

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Hounsler S4394

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Revolutionary Claims

Treasury Department,

September 22, 1828

Charles Hounsler of __ in the County of Montgomery in the State of Tennessee has applied to the Secretary of the Treasury for the benefits of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the 15th of May, 1828. He states that he enlisted in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution, for and during the war, and continued until its termination, at which period he was a Private in Captain __ 's Company, in the __ regiment of the Virginia line; and that he received a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars, provided by the resolve of the 15th of May, 1778; and further, that he was not on the 15th of May, 1828, on the pension list of the United States, and that he has received as a pensioner since the 3rd of March, 1826, nothing

The Third Auditor is requested to report how far the several statements are corroborated by the records in his Office.

By order of the Secretary

S/ F. A. Dickins

Treasury Department,

Third Auditor's Office,

30th September 1828

~~It appears by the records of this office, that a certificate for the reward of eighty dollars has been issued to __ in the __~~

It further appears that Charles Hounsler is not now on the pension list of any agency, and has not been so since the 3rd March 1826 ~~at the rate of __ dollars per month.~~

The name of Charles Hounsler cannot be found among those of the Virginia Line to whom Certificate for the gratuity of Eighty Dollars was issued.

S/ Peter Hagner, Aud.

General Land Office

16th December 1828

the name of Charles Hounsler does not appear in the list of Warrants issued by the Register of the land Office at Richmond, Virginia

S/ G. W. Graham, Commissioner

War Department
Bounty land office

It does not appear from the records in this office that Charles Hounsler as a private of the Virginia line ever received or is entitled to receive bounty land of the United States..

S/ Robert Taylor
19th of November 1828

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For the Purpose of obtaining the Benefit of an Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and Soldiers of the Army of the revolution" approved the 15th of May 1828 I Charles Hounsler of the County of Montgomery and State of Tennessee do hereby declare that I enlisted in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution for and during the War and continued in its service until its termination at which Period I was a Private in Captain Richard Bearshar's Company in the Regiment of Colonel John Montgomery of the Virginia Line, – and I also declare that I afterwards received a Certificate for the reward of \$80, to which I was entitled under a resolve of Congress passed the 15th of May 1778.

I further declare that I was not on the 15th of May 1828 on the Pension List of the United States.

Witness my hand this 19th day of August in the year of our Lord 1828
S/ Charles Hounsler



[p 22: Power of attorney executed by the veteran of pointing John H. Marable his attorney to prosecute his claim for a pension under the 1828 act.]

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A List of the officers Names at the falls

George Rogers Clark, General
Major John Crittenden, aide
Colonel Slaughter
Colonel Joseph Crockett
Colonel John Montgomery
Major Wales [George Walls?]
Major Thomas Quirk
Major Thomas Dalton
Captain George Artillery
Captain Bayley
Captain Richard Brashears [Richard Brashear]
Captain Chaplin
Captain Edward Worthington
Captain Richard Clark Brother to General Clark
Captain Gerrard Williams
Lieutenant Clark Cousin to General Clark

Thomas Mathews Lieutenant Artillery

these names was under my notice at the falls and am willing to be qualified to the same
Mr. Richard Rush

S/ Chas. Hounsler



Sept. 7, 1829

[p 18][unedited: probably in the handwriting of the veteran]

Received 21 December 1829

Montgomery County Tennessee State September 7 [1829?]

Most Worthy friend

Dear Sir

From under the strongest Obligations to return you my most hearty and sincere thanks for the favors you are pleased to send me as a gentleman to a poor Indigent needy old Revolutioner in sending me enclosed in Doctor Marable's letter a printed Instruction about my pension and if I had the letter in time I could have satisfied you more fully but being debilitated in body and unable to go twelve miles I solicited one Esquire Carter one of our bench on his return from Court told me there was none in the office at the same time never look for it that I was oblige to let it be till the Doctor came home now agreeable to the Act the doctor wrote it appears by your Instructions that you doubt whether I was a soldier in the first Revolution or not but my Dear friend I hope I can [indecipherable word] your Doubts the Doctor wrote to me for further Evidence than what I had already given for he told me if I would give him a list of the officers names that I belong to he would get me a pension which I did now my kind father and friend I was not in the Continental line at all though I served three years as a regular soldier faithfully for which I will give you a true statement of my Services. I listed under Colonel John Montgomery on new River which was then called Virginia for three years or During the war we was called the Virginia blues Thomas Quirk was my Captain we went from there to the long Island on Holston where we joined Colonel Isaac Shelby Senior against the Chickamaugas. After we defeated them they returned home and we went on to join George Rogers Clark General at Kaskaskia where we continued with him for some time we then was sent to the opost which is now called post Vincennes from that we returned and was stationed at Cohoe right against pankoll [sic?] which is now called Saint Looyee [St. Louis?]. We then went on an expedition to opea [sic] but was defeated in our expectation by a pilot who had a squaw in the nation. We destroyed their Corn and returned home perishing when we came home we went down to the Iron bank to reinforce the General who had settled the same with some families but Simon Girty [Simon Girty] with a party of Shawnees and had like to beat them all off till they came to a compromise there we continued on four Quarts of Rotten Corn for four days and nothing else finding they would give us no more Corn we vacated the place and came up to the falls where I continued with General Clark until peace was proclaimed a week after peace came to the Fort Colonel Montgomery gave me my discharge after we was sent to the opost my Captain Thomas Quirk left us and went home and came to us at the falls a Major and left us under the command of Lieutenant Colbert or Lieutenant James Shelby I know not and now my kind father and friend I have given you a true statement as to the Immediate presence of the God of heaven with a list of the officers names that was under my notice at the fall before I got my Discharge. I think you my kind loving friend for the information you was pleased to give me about the [paper damaged and one or more words missing]. I did not know that there was one person living that I could

