

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Huffman: W7826 Elizabeth Huffman f40VA
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Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832
Virginia Madison County: SS

On this 23rd day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the County Court of Madison Joseph Huffman a resident of Madison County in the State of Virginia aged seventy nine years 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 inlisted (sic) in the army of the United States in the year 1777 with Angus Rucker then a Lieutenant in the Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson and at that time known as The First Virginia State Regiment and subsequently as I have been informed, transferred to the Continental Line, I remained a soldier during the term for which I enlisted which was three years and during the whole period was a part of Col. Giblson's Regiment.

The Company to which I was attached was commanded at diferent (sic) periods by the following Captains To Wit Capt. John Nickolas (now Col. Nickolas) Capt. Angus Rucker and Capt Holt. In the latter part of the year 1777 the Regiment was ordered to the North and joined the Army under Genl. Washington, I was engaged in several small affairs, and had the pleasure of asseting (sic) in the Storming and takeing (sic) Stony Point from the enemy; and likewise in capturing the Hessians at Trenton. At the time of my enlistment I resided in the county of Culpeper (Virginia). I still reside in the same nighberhood (sic) and have resided in the same nighberhood (sic) from my birth--Madison County (insert is illegible) my foresaid place of residence was taken from the County of Culpeper about the year 1792. I left the service in the year 1780 after faithfully serving the three years for which I enlisted. In the summer of the year 1781 I was drafted from the County where I then resided and still reside to perform a tour of two months in the lower part of Virginia. He herby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state.

Joseph Huffman (signature)

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I Belfield Cave Clerk of the County Court of Madison in the State of Virginia, do hereby certify that the forgoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in...(illeg.)atter of the application of Joseph Huffman, for a pension. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the 27th day of August 1832.

Belfield Cave, CMC (Signature & Seal)

The material below was added by Will Graves

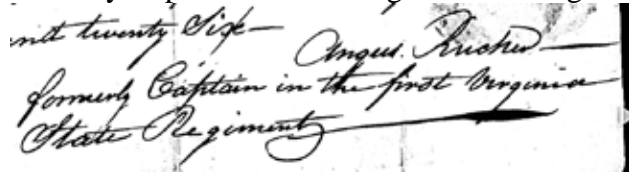
[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or

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 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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I do hereby certify that in the year 1777 and that I enlisted Joseph Hoffman [sic] of Culpepper [sic] County now of Madison as a soldier for three years in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson and soon as the Regiment was Complete it was ordered to the North and the said Hoffman marched with the Regiment and joined the Main Army (Continental) and there continued with the said Army until the last of the year 1779 at which time the Regiment was ordered to Virginia and the said Hoffman continued until his three years was expired at which time he was discharged and proved himself a true and faithful Soldier given under my hand this 20th of November 1826.

S/ Angus Rucker¹
formerly Capt. of the first Virginia State Regiment

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angus Rucker" followed by "formerly Captain in the first Virginia State Regiment". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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Madison County to wit

This day Capt. Angus Rucker personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Madison in the State of Virginia and solemnly swore on the Holy Evangelist that the within certificate to which his name is affixed contains the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth but the truth to the best of his knowledge and belief, Given under my hand at Madison Court house this 21st day of November 1826

S/ C. W. Gibbs

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I Angus Rucker of the County of Madison and State of Virginia aged near 80 years in late a Capt. in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson and in service during the War of the Revolution -- do hereby certify that in the early part of the year 1777 I enlisted Joseph Huffman for three years. He then resided in the County of Culpeper and now resides in the County of Madison (formerly Culpeper). I can say with great confidence that he served his full time out and was honorably discharged after having aided in many of the most hazardous enterprise is in which the Regiment was engaged, Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of July 1832.

S/ Angus Rucker {Seal}

¹ [Angus Rucker S19068](#) Rucker's certificate in 1826 was given in support of a petition Joseph Huffman filed with the Legislature of Virginia to be placed on the State's pension list. I have not transcribed that petition since it contains no new details of his military services.

[p 6: March 16, 1837 in Madison County Virginia, Elizabeth Huffman, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Huffman, a pensioner of the United States for his services in the revolution at the rate of \$80 per annum; that she married him on January five, 1773; that he died October five 1834; and that she remains his widow.]

[p 8: Moses Huffman gave an affidavit in support of his mother's application for a widow's pension in which he states that his father died October five, 1834.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Madison County Legislative Petitions

To the Legislature of Virginia

The petition of Joseph Huffman respectfully represents to your honourable body, that he enlisted in the first Virginia State Regiment in the year 1777 commanded by Col. George Gibson, that he continued in the service during the term of his enlistment, which was three years, that he was in most of the celebrated and sanguinary Battles fought during that period: that he is now old and infirm and poor being in his seventy fourth year; and nothing but age infirmity and decrepitude could induce your Petitioner to throw himself upon the liberality and gratitude of his Country; that country which he so long and faithfully served in her most gloomy and trying hour in the achieving her independence. The liberality of the last Legislature, placed John Lampkin² on the pension list whose wants and necessities are not greater than your petitioner, and with whom he served in the same Regiment. A few days more and the soldiers of the Revolution will be no more. Your petitioner relies with confidence upon the liberality and gratitude of his Country, & prays that he may be placed on the Pension list, and that he may be allowed a small sum for his present relief, and your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c

S/ Joseph Huffman

[Reverse]

The petition of Joseph Huffman and Documents for a pension & present relief

Wm Finks

December 7th 1826

Referred to Claims

1826

December 12 Laid on table

28 Reasonable

29 Reported

1827 January 1 Bill drawn

² [John Lamkin \(Lampkin, Lambkin\) W8018](#)