

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Hunt S7049

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North Carolina Surry County

On this 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record and opened and held as such this day for the County and State aforesaid, Daniel Hunt, a resident of the County of Surry & State of North Carolina, aged seventy-two years in October next, 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 the 7th of June 1832, that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer militia soldier in the latter part of the summer or first of the fall of the year 1779 in the company commanded by Captain John Johnson; in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Locke of Rowan County North Carolina; the Brigade or division of the militia being commanded by General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford]; that he joined the Army at this time after the troops had rendezvoused, in the capacity of what was called a minute man being by the order of the General always in readiness to March at a moments warning: That he marched for the purpose of opposing the British and the Tories, from his residence in Rowan County to Salisbury in said County where they remained for a short time only and was then ordered to go to the upper end of Rowan County in order to resist the Tories: from thence he was ordered to pursue the enemy on towards the borders of South Carolina who had retreated in that direction to the sea board; That after pursuing the enemy for some time and finding that they could not be overtaken General Rutherford ordered Captain Johnson's company to return to Rowan County and to be always on the alert for the purpose of opposing and overawing the Tories; that they remained in this situation reconnoitering the country and keeping under the Tories until Cornwallis invaded North Carolina on his march from the South to the North; That on receiving the intelligence of the approach of Cornwallis Captain Johnson was ordered by Colonel Locke to watch the progress of the enemy; That he remained on this service while Cornwallis was marching through North Carolina, and especially at the time immediately preceding the battle of Guilford; that after the battle of Guilford on the 15th of March 1781, he and his company to which he belonged were permitted to return home –

And the said Daniel Hunt further states that when the British under Cornwallis were passing through North Carolina, they came to his Father's house, and killed or destroyed all the property of his said Father except the dwelling House; that at this time he the said Daniel on was

in the Army commanded [by] General Rutherford; That his Father Jonathan Hunt was taken a prisoner by the British who being an old and infirm man and unable to travel as the enemies [enemy's] prisoner, was discharged by them in the course of one or two days; that in consequence of the distress and losses of his father, the said Daniel Hunt was permitted to return home as above stated, having been in service from the year 1779 to March 1781; that he did not receive any written discharge on leaving the service, but was verbally told he might go home to take care of his Father and family, that all or nearly all of his Associates in arms on the occasion alluded to, are either dead or removed to distant States and he does not know that it is now in his power to prove his service positively by anyone except by Captain Andrew Carson¹ of the County of Iredell in North Carolina and Robert Horn² Esquire ~~of the County of Rowan~~. These persons will be seen and their depositions will be hereto annexed if the facts stated can be positively proved by them. The Reverend Richard Parks, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal Church and resident in the County of Surry; and Daniel Cockerham a citizen of said County have heard him the said Daniel on speak of serving in the revolutionary war and their statements are hereto annexed.

And in reply to the interrogatories suggested by the Secretary of war the said Daniel Hunt returns the following answers –

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer: I was born in the year 1761 in Rowan County North Carolina, and entered the service in the said County of Rowan as before stated in the year 1779 and continued therein until March 1781.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer – The record of my age is in my Bible at home; and was copied from the Bible of my Father in which was recorded the ages of myself and all his children.

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Rowan County North Carolina when called into service with my Father Jonathan Hunt; I have continued to live in said County ever since till about 12 or 13 years ago when I moved into the County of Surry where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Answer. I was a volunteer as before stated in that class of the militia called minute men: They were mounted men or a kind of cavalry, Always on the alert, and employed frequently in carrying expresses – During the service I was advanced to the rank of Lieutenant in Captain Johnson's company, he having been promoted to the rank of Major –

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Captain Johnson's company was not immediately embodied with any of the regular Troops. We were in the neighborhood of General Greene's Army when they retreated before Cornwallis from the South into the State of Virginia. I recollect as every other American citizens should do the name of General Greene; Colonel John Stokes; General Arrington [sic, probably a reference to William Henry Harrington] of the militia and General Rutherford under whom I immediately served; & Colonel Davidson [William Lee Davidson] either of the militia or regular

¹ [Andrew Carson S8173](#)

² [Robert Horn S7023](#)

service, who was wounded in the engagement with the Tories at the mouth of Rocky River in Anson County North Carolina where I myself was – Colonel John Armstrong of the regular Army and, in command of the Light Infantry, was also present at the mouth of Rocky River during this engagement –

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I never received a written discharge as before stated in the body of this declaration. After the British had passed by my Father's House, taken him prisoner and destroyed his property I was permitted by the commanding officer to return home and paid in taking care of my Father's family, and recovering from his losses – This was in 1781 –

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Answer. All or nearly all of my contemporaries are either dead or removed away – having been born and raised in Rowan County, and having removed 12 or 13 years since to the adjoining County of Surry, I am well acquainted with many persons – among them I could name the Honorable Meshach Franklin former Representative in Congress from this district, John Wright, Clerk of our County Court; Joseph Williams Clerk of the Court; Peter Clingman Post Master and Merchant in the town of Huntsville, Surry County North Carolina. In the County of Rowan I could name John Giles Esquire once a member elect to Congress; Captain John Ellis, and Colonel Elhanah Austin – The statements of some of these gentlemen referred to will be annexed to this declaration if they can be obtained –

And the said Daniel Hunt 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.

Test: S/ John Wright, CC

S/ Daniel Hunt

[Pleasant B Cockerham, Minister of the Baptist Church of Surry County, and Thomas Hampton, JP, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[M. Franklin, John Wright, J. Williams, and Peter Clingman gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation and trustworthiness of the applicant.]

In the declaration of Daniel Hunt he did say and intended to be understood as having been in the service of the United States from the latter part of the summer or first of the fall in the year 1779 to March 1781 –

After the month of March 1781 he was permitted to return home by his commanding officer and from this time he considered himself out of the service – His permission to return home was granted to him in consequence of the ruin and devastation of the property of his Father Jonathan Hunt by the British under the command of Cornwallis when they marched through that part of North Carolina – Daniel Hunt was in service from September (say) 1779 in March 1781, that is one year and six months –

Given under my hand this 4th day of January 1832

S/ Lewis Williams³

³ WILLIAMS, Lewis, (brother of John Williams, of Tennessee, and Robert Williams and cousin of Marmaduke Williams), a Representative from North Carolina; born in Surry County, N.C., February 1, 1782; was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1808; member of the State house of commons in 1813 and 1814; elected as a Republican to the Fourteenth through the Seventeenth Congresses; reelected to the Eighteenth as a

Washington City

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

Crawford Republican; reelected to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Congresses as an Adams; reelected to the Twenty-first through the Twenty-fourth Congresses as an Anti-Jacksonian; reelected to the Twenty-fifth through the Twenty-seventh Congresses as a Whig and served from March 4, 1815, until his death; chairman, Committee on Claims (Fifteenth through Twenty-first Congresses), Committee on Territories (Twenty-third Congress); died in Washington, D.C., February 23, 1842; interment in Panther Creek Cemetery, Surry County, N.C.
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