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Pension Application of James Hixson (Hixon) W757

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Loudoun County Virginia to wit:

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appear'd before the Court of the County of Loudoun, in the state af'd. James Hixon a Resident of the County and State af'd. aged 69 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. that he was born by the information of his parents in the year 1763 he has no record of his age in the State of New Jersey, and emigrated with them to the state of Virginia in the County of Prince William, about the year 1772 and in the same County enlisted in the Army of the United States as a substitute for a militia Class of 15 men (who were bound to furnish one soldier) in August 1780 for Eighteen months and was marched under the command of Cap'n. [William] Farrow to Dumfries thence to Fredericksburg – there he was plac'd under the command of a continental officer (he thinks) nam'd Berry and march'd to Richmond. there he believes an officer nam'd Lawless commanded him to Chesterfield Ct. House a place for drilling &c where he remained untill the British attack'd Norfolk he believes under Cap'n. Marshal & Lt Seldon. when the British left Norfolk he went to Petersburg & from there under the command of Col. [John] Green (he believes) he was march'd to the South their object being to join Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene, who took command of the Southern Army at Charlotte NC on 3 Dec 1780] and on the way in Dec'r. 1780 he enlisted in Lees [Lt. Col. Henry Lee's] Legion, and was at the following places in battle – Guilford Court House [15 Mar 1781] – Fort Watson [Siege, 15 - 23 Apr 1781], Fort Motte [Siege, 8 - 12 May 1781], Fort Granby [Siege, 2 - 15 May 1781] – Fort Galphin [21 May 1781] and Augusta [Siege of Fort Cornwallis GA, 24 May - 1 June 1781] commanded by Brown [British Lt. Col. Thomas Brown] – and at the siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 June 1781] and continued a soldier in Lees Legion to the end of the War. He received his certificate of discharge from Maj'r. Jos. Eggleston [sic: Joseph Eggleston] of the Legion on his passage by water from Charleston to Fredericksburg. When he made application at Richmond for his pay his name could not be found as attached to the Legion – he went then to Maj'r. Eggleston who on examining his papers found the name of Wm. Hixon instead of James Hixon which had been returned to New Jersey – Maj'r Eggleston gave him a Certificate of the mistake and failed in that Certificate to state that he had served out the time of enlistment or according [two illegible words] of it. He plac'd his papers to the best of his recollection in the hands of Wm. B. Harrison [William Butler Harrison] who had been a gallant officer in Lees Legion to have them corrected – as to his time of service – by Genl. Lee and understood that he had plac'd them in the hands of Wm. Chilton that he should obtain from Lee the certificate to enable him to draw the pay to which he might be entitled. the papers he has never since seen and must refer to the evidence of Mr. Chilton relative to them

He hereby relinquishes every claim to any pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state (to his knowledge)

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

[signed] James Hixson

Loudoun County Virginia to wit.

I William B. Harrison – who serv'd in the Revolutionary War in Lee's Legion in the capacity of Ensign in the Infantry and Cornet in Horse – do hereby certify that James Hixon now a Resident of the County of Loudoun was attach'd to the said Legion for (I think) at least two years if not more but when or by whose office he was discharged I cannot say. Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832

[signed] Wm B Harrison

NOTES:

A size roll compiled at Chesterfield Courthouse after 1 Sep 1780 includes the following: James Hickson/ age17/ height 5 10½/ farmer/ born in Middlesex County NJ/ residing in Prince William County/ red hair/ haze; eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 23 Sep 1780 for 18 months.

On 25 Apr 1853 Mary Hixson, 63, of Fauquier County VA, applied for a pension stating that she married James Hixson on 19 Dec 1822, and he died at his home in Loudoun County on 4 Sep 1833. In an application for bounty land dated 12 Apr 1855 her age is said to be 66, and it is said that her name was Mary Hampton when she was married to James Hixson by John L. Dagg, a Baptist minister, on 20 Dec 1822. Other documents in the file state that she was the third wife of James Hixson, that he was survived by seven children, and that she died 16 July 1858. Others mentioned in the file are a son-in-law, P. Augustus Klipstein of Salem in Fauquier County, as well as David Hixson and Benjamin Hixson, both of Loudoun County.