

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hudson R5330 Elizabeth Hudson VA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 4 Jan 2015.

State of Virginia: Lunenburg County to wit:

On this 25th day of February 1839, personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Hudson, a resident of said County and State, aged 89 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

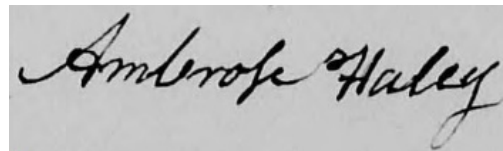
That she is the Widow of John Hudson, deceased, late a soldier in the Virginia Continental line, and Militia service of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution. That she knows very little respecting the services of her late husband in the War of the Revolution, as coming within her personal knowledge; she recollects very well, hearing him give a narrative of his services, and state the names of several, who served with him. She has also heard a good deal from others in relation to his services – That he was in actual service a considerable length of time, and endured many hardships and privations during his service. That during his absence from home, in defence of his country, she was left alone to support herself and two infant children. That from bodily infirmity, old age, and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to mind the particulars of her husband's service, as related by himself, and others, who served with him. She therefore prefers to depend on the statements of old worthy and credible soldiers who served with him, whose certificates accompany this declaration, and are prayed to be considered part thereof. That for the same reason, she cannot state precisely how long he was in actual service, but would suppose he was at least two years; for which length of time she claims a Pension

She further declares that she was married to the said John Hudson on the 4th day of May 1770 in the County of Lunenburg, by the publication of banns, by old parson McCleason of the Episcopal church, and the laws of Virginia according to the rites and ceremonies of that church, and the existing laws of Virginia at the period. That said Parson McCleason is dead and the Vestry books in which marriages were recorded, have long since been destroyed or lost. That her husband the aforesaid John Hudson died sometime in the month of April 1821. She further declares that she was married to the said John Hudson before the expiration of the last period of his service. That she has remained a widow and unmarried ever since the death of her said husband, and that she is still a widow. She has no documentary evidence, his discharges being all lost or destroyed.

Elizabeth herXmark Hudson

Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [20 Nov 1839]

I do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with John Hudson late of Lunenburg County in the War of the Revolution, and recollect distinctly that he and myself were drafted in the Militia from Lunenburg County in 1780 under Capt [Sylvanus] Walker and marched to the South and were engaged in the battle near Camden in August 1780 [Battle of Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780]. We were drafted for three months and served accordingly. I farther certify that in the early part of 1781 we were drafted again under Capt Walker for three months, and marched to Guilford and were engaged in the battle [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781]. He served the said term faithfully. The said John Hudson was also at the Siege of Yorktown [28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781], but under whom he served or how long I am unable to recollect at this time – He was a good and faithful soldier. I am in the 81st year of my age and was a soldier of the Revolution. He was in the Continental service, I know, before he served in the Militia – Ambrose Haley [pension application S8689]



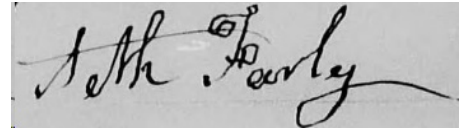
State of Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [1 Jun 1840]

I do hereby certify that I was well acquainted with John Hudson in the War of the Revolution, and have always understood that whilst he resided in Amelia or Chesterfield from whence he came to Lunenburg, that he served one year in the Virginia Minute or Regular Service under Capt. [John] Markham and Col [Patrick] Henry and others – But of this I know nothing personally, being too young & not in service with him – I recollect however, very distinctly, that in 1781, he marched to Yorktown from Lunenburg under Capt Sheet, and after surrender of Cornwallis accompanied the prisoners of War to Winchester as a portion of the Guard. I was with him in this service, but not same company, having marched from adjoining county under Capt. Michaux. I never served but this one tour of three months, being too young to be drafted. I am in the 76th year of my age.

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Virginia: Charlotte County to wit: [22 May 1840]

I Seth Farley of Charlotte, do hereby certify that I was intimately acquainted with John Hudson, deceased, formerly of Chesterfield County, and latterly of Lunenburg, in the War of the Revolution – According to my best recollection he was a good deal in service, but how long altogether I am utterly unable to say – not being with him the whole time. I recollect that [t]he said John Hudson enlisted, or was drafted in 1775, under Capt Markham for one year, in the Virginia Minute or Continental service and attached to 1st Virginia Regiment commanded by Col P. Henry & others. I know that he marched to Portsmouth and enlisted for one year, being present at the time. I am 81 years old.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Seth Farley". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

NOTES:

In a letter dated 3 Aug 1840 the agent for Elizabeth Hudson stated that he had visited her to take additional evidence, but “upon seeing her, and the condition of her mind (being in her dotage) and her low state of health,” the magistrate declined putting her under oath. Her claim was suspended for insufficient proof.

The application includes a family record transcribed below, which was certified by Irby Hudson and Joseph M. Rowlett as being in the handwriting of John Hudson, formerly of Prince Edward County.

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Thomas Hudson Born august 27th 1775

Sarah Hudson Born august 22^d 1777

Jensy Hudson Born august 26th 1779