC] & on to the waxaws [sic: Waxhaws SC] by Robinsons hights leaving Campdon to the right crossing Santee River then through monks Corner to Charleston Stationed on Sullivan Island recollects destinctley that G'l. Benjamin Lincoln was his General was & continued his three years in the said Southern Service as a private of infantry & When discharged reenlisted again for three years under Cap John Miller was commanded by Col Washington was marched to Santee river thence to Camdon & there Station five months Joined the main army under G'l Gates at Roogelys mills marched to the 7 mile house from Camdon was in the Battle & defeat of Gates then was twice wounded withe a bayonet & musket ball in the leg after his recovery he was again called to join Morgan & was withe said Morgan at the Cowpens then rejoined the main armey under Green at Guilford where he was taken sick & was discharged for disability withe two others withe him Thomas Dunn & Samuel Freeman & served as stated in his original decleration that he was part of his time when in the South of the Cavalry & part Infantry but cannot at this late day from decay of memory State positiveley whether it was part of the time of the engagement but positiveley states he was of the Cavalry a part of his time & had his horse shot under him & part he was on foot distinctly recollects his fatiguing marches – that he cannot now recollect of receiving any pay from any of his officers but that G'l Green did give him a Certificate for Bounty land along withe his Discharge at Guilford Courthouse and that he traded the same to one Capt. David Copeland – and in addition to the Services rendered as set forth in his original decleration that he was inlisted by Capt. David Copeland in Cumberland County State of virginia for during the war in the new Core of legion horse as a private but amediately after his inlistment was appointed a recruiting Sergant by Col. Henry Skippeth [sic: Henry Skipwith, Cumberland County Militia] Served three months recruiting and was Called on by his said Capt. & Col to go the Sege of York and was engaged in the action at the taking of Cornwalllec [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and is positive that he served three months as a Sergant under this last engagement and after the siege at York he was marched back to Cumberland County and was Discharged by Col. Skippeth at his own house in said County & State and further states that said discharge he has lost. Sworn and subscribed before me the date first above written

Saml Rhea, J. Peace

John hisXmark Hudson

NOTES:

Pennsylvania troops did not serve in the South until after the surrender of Cornwallis on 19 Oct 1781. In addition, there was no Col. Baker at the siege of Charleston SC, and no Capt. John Miller in Lt. Col. William Washington's 3rd Regiment of Continental Light Dragoons, which was not at Moncks Corner SC after the surrender of Charleston. There was a Lt. Col. George Wilson of PA, but he died in Feb 1777. A correct chronology of events mentioned in Hudson's declaration is given as follows.

1780

- Mar 28 British commence siege of Charleston SC
Apr 14 William Washington's dragoons routed at Moncks Corner SC
May 7 British take Ft Moultrie on Sullivans Island from SC and NC defenders with no loss of vessels
May 12 Americans under Gen. Benjamin Lincoln surrender Charleston. Continental soldiers imprisoned.
Jun 1 Cornwallis takes Camden SC
Aug 16 American cavalry and infantry engage Tarleton's Legion before dawn near Camden.
Gen. Gates defeated at Battle of Camden SC. William Washington's dragoons not present.

1781

- Jan 17 Morgan defeats Tarleton at Battle of Cowpens SC
Oct 19 Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown
On 24 March 1844 Judy Hudson, 62, stated that as Judy Butler she married John Hudson on 30 Aug 1824, and he died in August 1844. Simon Deck and James J. Snapp certified that Judy Hudson then lived at the "fork" of the Watauga and Holston rivers. On 10 April 1855 Judy Hudson, 64, applied for bounty land.

On 27 April 1866 Judy Hudson, 74, applied for the restoration of her pension, which had been suspended during the Civil War during which period she subsisted "solely by contributions of friends she being very poor & decreped." Her application was witnessed by George W. Hudson and Isaac Pierce. On 14 April 1869 she applied for an increase in her pension, giving her post-office address as Whites Store.