

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Huffman W10132

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[p 10 [file 2]]

South Carolina District of Edgefield – SS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818 before the subscriber Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the said district, personally appeared John Huffman aged sixty-one years, resident on Camp Branch in said district who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war:" That he the said John Huffman enlisted in Amherst County in the State of Virginia in July 1780 with an officer whose name he has forgotten but shortly after joined in the company commanded by Captain F. Cowherd [Francis Cowherd] of the infantry Continental Troops that he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States, until the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1782 – when he was discharged in service in Camden State of South Carolina that he was in the battles of Guilford North Carolina [March 15, 1780 1], of Camden [probably Second Battle of Camden or Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781], South Carolina Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] &c and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the certificate and discharge hereto annexed –

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Simkins

O. E. D.

S/ John Huffman

car aforesaid:



[p 20 [file 2]]

Amherst County Virginia April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1782

I do certify that the Bearer John Huffman during his Residence in this County has behaved himself as a good Citizen in Manifestation whereof he has lately served eighteen Months as a regular Soldier and this States Continental Troops under the command of General Greene & is at present free from any Militia Encumbrance.

S/ Hugh Ross, C. L.

Amherst County Virginia April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1782 (2)  
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:mental Troops under the Command of Gen: Greenery is at  
present free from any Militia Incumbrance  
Hugh Ross C. L.

[p 23 [file 2]]

The Bearer hereof John Huffman a Soldier in Captain Cowherds Company and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Regiment having Served 18 months the term for which he was engaged is hereby Discharged from the said Regiment in which we Certify that he has Behaved as a Brave & faithful Soldier. Given at Camp Camden this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1782

S/ F. Cowherd, Capt.

S/ S. Snead, Maj. Comt.

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having served eighteen months the term for which  
he was engaged is hereby Discharged from the said  
Regiment in which we Certify that he has behaved  
as a Brave & faithful Soldier Given at Camp  
Camden this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 1782  
F. Cowherd, Capt.  
S. Snead, Maj. Comt.

[p 12 [file 2]]

State of South Carolina District of Edgefield

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820, Personally appeared in open Court, being a court of record for said District and State aforesaid John Huffman aged upwards of sixty-three years, resident in the Beaver Dam waters, near Edgefield Court House, in said District, who being first

duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows, in the second Regiment of the Virginia Line Commanded by Colonel Haws [Samuel Hawes] in a company commanded by Captain \_\_\_ Cawhart [Francis Cowherd], that he is now on the pension rolls by virtue of the Act of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, that his certificate is dated on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1819, the pension having commence on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818, and that he has already received his pension from the last mentioned time, to the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1820, and the said declarant doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the following schedule (viz.)

170 acres of Land of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> quality that he gave \$350 for but does not think it would sell for more than \$300 the plantation & c going to decay	\$300.00
One horse 16 or 17 years old worth about	30.00
Two Cows & calves worth about	20.00
A Small Stock of Hogs	25.00
Plantation Tools	5.00
2 Pots and 1 Oven	3.00
½ Doz. plates ½ Dozen knives & forks	2.00
Some Dunghill fowls	2.00
	\$487.00

That in consequence of the indisposition of his wife who has been ill and maimed for three years and the infirmity under which he labors with old age does conscientiously swear that he is unable to pursue his former occupation of a Tiller of the earth but to a small degree. That he has had 3 children one of which is dead and left him the care of two grandchildren now of very Tender years that he finds it difficult to support and Educate them from the very small and in different Crops he can make by his own farm. That he has no one on whom he can depend for support or to whom he can look or from whom he can expect any succor.

S/ John Huffman

[Note: in the first file, there are a number of documents all of which represent the veteran's attempts to be restored to the pension list based on a reduction in his scheduled property. I've elected only to transcribe the one application which appears below.]

