

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Hutchens (Hutchins) R5449

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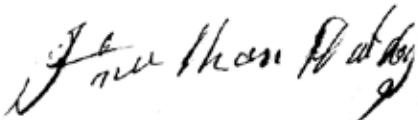
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State of North Carolina Surry County

On this 15th day of November A.D. 1836, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court now sitting Jonathan Hutchens a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-two years in January or February next (the exact date not recollectec) 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 the said Hutchens entered the service of the United States in the latter part of May or the first of June the year [October 19, 1781] Lord Cornwallis was captured at Yorktown in Virginia as a volunteer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Dark [William Darke] and Major White; the name of the Captain he has forgotten; that he joined the Regiment as aforesaid at Williamsburg Virginia, that he marched from Williamsburg to Yorktown, where he remained during the siege and was present at the capture of Lord Cornwallis; that after the Capture as aforesaid he was discharged and permitted to return home having been in service not less than four months according to the best of his recollection – And he said Jonathan Hutchens 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 and year aforesaid

S/ Jonathan Hutchens



[Pleasant Cochran, a clergyman, Joseph Williams & James Gadbury gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

On this 24th of October 1836 before me Lewis Williams one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Surry and State of North Carolina, personally appeared Elizabeth Cain who being first duly sworn according to law, deposeth and saith that she the said Elizabeth Cain is well acquainted with Jonathan Hutchens of the County of Surry and State aforesaid, and who is about to make application for a pension under the laws of the United States; that she resided in the County of Goochland Virginia at the time the said Hutchens entered the service of the United States: That she well remembers the fact of his enlisting in the service and returning home about the time Cornwallis was captured at York Town in Virginia; That she has no distinct recollection of the length of time the said Jonathan Hutchens remained in service, but remembers well the facts

as above stated of his entering the service and returning home –

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written.

S/ Lewis Williams, JP

S/ Elizabeth Cain, X her mark

[Note: The law under which this veteran applied required evidence of service of at least 6 months in order to qualify for a pension. Since the veteran only alleged that he served 4 months, he was not eligible for a pension under the 1832 act or any subsequent act.]