Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hosier R5244 Transcribed by Will Graves

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I Samuel Hosier having been called on by Mr. J. L. Edwards Commissioner of Pensions to furnish Statements under oath also giving Reasons why I did not make application for a pension before in compliance with the said Request I have to state that I have no particular Reason to assign only have to say that I never had much notion of ever making application but having become disable[d] to do bodily labor and understanding that I was Entitled to Receive a pension is the only Reason that I have to State, there is but one person now living as I know of who can testify to my service in the revolutionary War in that is John Murphy of Norfolk who I understand has done so.

S/ Samuel Hosier

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[Acknowledged in Norfolk County Virginia February 21, 1840]

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I John Murphy of Norfolk Borough and State of Virginia do upon oath make the following statements to wit That I knew and was well acquainted with Samuel Hosier who now resides in this County during the revolutionary War & ever since I know that he was a militia soldier during the War for I served many a Tour of duty with him he was orderly Sergeant I have read his declaration which he has made in order to obtain a pension. I cannot say that I recollect of every Period of duty which he hath mentioned in that Declaration – but I have no doubt of the Correctness of them – I was not with him all the time for we sometimes belonged to different Companies. I recollect of all the Officers named by him in his declaration & know that they were in command. I also know that he was a good Soldier.

S/ John Murphy¹

[attested in Norfolk Borough Virginia November 21st, 1839]

[p 10: There is a note that the "papers ret'd [returned] Mr. Stoaks Augt. 4, 1840." This might explain why there is no application in this file. There is correspondence between the pension office and John P. Stoaks, the attorney for the veteran.]

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¹ John Murphy R7514