Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Houchins R5251 him

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State of Virginia Goochland County SS

On this 30th day of March 1843 personally appeared before me Martin James a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Frances Houchins a resident of Goochland County and State of Virginia aged seventy-nine 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 7th June 1832.

That he served two tours of three months each in the Virginia Militia in the War of the Revolution the first tour of three months he served in the Company of Henry Mullins all from the County of Goochland in the State of Virginia, which said tour was served out faithfully – the second tour of three months he served in the Company of Captain Edward Smith of said County and marched to Cabin Point in Surry County, where they were stationed and again served out his time faithfully and received his discharge, Colonel Fleming and Colonel Scott commanded the Regiment, their names are not recollected. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

S/ Francis Houchins

Francis Houching

State of Virginia Goochland County SS

On this 6th day of April 1843 personally appeared before me William Gray a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid Henry Isbell¹ aged Eighty-four years a resident of Goochland County and a Revolutionary Pensioner, who being sworn according to law made the following statement on oath, That he was well acquainted with Francis Houchins within named and that he served as a Soldier 6 months in the Virginia Militia in the War of the Revolution with the aforesaid Frances Houchins, To wit,

The first Tour of three months they were drafted and marched from the County of Goochland below Richmond and after having faithfully served out this Tour they returned to Goochland County and was drafted for a second Tour of three months and marched from Goochland County through Henrico County, Charles City County to Cabin Point in Surry County

¹ Henry Isbell S9359

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S/ Henry Isbell, X his mark

[p 7: On January 19, 1854 in Goochland County Virginia, Wilson M Houchins executed a power of attorney in which he authorized his attorney to prosecute the claim of "my father Francis Houchins for a pension under the act of April 25, 1808.

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