Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information of Benjamin Huger BLWt1817-400 f6SC

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S. C. Huger, Benjamin

BLWt1817-400

Office of the House of Representatives March 12th, 1832

I certify that the following is an extract from a report of Henry Knox Secretary of War, bearing date November 23rd 1791, made to the House of Representatives – (per Record, Volume 2, Page 128 –)

Extract – "That it appears that Benjamin Huger deceased was Major of the 5th South Carolina Regiment on Continental establishment, and that he was killed in the service of the United States, while on duty before the Lines of Charleston on the 11th day of May 1779 –"

S/ L. Burch Ch: Clk of HR U States

Bounty land

For Revolutionary Services – Claim of Heirs

State of South Carolina

[illegible, could be Cheraw] District: SS

I Francis K Huger son and one of the heirs at law of Benjamin Huger late of the State of South Carolina but now deceased, do, upon oath, testify and declare, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the said Benjamin Huger was a Major in the 5th Regiment of Infantry belonging to the South Carolina line, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary War. I do further testify and declare, that I have never received a warrant from the United States for the quantity of land due to the said deceased, from the United States; nor do I believe that he ever received it, or transferred his right to it in any manner during his lifetime.

Therefore, know all men by these presents, that I Francis K Huger as aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint Col. Joseph Watson my true and lawful attorney, for me, in my name, to demand and receive of the Secretary of War of the United States, for the time being, a warrant for the quantity of land due in right of said deceased. And my said attorney I do hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint, one or more substitutes or attorneys under him, for the special purpose herein expressed, and the same to revoke at will.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 25th day of January A.D.

In the presence of

1832

S/ Frs. K. Huger

State of South Carolina County of __: SS

Personally appeared before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the County aforesaid, Keating Simons and Doctor William Read¹ both credible and disinterested persons, who, being duly sworn, did depose and say, that they verily believe that Benjamin Huger named in the within declaration, signed by Francis K Huger served in the South Carolina line, during the Revolutionary War: that they have understood that he was killed about fifty-two years since, viz., on or about the 11th day of May 1779 at or near Charleston within the State of South Carolina leaving a widow, and that the widow and one of his children, named Benjamin, have since deceased, the latter without issue, leaving two other children, viz.: Francis K and Mary (now the widow of the late [indecipherable first name, looks like "Pbunceller": could it be "Chancellor"?] Rutledge² of South Carolina who all the reputed and only heirs at law of him, the said Benjamin Huger.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 23rd of February A.D. 1832

S/JH Mitchell, OU S/ Keat'g Simons

S/ William Read

¹ William Read S4766

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² Mary Golightly Huger was married to Hugh Rutledge [1750-1811]