

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Leonard Hutts: W550

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Schedule

District of Virginia, Franklin County, Towit,

On this 4th day of August 1823 personally appeared in open Court Leonard Hutts, being a Court of Record and Quarterly Session for the County of Franklin and State of Virginia, having the power and jurisdiction to fine and imprison, being also a Court which proceeds according to the course of common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, of keeping a record of all their proceedings and have been solemnly adjudged by the Tribunals of the several States to be a Court of Record being expressly made such by the legislature of the state aforesaid, the said Leonard Hutts a resident in said County aged between sixty and sixty five years, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820. that he the said Leonard Hutts enlisted for during the War, the year he does not recollect but believes it was 1776 or 77 in the State of Virginia; in a Company commanded by a Captain whose name he has now forgotten, said Company was attached to a Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Abraham Buford in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment [see note below], and that he continued to serve in said Corps until Bufords defeat in North Carolina [sic: near Waxhaws SC, 29 May 1780]; after the defeat such of the Company as escaped met at Hillsborough [NC], and were placed under a Captain named [blank space] Smith, and was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Richard Campbell; he also believe to have served under a Captain named Henry Moss, also to have been commanded in a Regiment under the control of Colonel Samuel Hawes, and that he has now forgotten several of the Officers names, both Captains and Colonels under whom he served, but well recollects that his Captains and Colonels were commanded by General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, see note below] the whole time he served, and that he continued to serve on the Continental establishment until May 1782 when he was discharged from said service at Savannah in the State of Georgia; that he was in the Battle at Bufords defeat, also in the battle near Guilford Courthouse [15 March 1781], also in a battle at the Eutaw Springs [in South Carolina, 8 Sep 1781], also at the Siege of Ninetysix [Ninety-Six SC, 22 May - 19 June 1781] besides several small skirmishes, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except his own oath and the Records of the War Department

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by Gift or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts, or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule herewith annexed, and by me subscribed: I possess no estate real or personal of any kind. My occupation is that of a temporary hireling, my ability to under go hard labour has been diminished by age and [illegible word] hardships I also received a wound in Bufords defeat, which still disables me at time, my left thumb has been cut off by accident which also disable me, besides a breast complaint which causes a Dyspnoea. I have no home nor any certain place of residence, both poverty and the lack of a home have caused my family to separate and scatter each to themselves. my ability to obtain a subsistence by manual employment is not sufficient to relieve and overcome the scruple which poverty imposes on me. I therefore supplicate the aid of the General Government for my future support. Leonard hisXmark Hutts

NOTES:

Abraham Buford became Colonel in command of the 5th Virginia Regiment by May 1778.

Gen. Nathanael Greene took command of the southern army from Gen. Horatio Gates on 2 Dec 1780. Gates had taken command after Gen. Benjamin Lincoln surrendered Charleston SC on 12 May 1780.

On 31 May 1854 Sally Hutts, about 54, applied for a pension stating that she married Leonard Hutts on 2 Oct 1851, and he died 10 Feb 1853. In April 1855 she also applied for and received a warrant for bounty land.