Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hunter W432 Transcribed by Will Graves Ann Hunter

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State of Kentucky City of Lexington Sct.

On this 7th day of December 1833, Personally appeared before C. Hunt Esquire Mayor of the City of Lexington John Hunter a resident of Jessamine County, State aforesaid, going on 74 years of age, 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 of June the 7th 1832.

He was born in Rowan County North Carolina in August 1760 as he is informed by his parents. There was a family register which was taken by one of his brothers, but he has no doubt of the above statement being true. He removed from said State in the year 1779 to Boone Station, Kentucky, with his father's family where he remained and at other Stations until the peace with the British and Indians, when he settled in what is now called Jessamine [County] where he has remained. He resided at Boone Station when he first entered the service in Captain Hays' [William Hays'] Company in 1780, marched under him on the expedition under General George Rogers Clark to the old Chillicothe. He served on that occasion four months, and in all the particulars of the expedition, he agrees with the statement given by Peter B Adams¹ in his application for a pension of the date hereof, who was a cousin & comrade in that expedition and in his subsequent service generally. He served at least five months in the year 1780. And in 1781 he merely served on detachments and guard Service, but was not in any battle during that year, although he served within it at least four months as he verily believes, and in very hard service too. In 1782 he was a private in Captain Hazelriggs' [Charles Hazlebrigg's or Hazeltrigg's Company, in Boone's [Daniel or Joseph Boone's] or Logan's [Benjamin Logan's] Regiment, when the siege of Bryant's Station [Bryan's Station] took place, which was in the month of August. This applicant was not in the station nor was he at the battle of the Blue Licks [August 19, 1782] which followed directly after the siege, but he was with the party which buried the dead on the battleground. Afterwards he accompanied the expedition to the New Chillicothe towns as detailed in said Adams' application, and returned with it to Kentucky. In all the services named by said Adams in 1782 he participated with the exception already given, and in addition thereto he repeatedly crossed the Ohio River on scouting expeditions of the most hazardous kind under the command of Colonel Robert Todd & Colonel Will Russell [William Russell]. In the year 1782 & 1783 up to April of that year, he served in those various expeditions at least ten months, making in all up to the peace of 1783 at least nineteen months. He refers to

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¹ Peter BF Adams S30814

the details given by said Adams' statement, as containing facts which he knows to be true, and services in which he participated. He never was wounded in battle but was shot through the right leg, on North Elkhorn, near Bryant's Station, in 1782. He never received a discharge nor has he any living witnesses except his cousin the said Peter B. Adams. He has come to Lexington to have his application prepared and to obtain the aid of his said witness who was coming to that place for the same purpose. He is not known to any preacher of the gospel in Lexington – that he knows of, but he refers to Daniel B. Price, Hugh Chrisman, Squire Arnold & Doctor Price to prove his character for veracity and for his general reputation of being a soldier of the revolution. 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 or Territory. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ John Hunter, X his mark

Also came Peter ^B _F Adams who being duly sworn doth state that he is the cousin of the above named John Hunter, that he came to Kentucky with his father & himself, that he lived in their family during the whole of the Remainder of the War and served with him in almost all his Services as detailed above and knows that he has said the truth in relation to them. Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/Peter B F Adams

J Land S Adams

[Moses M. Price & David Shucks gave the standard supporting affidavit.] [Attested by Charlton Hunt]

[p 5: On July 1, 1839 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Ann Hunter, aged about eighty one, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Hunter, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in Fayette County near the town of Lexington in the month of September or October in the year 1786 or 1787; she has no record of her marriage as the clerk's office of Fayette County was destroyed by fire many years after her marriage; that her husband was an unlettered man and No written register of their marriage or the births of their children; that her husband died March 23rd, 1838; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 25: By order dated September 28, 1846 given in Jessamine County Kentucky, Moses Hunter was appointed administrator with the nuncupative will annexed of Ann Hunter deceased.]

[p 14: On October 10, 1848 in Jessamine County Kentucky, Moses Hunter, administrator of the estate of Ann Hunter made application for the pension due her under the 1838 act as the widow of John Hunter from March 4th, 1836 to March 23rd, 1838. His relationship to the veteran and his widow is not stated other than in his capacity as administrator of her a state. The date of her death is not stated in this document.

Moses Hunter

[p 24: By finding of the court of Jessamine County Kentucky dated April 16, 1849, it was found

that Ann Hunter widow of John Hunter departed this life leaving five living children, Charles, Rebecca Portwood, Mary Stafford, John Hunter Junior and Moses Hunter. Again, the date of her death is not stated.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$63.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for one-year and 7 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]