

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Robert Hester S31737

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The Georgia war County: On this 5th day of November 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the County Ordinary of said County Robert Hester a resident of the County and State aforesaid 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June the 7th day 1832. That he entered the service in the month of December 1779 and substituted for a man by the name of Lewis Bennit [sic, Bennett?] in the County of Granville State of North Carolina marched to Charleston South Carolina under the command of Capt. Barnet Pullam 1st Lieut. Abner Tatum, Ensign Ephraim Washington when the company reached Charleston was placed under the command of General Lincoln and under the immediate command of Col. Litle [sic, Archibald Lytle] -- Major __ O'Neal and was discharged in March 1780 making a service of 3 months. 2nd term of service substituted in May 1780 for a man by the name of John Bowls in Granville County State of North Carolina rendezvoused at Hillsboro North Carolina under the command of Col. Stephen Moore, Major Cader Parker, Capt. Peter Bennet Lieut. Joseph Crafton marched from thence and joined General Gates' Army and was in the defeat of August 16th 1780 was wounded severely in the Head and armed, and was discharged after a service of 3 months. 3rd term of service entered as a substitute for a man by the name of Joseph Hester, Granville County State of North Carolina rendezvoused at Oxford North Carolina in the month of February 1781 under the command of General __ Butler, Col. Joseph Taylor, Major Absalom Tatum, Capt. William Hester Lieut. Hicks marched from thence & joined General Greene and was in the Battle of Guilford Court house on the 8th march 1781 [sic] after the battle marched down to Ramsey's Mill on deep River [Deep River] and was dismissed at Wake Court house after a service of 3 months -- He hereby relinquishes all Claim 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/ William Porter, JIC

S/ Robert Hester, X his mark

S/ Roanick Leonard, JIC

S/ Wm S. Stokes, JIC

Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in the County of Granville State of North Carolina on 20th of November 1758

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

Answer I have none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer Granville County State of North Carolina I have lived in the State of Georgia ever since in different Counties now in Morgan County Georgia

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

Answer I have answered this question in the foregoing application.

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

Answer: Col. Lytle Major Parker I have already stated the circumstances of my service in the foregoing Application.

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 did receive a discharge for some of the tours before detailed

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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer John W. Butler & Joseph Smith

Georgia Morgan County: Personally appeared in open Court John Oliver Senior¹ who after being duly sworn saith that he was in the service of the United States with the applicant Robert Hester as detailed in the foregoing Application at Gates defeat and at the Battle of Guilford Court house that he knew him and saw him in the service repeatedly during those tours and that he has no doubt that the applicant served as stated by him in the foregoing Application for a pension. And that we resided near each other in the State of North Carolina Granville County and knows he was frequently in the service other than the 2 tours of which this deponent has personal knowledge of -- this deponent further saith not. Sworn and subscribed in open Court this November 1832

Test: S/ John W. Porter, C. Co.

S/ John Oliver Sr

[John W. Butler and Joseph Smith gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ FPA S31888