

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Gerard Hutt S5592

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[Note: The image of the following document as posted on both Fold3.com. and HeritageQuest.com is of very poor quality. What follows is my best attempt to discern very faint text. Use the following with more than the normal caution as to its possible misinterpretations.]

State of Virginia Westmoreland County to wit

On this 25th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of the County of Westmoreland now sitting, Gerard Hutt, Senior, a resident of the Parish of Ople in the County of Westmoreland in the State of Virginia aged sixty-seven years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he entered the Militia of Westmoreland County Virginia in the year 1781 and served in the capacity of Lieutenant under Captain William H Dozier – that during that year the command of the company to which he was attached devolved on Captain William Edwards, that in the early part of the year 1782, he performed a tour of duty as Lieutenant of the said company under the command of the said Captain Edwards at Stratford Cliffs [? very faint]¹ in Westmoreland County, whilst Lord Dunmore's [John Murray, Lord Dunmore, last Royal Governor of the colony of Virginia] fleet lay off Blackstone's Island in the Potomac River – that during the time he was stationed there one of Lord Dunmore's barges attempted to land and several of our men fired on the barge & killed a man – the barge then returned to the shipping – from Stratford Cliffs the company to which he (this declarant) belonged was ordered to Bramfield [? very faint]² in the said County, and from thence to Appleby where it remained some time awaiting orders and was thereafter ordered to Sandy Point on the Potomac River – from length of time it is impossible for this declarant to recollect the precise time of service which he performed during this year, but is positive from his general recollection it was at least six months – Early in the year 1783 (he this declarant) still acting as Lieutenant under the said Captain Edwards served a Six months tour of duty at Nominy [Nomini ? very faint] Ferry [Nomini Ferry] in the County of Westmoreland and its vicinity guarding boats, canoes [text lined out and



illegible] to prevent the Slaves from escaping to the enemy, thus making the entire amount of service which he performed one year. The Commandant of the Westmoreland Regiment being the companies above mentioned was Colonel Joseph Lane – being engaged in service entirely confined to the County of Westmoreland this declarant served with no Continental regiment, and consequently was unacquainted with any regular officer. – During the Siege of York the Westmoreland Regiment had to furnish a quota of men and this declarant stood his draft as a Lieutenant and drew a blank; after peace the company to which he was attached was dissolved and enrolled in two other militia Companies and he remained a supernumerary officer until he was forty-five years of age. – That he served the tours of duty aforesaid as a Lieutenant; and has not a doubt that he was commissioned as such by the Executive of Virginia, but not believing that it would be of any service to preserve it, this commission has been lost or destroyed.

In answer to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department; this declarant states that he was born in the County of Westmoreland in the year 1765; that there is a record of his age in the possession of his brother William S Hutt in Kanawha County Virginia; that he has lived all his life in the County of Westmoreland Virginia on the waters of the Nominy [Nomini Creek]; I was not drafted, neither did I volunteer, nor was I a substitute, I was enrolled in the usual manner among the Militia of the district in which I resided and was entered on duty by the Commandant of the Regiment – the answer to the 5th Interrogatory is already stated, as is also that to the 6th – this declarant is well known in his present neighborhood to Richard Dozier and William Y. Sturman – who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. He knows of no clergyman in his neighborhood who has any knowledge of his services or who could give the certificate required by the.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Gerard Hutt, Senr.

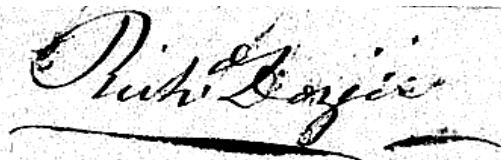
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerard Hutt Senr". The ink is dark and the paper shows some texture and slight discoloration.

[Richard Dozier, 77, and William Y. Sturman, 45, gave the standard supporting affidavit.

On this 25th day of March, 1833, Richard Dozier,³ aged 77 years, appeared in open court before the Justices of Westmoreland County to wit, now sitting, and made oath that he knows that Gerard Hutt Senior whose Declaration is above written, was in actual service for a considerable time, as a Lieutenant of the Virginia militia in Westmoreland County; that he believes he was in such service quite as long as he represents himself to have been in the said declaration, and that he also believes all the facts stated in that declaration are true.

Sworn to and subscribed, in open court, this 25th of March, 1833

S/ Rich'd Dozier

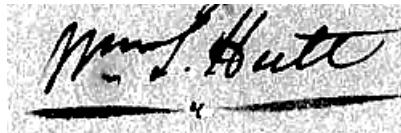
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich'd Dozier". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored paper.

³ [Richard Dozier S8349](#)

The affidavit of William S. Hutt aged sixty years taken before me James Jett – a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Westmoreland and State of Virginia on the 13th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833.

This affiant being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he well recollects that towards the close of the revolutionary war, Gerard Hutt Senior now 67 years of age of the County of Westmoreland and state of Virginia aforesaid performed Military duty in actual service under the command of Captain William Edwards of said County; as a circumstance which calls to the recollection of this affiant the fact of the Service of the said Gerard Hutt, this affiant well recollects of having accompanied the said Gerard near the encampment of the Militia for the purpose of taking home the horse which the said Gerard rode. This affiant being a brother of the said Gerard Hutt.

S/ Wm S. Hutt

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wm S. Hutt", written in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written over a horizontal line.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$160 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Lieutenant for one in the Virginia militia.]