

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Houze S7035

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State of Mississippi Copiah County} On this third day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Associate Justices of the County Court of said County the office of Chief Justice being at this time vacant, and the said Associates constituting a legal court of record and now sitting Samuel Houze a resident of said County aged sixty Seven in April last who being first 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 service of the United States in June 1781 as a volunteer private from Camden District on Black River in the State of South Carolina under Captain James Clark who died shortly afterwards and was succeeded by Captain Richard Singleton, and also under Lieut. James Clark who shortly after left the service and was succeeded by Lieut. Jacob Chambers. The Ensign's name was Membrance Williams, under which last named officers I served most of the time for about eighteen months from the time of my enlistment and I recollect well that my discharge at the end of my term of service I arrived at home on the evening of Christmas day the next year after my enlistment in June. I served all the time in the Regiment of Col. Richard Richardson and under Genl Francis Marion and was in company with the Army of Genl Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] for some 2 or 3 months from the time he left the High Hills of Santee until he arrived at Bacons Bridge on the Edisto as a drafted man out of my Regiment to a company Genl Green's Army, at the expiration of which time I returned to my Regiment under my former Col. and Genl and other officers. Immediately upon my enlistment I joined the Regiment aforesaid at a place called Cord place on the Santee where we lay about 4 or 5 weeks & were continually marching from place to place in the vicinity of the Santee for the protection of the Country from the enemy until the battle of the Eutaw Springs¹ some three or four months after my enlistment at which battle my company and Regiment were but was unable to be there myself by reason of sickness and detention at wat [sic, what] was called the back Camps about 20 or 25 miles from the Eutaw. I was in no very important engagement during my term of service, but after the battle of Eutaw was marching from place to place and had several skirmishes with the enemy and one at Parkers ferry on Ashley River² and was at Watt Boo Bridge [Wadboo³] at the head of Cooper River where I afterwards received my discharge from

¹ September 8, 1781. http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

² Probably Parker's Ferry #2 on August 31, 1781

https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_parkers_ferry_2.html

³ August 29, 1782. J D Lewis offers several possibilities: July 17, 1781

the aforesaid Col. Richardson, which I lost upwards of twenty years ago when removing from Tennessee to this State. I was born at the place of my enlistment mentioned aforesaid and there and in that vicinity resided except while in the Army until the year 1802 or 3 when I removed to Tennessee and resided then in Rutherford County for about 7 or 8 years when I removed to this State in 1810 and have resided here ever since where I am intimately acquainted with, and known to many persons among whom in my immediate neighborhood are Thomas Lawrence, Isaac Rion, William Walker, Robert Woods, James Powers and Hardy Mullins. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court.

S/ Samuel Houze, X his mark

[Hardy Mullins, a clergyman, and Thomas Lawrence gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Mississippi Copiah County } Personally appeared before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid the above named Samuel Houze who being duly sworn deposeth and say that he has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his revolutionary services aforesaid; nor does he know of any living witness by whose testimony he can prove the same. And further that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade, to wit, for eighteen months as a volunteer private: and for such service he claims a pension.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of July 1833

S/ Wm Barnes, JP

S/ Saml. Houze, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]