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Pension application of Nicholas Hofner W3994 Christiana fn75NC
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[Pension application]

North Carolina, Lincoln County

On this 2nd day of November personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of pleas & quarter Sessions now sitting Nicholas Haviner a resident of Lincoln County & State of North Carolina aged 76 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. He volunteered in the Spring of 1781 as a private soldier in the American army under the command of Capt. Samuel Espie¹ in Lincoln County North Carolina where he then dwelt and marched from Lincoln County to Mecklenburg County North Carolina & from thence he was marched to pine tree now Camden South Carolina and there joined Genl Greenes army and marched from thence to flat rock South Carolina and lay there about three weeks and was there discharged by Captain Saml Espie and returned to his residence in Lincoln County North Carolina and that he served four months in this tour as a private soldier. That he remained at home but a few days after he was discharged by Capt Espie and was drafted and put under the command of Capt James Lytle in Lincoln County N Carolina & was marched by him to waxsaw Stores in South Carolina but does not know in what District or County this place is & from thence he was marched to rocky river [probably Rocky Creek] in the same state & then to McCords ferry on the Congaree river in said state & from thence to Buck head on the santee in S Carolina & from thence he marched to the Eutaw Springs in South Carolina and was in the battle fought at that place and that his Colonel was name Malbardy he thinks a french man Coln Washington commanded also at this place and was under Genl Greene that the americans took six hundred prisoners and marched them to pine tree now Camden SC and moved from thence near Salisbury North Carolina where he lay some time & was taken sick with the Camp fever and was carried home and discharged by Capt James Lytle but has lost both of his discharges or destroyed them long since that he was drafted this time for three months but served as a soldier five months, that he served altogether as a soldier in the American army nine months. That he was born in Tryon County now Lincoln N Carolina about the year AD 1756 has no record of his age, was living in Lincoln County North Carolina & have lived here ever since, volunteered for the first four months afterwards was drafted for three months but actually served five months. That Genl Green commanded the troops for a part of both terms of service. Coln Mortbardy & Coln Washington was also with said Troops but has no distinct recollection of particular Continental or militia Regiments, received one discharge from Capt Espie & the other from Capt Lytle. That he never received a commission. That he is known by Abraham Forney² who served as a sergeant in Capt Espies army with him who lives in Lincoln County whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. That he is also known by Sam¹ Espie under whom he served in the revolution who can testify as to the fact & also that he is a man of veracity but the said Espie from extreme age & decrepitude is unable to attend Court on today. That he is known to the Reverend Hugh

¹ [Samuel Espey S6824](#)

² [Abraham Forney W3976](#)

Quin Clergyman who can testify as to his veracity & that it is generally understood that he was a revolutionary soldier. That 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 in open Court Nov 2nd 1832 S/ Vardry McBee, Clerk of Said Court

S/ Nicholas X Hofner

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War department that the above named applicant was a revolution soldier and served as he states and this Court further certifies that Abraham Forney whose deposition is hereunto annexed was a soldier in the revolution by reputation & is also entitled to credit. Nov 3rd 1832 & the Court do further certify that Hugh Quin whose certificate is hereunto annexed is a regular licenced Clergyman of said County.

S/ Daniel Hoke

S/ Wm J Wilson Jr.

S/ John B. Harry JP

[copy of marriage bond]

Know all men by this presents, that we Nicholas Havner and Martin Shitle are held and firmly bound unto Samuel Johnson Esqr. Govr. in the sum of five hundred pounds, we bind ourselves our heirs Ex^{ty}. Admst. jointly and severally by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated this sixth day of February, one thousand, seven hundred and eighty nine.

The condition of the above obligation is such, that whereas the above bound Nicholas Hoffner hath obtained a licence of marriage to be celebrated between him and Christiana Shitle; now if it shall appear at any future time hereafter, that there are no just cause to obstruct said marriage then this obligation to be wed; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

S/ Nicholas X Hoffner

S/ Martin Shitle

State of North Carolina

I Robert Williamson, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Lincoln, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the marriage bound of Nicholas Hovner, now on file in my office except the date, which in the original, is expressed in figures thus "6th day of Febry. 1789." I further certify, that such bonds are the only evidence of marriage to be found in any of the public offices of this state.

Given under my hand, and the seal of said court at office in Lincolnton, this 29th day of August A. D. 1847

Robt. Williamson, Clr.

[Pension claim]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

Be it Remembered that on this 31st day of August 1847 personally appeared Christiana Hofner, widow of Nicholas Hofner before the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions for Lincoln County now in session, Aged Seventy Six years who being first duly Sworn according to law doth on her Oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed the 3rd day of March 1843 and the 17th day of June 1844.

Said that she is the Widow of Nicholas Hofner deceased who was a private in the Revolution and a pensioner of the United States at the Rate of Thirty dollars per annum. She further declares that she was married to the said Nicholas Hofner on the ninth day of February 1789 and that her husband the said Nicholas Hofner died on the 31st day of July 1847 and that she has Remained a Widow ever since as will more fully appear by Reference to the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court this 31st day of August 1847.

S/ Christiana X Hofner

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court, this day and year first above written

Witness, S/ Robt Williamson, Clk

[BLW claim]

State of North Carolina Lincoln County

On the 24th day of March 1855 personally appeared before me David Williams one of the acting Justices of the peace in and for said County Mrs. Christina Hofner aged Eighty four years, resident of said County and after being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Nicholas Hofner dead who was a private soldier in the war of the Revolution and was a pensioner of the United States. This Claimant refers you to his own declaration now filed away in the pension office upon which she is now drawing a pension. for proof of her marriage to the said Nicholas Hofner and also the death of her husband the aforesaid Nicholas Hofner dead. This Claimant also states that she is old and cannot now recollect the date of her marriage nor the date of the death of her husband but by having references to her former declaration. she thinks it will show both. She further states that she is a widow at the date of executing this her declaration. She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty land to which she may be entitled under act of Congress approceed March the 3rd 1855. She also declares that she has never received nor applied for Bounty land under this or any other set of Congress only this

S/ D. Williams JP

S/ Christiana X Hofner