

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jacob Hunter W9046

Elizabeth Hunter

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State of Kentucky County of Owen: SS

On this 1st day of July 1833 personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Owen County Court now sitting Jacob Hunter a resident of the County of Owen in the State of Kentucky aged 70 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say: Being a resident of Boons Station [Boone's Station] on the Kentucky River in Fayette County Kentucky he did in the month of July in the year 1780 as well as he now remembers entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier under Captain Calloway [perhaps Richard Callaway] and Colonel Logan [Benjamin Logan] upon a tour of three months – that he was marched immediately from Boons Station and joined General Clarke [George Rogers Clark] in an expedition against Piccaway [Pickaway or Piqua], the principal town of the Shawnee Indians on the Miami [River] in the present State of Ohio – that he was marched with the expedition and continued with it until its return – that the Army burnt the Town and dispersed the Indians and destroyed their crops with the loss of fifteen or eighteen men – that upon the return of the expedition he was kept stationed in Boons Station for its defense till the termination of his tour of duty which he served out fully and faithfully.

He further states and declares that soon after the termination of his above named tour of duty to wit: about the first of November in the year 1780 as well as he now remembers he again entered the service as a volunteer Spy against the Indians for the term of six months under Captain __ Hays [perhaps Captain William Hays] – that he continued during the said period of six months to discharge the duties of Indian Spy under Captain Hays faithfully – that the range of country through which his duties called him lay betwixt the Kentucky, Licking and Ohio rivers – that he was at the Mud Licks, Blue Licks & the Big Bone Lick upon several occasions during the period. And that the whole of his said tour was actually and actively employed by him in spying as above mentioned and at the termination of said period he returned to Boons Station.

He further states and declares that in the month of July 1781 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Indian Spy for the term of six months under Captain Calloway – that the range of Country through which he had to spy with his said Captain was the same as in the preceding period of engagement – that during this period of service he was several times at the Big Lick in the now County of Gallatin as well as at the Blue Licks, Mud Licks & mouth of Licking – that he served out his said last mentioned term of

six months as an Indian Spy fully and faithfully and at the termination thereof return to Boons Station. He states that he was actually and actively engaged in said service during the whole period of his second engagement.

He further declares that in the month of March in the year 1782 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer soldier under Captain Calloway upon a tour of three months – that he was stationed in the Fort at Boons Station which was commanded by Colonel Daniel Boone together with all the men under Captain Calloway as a garrison and guard for the Fort during the whole of his said tour of three months which he served out fully and faithfully. He states that during the spring summer and fall of the year 1782 the Indians were very troublesome and made many inroads upon the inhabitants.

He further states and declares that in the month of August in the year 1782 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a private volunteer Soldier upon a three months tour in the Company of Captain Hays and fell under the command of Colonel Logan – this was about the time of the battle of the blue licks [Blue Licks, August 19, 1782] and he states that he was marched towards the Blue Licks and upon the route they met Colonel Boone and a portion of the men who had been engaged in that Battle retreating – and they all went on then together to the ground where the battle was fought and collected and buried the dead – from that place he was marched on an expedition in pursuit of the Indians to old Chillicothe and the other Indian Towns on the Miamis which they destroyed by burning and also destroyed all their corn and then returned. He states that after his return he was kept stationed in the Fort at Boons Station till the expiration of his tour which was for three months – He states that this tour was and argue was one and that he served it out fully and faithfully.

He further states and declares that in the month of February in the year 1783, as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer Indian Spy for the Term of six months under Captain Hays – that the range of Country which by his engagement it was his duty to spy in was bounded by the Kentucky, Ohio and Licking rivers being the Country through which he spied in his former engagements, that during this term he was frequently at the Mud Licks, Blue Licks, Big Bone Lick, mouth of Licking and Big Lick – that he was constantly and actually engaged during the whole of his said engagement in the performance of his duty as an Indian Spy and at the termination thereof return home to Boons Station.

This declarant further states that he served in various scouts against the Indians over and above those mentioned but from the great lapse of time his advanced age and consequent loss of memory he is now unable to say when and under what officers he served in them: but he is positive from his present best recollection that he served at the times and in the manner above station, and set forth and that he did not serve less than nine months as a private Volunteer soldier and eighteen months as a volunteer Indian Spy during the Revolutionary War and for those services he claims a Pension.

He further states that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said service or any part thereof except Lewis Vallandigham.¹

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 and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jacob Hunter, X his mark

Interrogatories put to the above applicant by the Court

¹ [Lewis Vallandigham \(Vallandigham\) W2977](#)

1st. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina according to the information which I have in the year 1763.

2nd. Have you any record of your age; and if so, where is it?

Answer. I have none: and the only knowledge I have of my age is from my recollection of what my parents told me.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

Answer – I was living at moons Station in Fayette County Kentucky when called into the service upon each of my engagements and I continued to reside in the vicinity thereof from the termination of the revolutionary war until about 16 years ago when I moved to the present County of Owen and have continued to reside in said County ever since.

