Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hatcher W7677
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Nancy Hatcher

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State of Virginia Cumberland County to wit

On this 27th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Cumberland John Hatcher a resident of said County in the State of Virginia who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he is a native of Cumberland County and State of Virginia and has always resided in said County. That he is now in his 76th year of age. That in the year 1778 [last digit written over and unclear]¹ he enlisted in the Continental Army in the said County under Captain William Cunningham in the first Virginia Regiment on Continental establishment. That he enlisted for twelve months and served his time out, and was discharged in the following year by Colonel Richard Parker. That the Company to which he belonged joined the Army at Valley Forge, from thence they went to Monmouth Court House, from thence to the White Plains, from thence to West Point, & from thence to Middlebrook, at which place he with others were discharged. That at the time of his discharge he was a Corporal & had been for some time.

That after his return home he obtained a Commission in the Militia service, and in the summer of 1781 and marched as first Lieutenant in a company commanded by Captain Robert Anderson from Cumberland County to join the Marquis de Lafayette's Army near Richmond, that they joined the Army near Tuckahoe above Richmond and continued with it and in service until its junction with General Wayne's [Anthony Wayne's] Army near the Raccoon Ford, at which time the Company was discharged. This tour of duty to the best of his recollection was about three months. 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. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid:

S/ John Hatcher

Lohn Hatcher

[Joseph Jenkins, a clergyman, and William T Ballow gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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- [p 9: On September 22nd, 1838 in Cumberland County Virginia, Nancy Hatcher, 72, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Hatcher; that she married him in the month of September 1780; that her husband died July 21, 1837; that she married him during the Revolutionary War. She signed her application with her mark.]
- [p 34: On December 11, 1838 in Cumberland County Virginia, Benjamin Hatcher, 78, a resident of said County gave testimony that he was well acquainted with John Hatcher deceased late of said County of Cumberland, a revolutionary pensioner; that he is also well acquainted with John Hatcher's widow, Nancy Hatcher; that John and Nancy were joined together in wedlock for many years at a time to remote for the affiant to speak from memory as to the particular date of the marriage; that he knows they lived together as man and wife up to the date of the death of John in 1837. The affiant's relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.]
- [p 47: On October 26, 1852, Samuel Hatcher, a resident of Cumberland County, executed a power of attorney in which he states he is a son of John Hatcher a revolutionary pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum under the 1832 act who died July 23, 1837; and that he is a son of Nancy Hatcher widow of John Hatcher who also was a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum under the 1838 act and that she died September 6, 1845

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private & Lieutenant for 13 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]