

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hunt S7051

hq8NC

f25NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

6/7/08 rev'd 1/13/16

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[p3]

State of North Carolina, Granville County

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Granville County now sitting Colonel William Hunt a resident of said County aged Seventy-five years the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 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 June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated – That in the fall of the year 1779 – I think it was, I was employed by Colonel Benjamin Hawkins one of the Commissioners to purchase Tobacco as I understood at that time to ship to St. Eustalia [sic, St. Eustatius?] a Neutral Port for the purpose of procuring arms. I purchased 12,000 pounds worth with paper money on which account I was allowed 5% commissions. I was then authorized by said Hawkins and Colonel Robert Burton Quarter Master in the County of Granville to procure Horses for the use of the Army by Purchase or Impressment I was engaged in that service until August 1780.

The Militia of the County was ordered to assemble at the Court House as soon as the Commanding Officer was informed of the Defeat of General Gates [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] the day of the Parade I was presented with a Major's Commission in the Regiment then to be raised. We marched off I think in three or four days and got to Salisbury the day after the British Army left it, Where we joined Colonel Davie [William Lee Davie] who had raised a Regiment (in that District) and took the Command of both regiments – I think we remained in service from the last of August and got home the last of December – about four months.

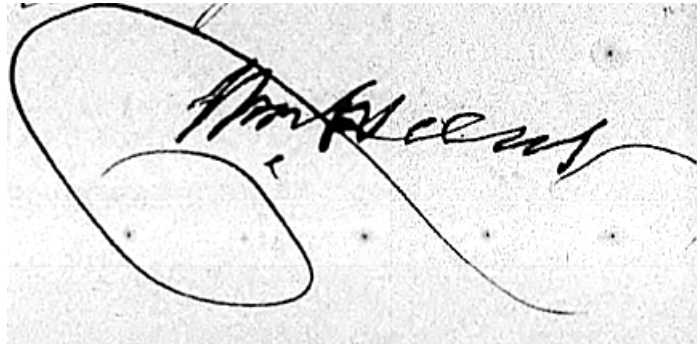
Some time I think in April 1781 – there was an alarm in this County that a Detachment of the British Forces was on their way to Halifax Town in North Carolina, and that Captain John Harrison would take command of those who thought proper to volunteer their Services for the protection of that place – and would be in Williamsboro for that purpose. I repaired there as a volunteer for that service – but when I got there Colonel Burton the quarter Master informed me that the Governor of the State was in the neighborhood and wished to get some one who could be depended upon to take charge of some dispatches for General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] and that he would be glad if I would be the bearer of them. I consented to do so if they would let me take two young men with me which they did viz, Jo Bridges & Thomas Allen. We set off in a few hours and came up with General Greene the day he arrived at Ninety Six. We had to camp out and graze our horses the greater part of the Way, and when we could procure anything for ourselves and Horses had to pay for it with our own money – except in a few instances we remained at Ninety Six some days before General Greene dismissed us with other dispatches for the Governor of North Carolina. We had to share the same hardships on our return that we had

to encounter on our way out. The distance we went out between three & 400 miles and marched the greater part of the way through a Tory or disaffected Country. I think I was about six months purchasing Tobacco & procuring Horses and about six months in the Army acting as a field Officer and an express to General Greene.

I was born in the County of Halifax & State of Virginia on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1757 as I was informed by my parents. At four years of age I am also told by them I was brought by them in to the County of Granville & State of North Carolina I have continued to reside in the same County from that time to the present where I now reside. The Register of my age is now in my possession. I was as above stated a resident of Granville County when the several tours of duty before recited was performed. Colonel Phil Taylor [Philip Taylor] Commanded the Regiment of which I was Major and when arrived at Salisbury the Regiment of Taylor and that raised & Commanded by Colonel Davie was commanded by the latter. I have not seen my Commissions as Major or as Quarter Master for very many years, and if I can find them they shall be forwarded with this declaration. I am not apprised that any person is living that can prove the service in purchasing Tobacco. The purchase and impressment of Horses I think I am unable to prove without much difficulty and labor. I am well known in Granville and to Willie P. Mangum [sic, Willie Person Mangum] Esq. our Senator in Congress and to General Micajah T. Hawkins the Representative in Congress from this District whose certificates I presume will be sufficient to establish my character for veracity.

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court the date above.

S/ Wm Hunt

A black and white photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The signature appears to be 'Wm Hunt' with a large, sweeping flourish that loops back under the name.

He hereby relinquishes every other claim to a pension from the United States, and swears that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or Territory.

For & in behalf of Colonel William Hunt.

S/ M. T. Hawkins, M. C. of NC

[p 25]

Mr. William Hunt

Sir:

I have sent you by your father forty thousand dollars, for the express purpose of purchasing Tobacco, to be delivered at Halifax, your prudence and the advice of your father is to regulate you, respecting the price though I would not wish it to exceed 70£.

If you purchase notes, make the planters ensure them. I am told by Mr. Dudley, that the most of the tobacco at Halifax is damaged, taken receipt for whatever you purchase. Make return, to me, at your father's within thirty days of your proceedings, I will give you a generous compensation.

I am with respect Sir your M. O. Serv.

S/ Benjamin Hawkins

New Bern 27<sup>th</sup> May 1780.

Mr. William Hunt,  
Sir,  
I have sent you by your father  
forty thousand dollars, for the capture of your choic-  
-ing Tobacco, to be delivered at Halifax, your presence  
and the advice of your father is to regulate you, res-  
-pecting the price tho' I would not wish it to exceed, 40 £.  
If you purchase notes, make the planters in use thro'  
I am told by Mr. Dudley, that the most of the tobacco  
at Halifax is damaged, - take receipts for what  
ever you purchase. Make returns, to me at my father's  
within thirty days of your proceedings, I will give you  
a generous compensation.  
I am with respect  
Sir your M. O. Servant  
Benjamin Hawkins  
New Bern 27<sup>th</sup> May. 1780 -

[p 20]

Warren 4<sup>th</sup> July 1780

Sir,

You will purchase on the best terms in your power, some horses for the use of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of light dragoons, the Horses are to be fourteen hands or upwards high under nine years old, not pacers [?] And fit for immediate use -

I have supplied you with sixty thousand dollars, if you can purchase ten or a dozen, send an express to me for a sufficiency of money, you will be very vigilant and have the horses ready to be delivered here by the 15<sup>th</sup> instant. I am with respect Your Humble Servant

Mr. William Hunt

S/ Benjamin Hawkins

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1791  
Sir, You will purchase on the best terms in your  
power, some horses for the use of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> regiments  
of Light Dragoons, the horses are to be four ten hands  
or upwards high under nine years old, well pacers and  
fit for service. I have supplied you with sixty shillings orders, if you  
can purchase ten or a dozen, and we expect to see  
for a sufficient quantity of money you will be very obliged  
and have the horses ready to be delivered here by the  
15<sup>th</sup> inst. I am with respect Your Obedient Servant  
Wm. Williams, Capt. Benjamin G. Wood

[Veteran died March 3, 1833]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$190 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Major for 4 months in the North Carolina State Troops, 6 months as a Commissary and one month as an express rider.]