

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension Application of James Huston W2803

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[Punctuation partly corrected.]

Pennsylvania Washington County SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, personally appeared in Open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Washington aforesaid James Huston a resident of Morris township Washington County, Pennsylvania aged seventy 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States & serve under the following name officers in the manner following

In the fall of the year 1778, was drafted under Capt Reesin Vergen & then place under Capt Joseph Ogle, & Lieutenant John Biggs & marched from Ramseys fort on Buffaloe Creek in what was then Virginia [sic: Ramsey's Fort on Buffalo Creek near present Wellsburg WV] to the mouth of Big Beaver [at present Beaver PA]. On our way here we met the Army under Gen'l Mackintosh [sic: Lachlan McIntosh] at Montures bottom [sic: Montour Bottom at present Coraopolis PA] som few miles above the mouth of Big Beaver & proceeded with them to the place where we built the fort Mackintosh [sic: Fort McIntosh]. We were engaged in building the fort Mackintosh at the mouth of Big Beaver for some time & then proceeded under our Captain Ogle & Lieutenant Biggs all under the command of Gen'l Mackintosh to the Tuscarawas & built the fort called Fort Lawrence [sic: Fort Laurens near present Bolivar OH]. After building this fort (which was the most severe & trying labour, as we were compelld to carry the logs for the fort on our backs) we all returned under Genl Mackintosh to the mouth of Big Beaver, where we had previously built Fort Mackintosh. When we arrived at this Fort we were discharged by Capt Ogle after serving four months, which was the time for which we were drafted. In the Spring of 1779 I was drafted again by Capt Vergen, & was again placed under Capt Ogle at what was then called the station & which I have already designated by the place "Ramseys fort" on Buffaloe Creek some few miles East of what is now the town of Wheeling [see endnote]. the Indians were then very troublesome, & to guard against their depredations & murders was the cause of our going to this place. We served here one month was discharged & then returned home. After this whether in the same year or not I cannot state, I was again drafted under Capt Vergen & were sent to Wheeling Fort where the town of Wheeling now stands. At this place we met with Col D. Broadhead [sic: Daniel Brodhead], who he the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, & we all marched under the Col to Coshocton [sic: Coshocton OH, Apr 1781]. We went out after the Indians, & at Coshocton we killed several & took seventeen scalps. We then returned to the fort at Wheeling & were discharged after a service of one month. After this the month or year I cannot state, I served one month under Capt Thomas Keeton at Yellow Creek, below the mouth of little Beever Creek. We were on duty in scouting through the country after the Indians, & I was one of the regular spies. A short time I was out under Capt Campbell & served one month at Rierston's Station [sic: Ryerson's Station] on Wheeling Creek in what is now called Greene County, Pa. After a very laborious & dangerous term of service we were discharged.

I was born in Cumberland County Pennsylvania, in the year 1760. I have no record of my age, but I remember of seeing it in my fathers bible. When I first entered the service I lived in what was then called Ohio County Virginia before the line was run between Pennsylvania & Virginia, & is now Washington County Pensylvania & have been here ever since. I was drafted into the service. I already stated the name of all the regular officers I served with, & at Fort Mackintosh we met with the 8<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment & the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under Col John Gibson. I received written discharges from Capt Ogle, but have lost them long since. I am well known by Peter Carpenter, John Lewallen, John

Braddock & Coonrad Smith, who can testify to my character for veracity & who believe I was a Soldier of the revolution. I know of no surviving witness to prove my service except Hugh Workman [pension application S22603] of the Borough of Washington, who can testify in part [McIntosh's Campaign]. I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

[signed illegibly]

State of Pennsylvania Washington County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county, James Huston, Pensioner of Morris Township county of Washington and State of Pennsylvania, aged seventy three 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That in the year 1777 he served a tour of four months duty in the Army of the United States, in Captain Ogles company under the command of Gen'l McIntosh, generally called McIntosh's campaign. In the year 1778, he served one months tour in said captain Ogles company, and in 1779 he volunteered and served one months tour of duty in captain Benjamin Rices[?] company under the command of Col Daniel Broadhead. In the month of march 1782, he was with four others, all of Captain Reazen Vergins company, engaged and acting as Indian spies on the frontiers, when they were surprised by a party of Indians north west of the Ohio river, killing one of the spies and taking this deponent prisoner to Detroit and thence he was taken by the enemy to Montreal, and confined with other American prisoners upon an Island in the St Lawrence, called "Prison Island," where he remained a prisoner with the enemy until the end of the war in 1783, when he was taken with other prisoners to Quebec, and from thence sent to New York and finally returned to his residence in Washington County Penn'a. latter part of the year 1783, where he now resides and has resided since 1775. Being now grown old and in consequence of the great calamity which happened to him in a snow storm on the night of the first of January 1827 having lost his way he remained out all night, when he was dreadfully frost bitten, losing his fingers from both his hands, hence he is totally unable to do any kind of work to support himself or family

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833

[signed] Ja's Huston

James Huston of Washington County Pennsylvania, an old soldier, and now on the Pension Roll of the United States, do hereby make the following addition to, and amendment of, his former declaration, in relation to his services as a soldier in the Army of the United States, during the revolutionary war, in order to obtain an increase of pension. That immediately after the signing of the provisional Articles of Peace, he was sent by the enemy with other American prisoners in a Cartel from Quebec to New York, where he arrived in the month of December and delivered to Col Smith of the American Army some day in the said month of December 1782, between the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Dec'r. 1782 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 1783, and finally arrived at his residence in Washington County beginning of March 1783 making it about a year from the time he was taken prisoner by the enemy, until his return home

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834

[signed] Ja's Huston

NOTES:

Huston may have confused Ramsey's Fort with Shepherd's Fort, which is a few miles east of Wheeling WV.

On 15 Oct 1838 Anne Huston, 66, of Buffalo Township in Washington County, applied for a pension stating that she was married to James Huston by a Presbyterian minister named Dodd on 13 Mar 1787, and her husband died 15 Aug 1836. Her sister, Elizabeth Lazear of Greene County, made a deposition at the home of Thomas Lazear that she had witnessed the marriage. On 22 Nov 1843 Anne Huston was living in Rockhill Township of Greene County. She died 25 July 1845.