

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hutchinson (Hutchison, Hutcheson) S38065

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Virginia Prince William County, to wit

On this 6th day of July 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the general Court in the State aforesaid Personally appeared Thomas Hutchison age sixty-five years resident in the County of Fairfax in the said State being one of the counties in my judicial circuit who being by me duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" That he the said Thomas Hutchison enlisted in the said County of Prince William in the state of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Ewell of the Virginia Troops in Gibson's Regiment – that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until the year 1780 – when he was discharged from the service in the __ State of New Jersey, that he was in the Battles of Stony Point [July 16, 1779], Monmouth [June 28, 1778] and many others – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that he has produced evidence herein annexed of his said services and reduced circumstances.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Wm A. G. Dade, Judge

Charles Ewell² this 6th of July 1818 personally appeared before me – And made oath that he was a Captain in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson during the revolutionary war with Great Britain from the year 1776 until the close of the war that Thomas Hutchison to whose declaration this affidavit is annexed was a soldier of the aforesaid Regiment, that he enlisted under Captain Thomas Ewell who is now dead for the term of three years, and served faithfully during that time, that the said Thomas Hutchison is now in very reduced circumstances and stands in need of the aid of his country for support. Given under my hand & seal the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm A. G. Dade, Judge

Virginia,

Be it remembered, that at a County Court held in Monongalia County at the courthouse of

¹ Beginning on page 30 of this 55 page file, the documents relate to a Mass. veteran named Timothy Hutchinson W21415.

² [Charles Ewell W9432](#)

the said County on Monday the 28th of August A.D. 1820 and 45th year of the Commonwealth, personally appeared in open court (being a court of record which proceed according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of its proceedings) Thomas Hutchinson aged about Seventy years resident in the County of Preston Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, That he enlisted at Prince William County Virginia under Captain Thomas Ewell, for three years about the year 1777 as well as he now recollects in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment, from the recruiting rendezvous we marched to Williamsburg Virginia and after being there about nine months marched to the North, that he was at the battle of Monmouth under the same Captain, and in the Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson, was at the taking of Stony Point, in the same Regiment, and several other skirmishes, that after serving three years he was discharged by Colonel John Allison, in the State of New Jersey, that he made his declaration in order to [obtain the benefit of the] provisions of the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, before the County Court of Prince William Virginia and obtained a certificate from the Secretary of War, upon which he has never drawn one cent, and has since understood, that he is stricken off the pension roll for what reason he does not [know], that the said Captain Ewell has given a certificate of his services which he believes was sent to the Secretary of War –

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the following Schedule by me subscribed, to wit, one horse about 15 or 16 years old, one cow and calf, 3 head of hogs, one iron pot, there is some other old kitchen furniture about the house, but belongs to my son with whom I live, and on whose bounty [I] depend.

S/ Thomas Hutchinson, X his mark

my occupation was a farmer; but I am now unable to get my living without assistance, that he has been much crippled by an axe thrown at him by a Negro fifteen or sixteen years ago, that he lives on the land of James Miles since he came to the County, for which he has to pay one third of all the farm produces, that the farm is glade land, cold and does not produce much, that his wife Margaret viz. with him aged about Sixty years, and his aforesaid son, Thomas Hutchinson aged about 30 years, that his son is at present afflicted with a swelling near his groin, that without his aid they would have to come on the County for support.

Sworn to and declared before the aforesaid court on the day and date first written.
[Attested by the clerk of court September 5, 1820]

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War Department Pension Office January 29, 1840

Sir,

I herewith returned my letter to you of the 30th of January 1830 in relation to the case of Thomas Hutchinson. I have in that letter stated that he was placed on the pension roll under the act of March 18, 1818. The certificate was dated on the 24th of July 1818, and stated that the pension (at eight dollars per month) commenced on the 6th of July 1818. Very soon after the

certificate issued, however, it was discovered that he was a soldier of Colonel George Gibson's Regiment. It was not (in 1818) known at this Department that Gibson's Regiment had been substituted by the State of Virginia for the 9th Virginia Continental Regiment. It was then considered merely a State Regiment, and as the act of 1818 did not provide for State Troops, Hutchinson's name was dropped from the roll. The Secretary of War decided, however, several years afterwards that all who belonged to Gibson's Regiment and who served in it nine months after it was placed on the footing of a Continental Regiment were entitled to pensions if they could produce the necessary proof of service and indigent circumstances. Why Hutchinson did not renew his application after the decision of the Department was made known I cannot say. Perhaps he was not alive at that time.