have any news [?] to till I got Information from you and now my kind friend I hope and trust since I have given you a true statement that you will be so kind and so friendly as to assist a poor old man in his 85th year after serving 3 years faithfully I have lost my hearing my the Infirmity of my body comes down by times and nothing to support it with I think it hard that others can get it and I think I am as much in need as those that has got it. Now my kind friend if anything can be done for a poor Indigent Creature I hope and trust you will try for me for God Almighty sake for pity sake for Charity sake assist the poor old man and God will bless you both in time and in eternity and I shall be in duty bound to pray for you & yours as long as life last even till Death I am now living at William Sullivan's Sr. on the waters of Martin's Creek 16 miles from Clarksville could I find so much favor with you as to send me a few lines from under your Honorable hand directed for me at Mr. Steel's post office in Clarksville or at Mr. James McClure merchant, hoping and trusting to find some encouragement from you I am Dear father and friend your poor Needy Indigent Revolutioner and very humble and obedient Servant

S/ Charles Hounsler

Mr. Richard Rush 1829

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State of Tennessee Montgomery County: Circuit Court August Term 1832

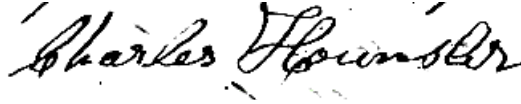
On this ___ day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Honorable the Circuit [court] now in session in the town of Clarksville, Charles Hounsler a resident of said County & State aged about Eighty Seven Years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of an act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

That he enlisted in the Service of the United States in year 1789 on New River in Virginia at the house of Thomas Hamphton [Thomas Hampton?], under the Command of Colonel John Montgomery. We marched from the Long Island upon Holston [River, where we joined Colonel Isaac Shelby to go against the Chickamauga [Indians]. We were designated & known by the name of the Virginia blues, From thence we went to join Clark [George Rogers Clark] at Cascaskia [Kaskaskia] in Illinois. We went from there to a place called the old post at which place we remained some time he does not know how long. He was still under the command of Colonel Montgomery. We then returned back to Illinois where we remained some time and then went to a little town called Coho near St. Louis, where we remained some time Colonel Montgomery still our Commander, We from there together with some French & Spaniards went on an expedition against the Indian[s] on osse River and returned again to Coho, He was one of the No. that took an express from Colonel Montgomery to General Clark at the Iron banks, We remained at the Iron banks for some time. He recollects that provisions became very scarce, when they went up to the Fort at the falls of Ohio where the he remained until Peace was proclaimed after having served as a regular soldier for near 5 years in the service of the United States. At the time he was discharged from Service Colonel Montgomery gave him a Certificate thereof. And it being rumored at or about that time that discharges of Soldiers would be good for land at some future day he sold it to a Merchant in Danville for a trifle in goods for his clothes, To be more particular as to his officers he states that at the falls of Ohio before peace was proclaimed was General George R Clark, Major John Crittenden, Colonel John Montgomery, Major ___ Wales¹, many years having elapsed, and having grown old he does not recollect more

¹ Perhaps an attempt to identify Major George Walls [George Walls \(Wales\) R18785](#)

than he has above stated. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity whatever, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State of [sic, or] Territory.

S/ Charles Hounsler

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Hounsler". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some ink bleed-through visible from the reverse side of the paper.

[Peter Hubbard, a clergyman, and John Rook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

I certify it appears from a list of such of the names of the Soldiers of the Virginia State line as received Certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeably to the Act of Assembly passed the November Session 1781 that a certificate issued on the 2nd day of August 1784 in the name of Charles Hounsler for £33.4.0. Given under my hand in the Auditors Office this 27th day of December 1828

S/ James E Heath, Auditor

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]