

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hutton S31147

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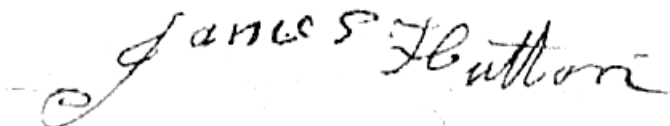
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State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.: This day James Hutton Senior came into open court (it being a Circuit Court for the County of Mercer and a court of Record) and made oath to the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 he being a soldier of the Revolutionary War – I the said James Hutton Senior being sworn according to law, declare on oath that I am now in my 72nd year of my age and I volunteered in the militia service of the State of Virginia in Captain Isaac Shelby's command (late Governor of Kentucky) Colonel Christie's [William Christian's] Regiment for three months and marched against the Cherokee Indians and at the close of my time I was honorably discharged and I then volunteered in Captain Asher's Company of Colonel Evan Shelby's Regiment for six months in the militia of Virginia in the service of the United States, and perform my duty on Nolichucky, Watauga and Holston [rivers] and was honorably discharged; and in March 1780 I came to Kentucky and settled near the McGary's Station [McAfee's ?] Station and in the spring of the year 1781, I was employed as a guard an Indian spy in the militia of Virginia and was stationed for three months at the mouth of Shawnee Run and when discharged I was employed for three months as a guard and spy at Arnold's Stationed in the same year and again I performed another three months tour and was stationed at Denton's and was employed as a spy and performed arduous duties amounting in the whole to nine months service in the militia as a guard and spy, in the service of the United States, and again in the fall of 1782 I volunteered as an Ensign in the militia for three months in Captain James Ray's company and marched with Genl. G. R. Clark [George Rogers Clark] against the Indians at Piqua on the Big Miami when I aided in burning many of their towns I believe ten or twelve, which services were performed in the militia service of Virginia engaged in the revolutionary war, and I was honorably discharged from the service aforesaid, which I have long since lost or mislaid. I further relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I further declare that I am not now a pensioner of the United States or any State. Witness my hand this 12th of July 1832

S/ James Hutton



This day Genl. James Ray<sup>1</sup> and John Gritton<sup>2</sup> came into open court and being first sworn upon

<sup>1</sup> FPA S31314 transcribed and posted in this database 10/2/11

<sup>2</sup> FPA S13203 transcribed and posted in this database 10/2/11

their oath say that they were well acquainted with the above named James Hutton since he came to Kentucky in March 1780 (and he is the husband of the lady who killed an Indian with an axe who assailed his house in the most heroic manner<sup>3</sup>) and we know that he performed services in the militia of the State of Virginia from that time to the present as he has stated in his affidavit also as Ensign in 1782 as we were with him frequently and as he lived our near neighbor when at home, and as to his services against the Cherokees and on Nolichucky &c we have conversed with him and have no doubt that they were performed as stated by him, as he is a man of truth. The services aforesaid were performed in the militia & as an Indian spy of Virginia in the revolutionary war. Witness our hands this 12th July as 1832.

*John Gritton*  
*Wm*  
*James Ray*

State of Kentucky Anderson County viz.: On this 21st day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Anderson Circuit court now sitting James Hutton aged 71 years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the full benefit of the act of Congress allowing pensions to revolutionary officers and soldiers passed the 7th of June 1832. That in addition to the tours of duty he performed during the revolutionary war he performed a tour of three months as Ensign in Captain Isaac Shelby's company of Colonel Evan Shelby's Regiment in the year 1776 & 1777 and was employed in collecting and forwarding provisions to Colonel Christian who was stationed at Long Island on Holston, that he omitted to state this tour in the hurry of the moment when his declaration was written and in the summer 1783 he performed a tour of two months as an Ensign under Colonel Steele and Captain John Arnold, that during this tour he was stationed as a guard an Indian spy at Arnold's Station and was an Ensign in said company during the whole time, this tour was also accidentally omitted in drawing my declaration and having performed these tours of duty he prays an increase to his pension certificate, that the same be canceled and an additional allowance made as he solemnly declares that he performed the service as well as other services up to the year 1792 – which are not embraced by the act of Congress. He further declares that he does not now recollect any person except Colonel Anthony Crockett and John Gritton by whom he can prove his services except by tradition. I further declare that I have long since lost my <sup>commissions &</sup> discharges, and my commission.

Witness my hand this 21st day of February 1833

S/ James Hutton

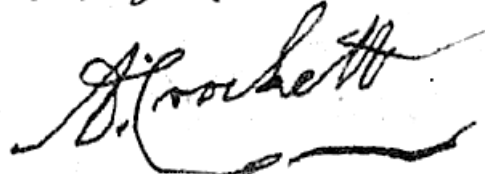
State of Kentucky Franklin County viz.: This day Colonel Anthony Crockett<sup>4</sup> came before me a Justice of the peace for said County and made oath to the following declaration viz. I Anthony Crockett being first sworn according to law do hereby state That I am well acquainted with James Hutton who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration and I believe that the said Hutton was Ensign in Captain Isaac Shelby's company of Colonel Evan Shelby's Regiment then in actual service in 1776 assisting to Provision to Colonel Christian at Long Island on

<sup>3</sup> I assume that this sentence was meant to convey the following: the veteran was the husband of a woman who, in the most heroic manner, killed with an axe an Indian who had assailed their house.

<sup>4</sup> [Anthony Crockett S10492](#)

Holston River, and that I believe he was a faithful officer and I have known the said Hutton ever since August 1781 and he is a man of truth. Witness my hand this 22nd day of February 1833.

S/ A Crockett

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Crockett". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of Kentucky Mercer County: I John Gritton do hereby declare on oath that I am well acquainted with James Hutton who has subscribed and sworn to the within declaration, and I was often with him in this State from the year 1780 to 1785 we were frequently on guard together, and during that time I have often heard him relate his services as Ensign in Captain Shelby's company in the year 1776 – 7 on Holston. I also know of his services as Ensign at Arnold's in this State, the first was a tour of three months in the latter two months and I had known said Hutton ever since and he is a man of truth. Witness my hand this 4th day of March 1833

S/ John Gritton, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$110 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private and 8 months service as an Ensign in the Virginia militia.]