[p 39 [file 1]]

South Carolina Edgefield District

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1825 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district and State John Huffman now about 69 years of age resident in the district and state aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows viz., in Colonel Haws Regiment raised in Virginia and Major Sned's Battalion, and in the Company commanded by Captain Cowheart in the Virginia line, on the Continental Establishment – That he was on the pension roll by virtue of the act of Congress of the 18 March 1818 and that his certificate for a pension is dated on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of January 1819 and that his pension commenced on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 1818 and that by

virtue thereof he received 3 different installments or payments viz. – \$144 as well as he now recollects –

And he does solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income or estate real, personal or mixed except that is contained in the following Schedule, Viz.,

148 acres of land at one dollar per acre	\$148.00
One horse worth now	25.00
One Cow, and a heifer with calf	15.00
6 head of hogs	8.00
household furniture {net balance clear of debt}	<u>10.00</u>
	\$109.50
Debts due	<u>96.50</u>
	\$109.50

To account for the decrease in quantity and value of the land mentioned and given in his first declaration and the present one this deponent solemnly declares that thirty-one acres of land was mortgaged to him for a security debt which he expected fully to have to pay and that he therefore virtually looked upon and claimed this land (far more valuable per acre than the 148 acres mentioned above) as his own the principal person has since unexpectedly paid up the debt, which renders said thirty-one acres clear and free from every claim on his part – This deponent further most solemnly declares that the land above mentioned (which will [indecipherable word] if anything can prevent his being again placed on the pension roll) is poor and so worn out that he cannot rent it for a livelihood or for anything like a support. That about five years ago he was sick from Early in the fall (September) till the March following, that his wife who is now between 60 and 70 years old was taken sick in December afterwards and was for the most of the time actually bedridden by said sickness for three years; that to meet these most serious and had the afflictions he this deponent was compelled to run considerable in debt not only to pay the necessary physicians' bills, but to buy provisions for actual subsistence and support which debts are now really do you an amount to [several words written over and rendered illegible] half the value or the money for which he could sell the poor tract of land given in as above – it is true that this deponent could sell this land; which he would most reluctantly do, because it is a fond desire of his [indecipherable word] as a free man and in a free Country for which freedom he thought and bled to continue to own land enough not only for a house, poor as it is, the small remnant of time on earth now allotted him, but in which to deposit his bones men did, and where now be the moldering remains of his youngest daughter and grandchild and if he could believe that a construction so hard and in human could be placed on the law as to compel him to sell this spot of earth, which he solemnly declares on oath would, after payment of debts, get but a little way towards his support, refuse him a [several indecipherable words] he would be forced to the conclusion on that it is a most unfortunate circumstance for an old and a worn out soldier of the revolution to be cursed with a little poor Land! – This deponent further declares that he was

wounded twice in the battle of the Eutaw in this state, by one bullet which entered in his big [?]<sup>1</sup> left arm and came out by his shoulder blade and the other entered near his right collarbone and came out under the shoulder blade, which scars of wounds can be seen and have been shown to persons of high respectability, and which although they did not prevent his laboring in his more youthful days, have with other causes of feebleness and decrepitude compelled him almost entirely to desist from labor for two years last past. He further declares that he has a wife white as in firm though not quite so old, as he is himself, has had three children, two of whom only are alive, one a poor widow with eight children to support, and the other a son with nine children, both in indigent circumstances – That he this deponent is really and truly unable to follow his former occupation of a farmer, and is not only unable to support himself by his own exertions but has no one on whom he can depend or to whom he can look for support.

S/ John Huffman

[p 4 [file2]: On November 20, 1838 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Lucretia Huffman, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Huffman, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$96 per annum; that she married him February 18, 1784; that her husband died June 25, 1828. She signed her application with her mark.

[Veteran was pensioned initially at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 4, 1818 for his service as a private in the Virginia Continental line; he was dropped from the pension list in December 1820 on account of his having more property than was allowed under the 1820 Act; he was restored to the pension list on December 22, 1825 commencing November 14, 1825. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836.]