

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Sutton W997
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State of Tennessee Rhea County: County Court February Sessions 1833

On this 5th day of February 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Corner Sessions for Rhea County now sitting John Sutton a resident of Rhea County & State of Tennessee aged eighty-two 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 [text overwritten and illegible] Regiment of the Continental line in the State of South Carolina about the 11th of May 1775 under the command of General Pulaski, Colonel Thompson [William Thomson], Major Pinckney, Captain Samuel Wise and Lieutenant Jarvis, and served three years from the time of his enlistment. That he lived in the District of Georgetown in the State of South Carolina where he enlisted, was in the Battles of Eutaw Springs¹ & the Siege of Savannah,² their marches was confined to the State of South Carolina, that he was regularly discharged at Moncks Corner died General Pinckney to whom he was transferred after the fall of General Pulaski at Savannah – that his written discharge has been unfortunately burnt and that he now has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. The Applicant also substituted himself in the place of Derby Hart of North Carolina [interlined illegible word] at Rockingham Courthouse, Richmond County North Carolina in the State Troops commanded by General Burke, Colonel Lewis, [word obliterated by an ink blot but I think intended to be the word "Major"] William Parr, Captain Pulaski and Lieutenant Wyatt, [word written over and obliterated] where he served two years – he entered the last mentioned service in November 1779 and was greatly discharged at Hillsboro by General Burke in November 1781 during which time they were confined to the State of North Carolina and in no fighting of consequence was done – his discharge from that service was also burnt with

¹ September 8, 1781 <http://gaz.irshelby.com/eutaw.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

² September 16, 1779

his first discharge spoken of, and stands in the same situation as regards parole proof in this case as in the first. Applicant further states that he was drafted in the latter part of the year 1778 for the term of 2 months and served under General Marion, and was commanded by Captain Steed, he lived at that time in Mulberry County, Georgetown District State of South Carolina, was confined to the State in all their marches and was in no fight of consequence – And was discharged at the High Hills of Santee River, which discharge has also been burnt and applicant has no Documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services – I John Sutton do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that my name

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$66.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 20 months service as a private in the North Carolina and South Carolina militia.]