I have the honor etc.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 6, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line. He was dropped from the pension roll for the reasons set forth in the letter transcribed above, but by special act of Congress in 1853, his pension was paid to his son Thompson Hutchinson.]_

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 11-page file indexed under the name Thomas Hutcheson

Prince William County, Virginia

On this 28th day of November 1833 appeared in person before me, John Chappel aged 78 years who being first duly sworn by me to law deposes as follows Viz. – that he enlisted in Captain Thomas Ewell's Company first Virginia Regiment State line for three years – Marched from Dumfries early in 1776 to Williamsburg Virginia, stayed a month or two, then came back to Alexandria and after some delay owing to the small Pox marched to the North & joined the Main Army at the Valley Forge and was attached to Muhlenberg's [Peter Muhlenberg's] Brigade – was in the Battle of Monmouth and Stony Point was discharged in spring of 1779 and came home to Fairfax County where he has since resided, and now lives – said Chappel states of his own personal knowledge that Thomas Hutchison [sic] was a Sergeant in said Company during the whole of their three years service and behaved well and faithfully and was honorably discharged in spring of 1779 – came home and resided mostly since in said County until his death which took place in a year or so ago – said Thomas Hutchison was married and had an only child, a son, [The image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

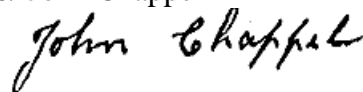
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Neighbor and is the only and sole heir at law of his father Thomas Hutchison deceased.

Sworn to and subscribed in my aforesaid County of Prince William the day and year above written before me

S/ Jas. Foster, JP

S/ John Chappel³



³ [John Chappell W6670](#)

Prince William County State of Virginia

On this 25th day of November 1833 Patrick McEwen aged [first digit written over and illegible] ?1 Years (a soldier of the Revolution) appeared in person before me James Foster a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County, and being by me duly sworn according to law, deposes as follows Viz. that he enlisted in Captain Thomas Ewell's company of the first Virginia Regiment State line George Gibson Colonel, and Charles Ewell first Lieutenant of said company, for 3 years, which time he faithfully served out – that they marched from Dumfries in said County in March 1776 to Williamsburg in Virginia, stayed there 6 or 8 weeks and the Regiment was then marched back to Alexandria and from thence marched North and Joined the Main Army at the Valley Forge and was attached to the Division of General Muhlenberg, was in the Battle of Monmouth and acted a part in the taking of Stony Point, was discharged, his time being out in the spring of 1779 & returned to Dumfries in Prince William County near which place he has ever since resided, and still resides – said McEwen further states on Oath and of his own personal knowledge, that Thomas Hutchison enlisted in the same company for the same period of three years, as a Sergeant, and that he the said Thomas Hutchison continued to serve as Sergeant in said Ewell's company to the end of his enlistment faithfully & honorably, was discharged and came home with me, and has resided mostly since in the [the image of this document cuts off at the bottom thereof at this point]

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which took place about 12 months ago – said Thomas Hutchison never had but one child, and that a son, Thompson Hutchison – now living near me, and who is the sole & only Heir at law – said Thomas died very

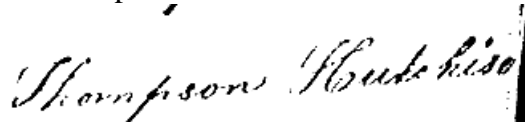
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S/ Patrick McEwen,⁴ X his mark

Prince William County Virginia

On this 29th day of November 1833 appeared before me James Foster a Justice of the peace for the aforesaid County, Thompson, who being first duly sworn by me according to law testifies as follows viz. – that he is the son and only child of Thomas Hutchison deceased a soldier of the war of the Revolution – that he has often and repeatedly heard his father (Thomas Hutchison) speak of his services in the War – that he enlisted as a Sergeant in 1776 and Captain Thomas Ewell's company first Virginia Regiment State line, George Gibson Colonel – that he served during the three years for which he enlisted as a Sergeant – and was honorably discharged in the spring of 1779 – that he was entitled to Land, but has never drawn it – as his sole and only heir at law, He the said Thompson, son and only child of the said Thomas Hutchison deceased now applies for the bounty in Land due for his father's services, and desires that it may be granted to him by name and as Heir at law and sole Heir of his father Thomas Hutchison and forwarded to Mr. James Foster his friend and agent at Occoquan Prince William County Virginia

S/ Thompson Hutchison

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thompson Hutchison". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first name "Thompson" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than the last name "Hutchison". The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

⁴ [Patrick McEwing \(McCuin, McEwin\) R16267](#)

Another file indexed under the name Thomas Hutcheson and POSSIBLY relating to the above veteran.

Thomas Hutcheson was Enlisted a Corporal in the first Virginia Regiment in this State, in February 1777 for three years and was discharged about the first of January 1780.

A Copy

Test

Charles Jones, Clerk

Thomas Meriwether, late Major
1st Virginia Regiment