4th. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer. In all the service I performed I was a volunteer.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; and Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect General Clark who I believe was a regular officer. I recollect Colonels Boone, Logan, Bowman, & Todd. In the year 1780 I went in an expedition with General Clark to Pickaway on the Miami against the Shawnee Indians. In 1792 I was again under Colonels Logan & Boone in an expedition directed against the Indian Towns on the Miami, and assisted in burning them and dispersing the Indians. We also buried the dead after the defeat at the Blue Licks. All the rest of my services were performed in the Fort at Boons Station and in Spying through the section of country lying between the Kentucky and Licking Rivers as far down as the Ohio.

6th. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received any discharge in writing.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your Character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier and Indian Spy of the revolution.

Answer. I will name Lewis Vallandingham and Richard Vallandingham as persons to whom I am known and who reside in my neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

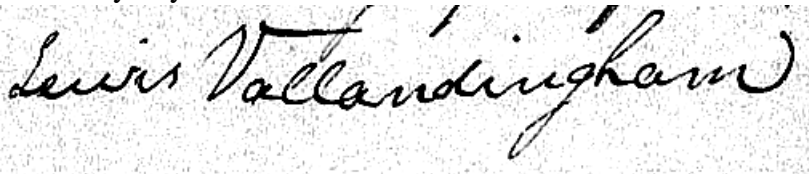
S/ Jacob Hunter, X his mark

[Lewis Vallandingham and Richard Vallandingham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The deposition of Lewis Vallandingham taken in the Town of Owenton Owen County Kentucky on the first day of July 1833 to be used him by half of Jacob Hunter and applicant to be placed on the Pension Roll of the United States as a revolutionary soldier – This deponent being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is well acquainted with Jacob Hunter who has this day made his declaration before the Owen County Court – that he knew said Hunter in Kentucky during the revolutionary war – that he first became acquainted with said Hunter in the month of January 1780 at Boons Station Kentucky and has been acquainted with him ever since – that he this deponent and the said Hunter from the time of their said first acquaintance served frequently

together against the Indians during the revolution. That from his this deponent's personal knowledge the said Hunter was an active and persevering Indian fighter & spy from the winter 1780 till the termination of the war. He cannot, however, state the particulars of the service of said Hunter but he knows that Hunter did serve faithfully against the Indians. This deponent states that he is the same Lewis Vallandigham of Owen County Kentucky who is enrolled on the pension list of the United States under the act of Congress of 7th June 1832 – that said Hunter is also a resident of Owen County Kentucky.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis Vallandigham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

[p 72: On January 11, 1855 in Owen County Kentucky, the veteran, stating his age is 102 years old, filed an affidavit and power of attorney in which he empowers his attorney to pursue an increase in his pension which he understands is due to him. He signed this document with his Mark. He offered no description of his services in this document.]

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State of Kentucky Owen County: SS

On this 10th day of May A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me J. W. Coules a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the County and State aforesaid Jacob Hunter aged 104 years a resident of Owen County in the State of Kentucky who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Jacob Hunter who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain Bourne in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Wilkerson in the war of the Revolution that he volunteered at Lexington Kentucky on or about the 10th day of August A.D. 1780 for the term of six months and continued in actual service in said War for fourteen days and was honorably discharged at Tippecanoe on the ___ of ___ A.D. 17__ on account of expiration of the term as will appear by the muster rolls of said company & the proof on file in the War Department. He now being a pensioner of the United States. He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855. He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefore.

S/ Jacob Hunter, X his mark

[p 26: In June 1856 in Owen County Kentucky, Elizabeth Hunter, 52, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Jacob Hunter, a revolutionary war soldier; that she married him in Owen County Kentucky in 1831; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Skiles; that her husband died March 26, 1856 and that she is still a widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 5: On September 15, 1857 in Owen County Kentucky, Elizabeth Hunt 54, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act as the widow of Jacob Hunter; that she married him in Owen County in the fall of the year [year not specified]; that her name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Skyles; that she has no record of her marriage; that her husband died March 22, 1856 in Owen

County Kentucky; that after his death she has applied for and received a bounty land certificate for 160 acres of land as the widow of Jacob Hunter. She signed her application with her mark.]

[Facts in file: Elizabeth Skiles or Skyles was the veterans 3rd wife, the names of the other two are not shown in the file; in 1780 the widow was living in New Liberty Kentucky; she died in Owen County Kentucky February 27, 1879; in 1855 one William D Hunter was living in owing County Kentucky; in 1880 one B. F. Hunter was living in Owen County, Kentucky and one Jesse Hunter was living in New Liberty, Kentucky, but their relationship to the soldier and/or his widow is not shown; in 1859 John Skiles was living in Owen County Kentucky and stated that he had conversations with the veteran regarding his services in the revolution (the relationship, if any, of Skiles to the veteran and/or the widow is not stated).]

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