

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ruben (Reuben) Huffman W7827 Catharine Huffman f61VA

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Virginia Greenbrier County (to wit)

At a Court held for Greenbrier County the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1818.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1818 personally appeared before the County Court of Greenbrier the said being a Court of Record Reuben Huffman aged sixty-four years last October resident in the County & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.

That he the said Reuben Huffman Enlisted in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Angus Rucker of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson for three years that he continued in the service of the United States until the end of the said three years when he was discharged from service in the year 1780 at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania & that he Delivered his Discharge a number of years ago to a member of the Legislature of Virginia from the County of Madison his former place of residence to draw his balance of pay but what he did with his discharge he knows not & he has been long since dead. That he was in the Battles of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] & the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779] that he is in reduced Circumstances & Stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support & that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services except the papers marked A & B hereto annexed, & which is in the words and figures following (to wit)

Madison County (to wit)

This day Joseph Huffman aged 66 years made oath before us Paschal Early and Daniel Field Justices of the aforesaid County that Reuben Huffman Enlisted in the year 1777 under Captain Angus Rucker in the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel George Gibson for 3 years in the service of the United States & that he faithfully served the 3 years, Given under our hands & seals this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818.

S/ Paschal Early {Seal}

S/ Daniel Field {Seal}

At a Court held for Madison County the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1814

Ordered that it be Certified to the Governor & Council of Virginia that it was proven to the satisfaction of this Court that Reuben Huffman Enlisted as a soldier for three years under Captain Angus Rucker in March 1777 in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson & marched to the North and Joined the Continental Army where he served out his term of 3 years faithfully

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Test  
S/ Benjamin Cave, C.M.C.

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Virginia Mason County Sct.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of Christ 1821 personally appeared before the Superior Court of law for Mason County (being a court of record proceeding according to the course of Common law with Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount) Reuben Huffman of said County aged sixty-six years the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October next, to the best of his belief; who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows – That on or about the first day of March in the year 1777 he enlisted in Culpeper County as a regular soldier in the company commanded by Captain Angus Rucker of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson and marched from there to Williamsport, thence to Alexandria, and from thence to the Valley Forge where he Joined the Brigade commanded by General Mullenburgh [Peter Muhlenberg] – That he fought at the battles of Monmouth & Stony Point besides being in several skirmishes –

That this declarant the continued in the service for the term of three years, when he was discharged at the Valley Forge –

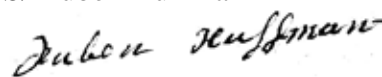
That to entitle himself to a pension under the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided he made a declaration in pursuance of said Acts on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1818 before the Court of Greenbrier County

That under and by virtue of said Acts and declaration he was placed on the list of revolutionary pension is of the United States and his name inscribed on the pension list roll of the Virginia Agency as more fully appears by his certificate of pension Number 4720 and dated the first December 1818.

And I the said Reuben Huffman do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed; and which schedule contains one bridle and saddle five head of hogs some young one pair of saddle bags one small acts one frying pan and pot one skillet; and a debt of \$15 due me from my son Thomas living in Greenbrier County.

This deponent also states that he attends a small tubmill belonging to his sons which stands on a small stream affording water only in the winter and spring season for which he has yet paid no rent and by the aid of his wife and one daughter aged about eighteen years old he attends a Garden in the summer season. That the balance of his family have left him to shift for themselves.

S/ Ruben Huffman



Schedule of the property herein before mentioned given in by Reuben Huffman and subscribed with the value thereof as nearly as can be ascertained

viz. one saddle and bridle of the value of	\$12.75
5 head of hogs of the value of	5.00

one pair of saddle bags of the value of	4.00
one small ax of the value of	1.00
one frying pan in one pot the value of	1.84
one skillet	.50
a debt due from Thomas Huffman	<u>15.00</u>
	\$40.09

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Virginia to wit

Greenbrier County Court March Term 1830

Reuben Huffman a Revolutionary soldier Appeared in Court and on oath made his declaration in writing in order to obtain a Pension, which said declaration and Schedule is ordered to be filed and it is further ordered that it was proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the said Huffman's property is not worth more than \$130.25 the Property in said Schedule mentioned &c, which said declaration and Schedule are in the words &c to wit

Virginia Greenbrier County to wit on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1830 personally appeared in Open court being a Court of Record for the County of Greenbrier Reuben Huffman of said County aged 76 years last October who being first duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 the first May 1820 and the first March 1823. That he the said Reuben Huffman Enlisted in the year 1777 on Continental establishment in the State of Virginia in the Company commanded by Captain Angus Rucker of the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Gibson for 3 years that he continued in the service of the United States until the end of said 3 years when he was discharged from said service in the year 1780 at the Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania and that he delivered his discharge a number of years ago to a member of the Legislature of Virginia from the County of Madison his former place of Residence to draw the balance of his pay but what he did with his discharge he knows not and he has been long since dead. That he was in the battle of Monmouth and the taking of Stony Point and performed other hard Service during the Enlistment. That he afterwards was taken in what was called the Continental draft for eighteen months in May or June 1781 under Captain Scott in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Gaskins and was then transferred to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Posey and during that service he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis at little York [October 19, 1781] and after taking Cornwallis was marched to the Pointy fork from that to Cumberland Court House from thence to the South in the State of Georgia to Ebenezer where the Army was stationed and while the Army was stationed at Ebenezer he had two or three skirmishes or battles one near Savannah one the night afterwards when the Army was attacked by Tories and Indians in which we had a Sore Conflict and that he had considerable hard service to perform during that 18 months Service and that he was discharged in the year 1782 he thinks in the month of October near Savannah in the State of Georgia. That he has lost his discharge = he office the following evidence in aid of his declaration first a paper marked A of which the following is a true copy

Madison County (to wit)

This day Joseph Huffman aged sixty-six years made oath before us Paschal Early and Daniel Field Justices of the aforesaid County that Reuben Huffman Enlisted in the year 1777 under Captain Angus Rucker in the first Virginia Regiment Commanded by Colonel George Gibson for three years in the service of the United States & that he faithfully served the three years, Given under our hands & seals this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 1818.

S/ Paschal Early {Seal}

S/ Daniel Field {Seal}

Second a paper marked B of which the following is a true Copy

At a Court held for Madison County the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1814

Ordered that it be Certified to the Governor & Council of Virginia that it was proven to the satisfaction of this Court that Reuben Huffman Enlisted as a soldier for three years under Captain Angus Rucker in March 1777 in the first Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson & marched to the North and Joined the Continental Army where he served out his term of 3 years faithfully

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S/ Benjamin Cave, C.M.C.

Thirdly the Affidavit of Zachariah Cook =

I Zachariah Cook of the County of Greenbrier and State of Virginia do on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1830 State after being first sworn in Open Court being a Court of Record for said County of Greenbrier that in the year 1781 in the latter part of said year and in the year 1782 he frequently saw Reuben Huffman in the Army of the United States at Ebenezer & frequently saw him perform military service and that he was in the same Regiment to wit Colonel Thomas Posey's Regiment that we were in different Campaigns but during the time we were in service we had some very severe duty to perform and were in several skirmishes.

S/ Zachariah Cook, X his mark

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit = I have a piece of land 40 acres and have paid all the price of same except \$90 and the [said land] is stated to be worth if all was paid \$200

	\$110.00	
One Bed and furniture		15.00
One Skillet & one pot		1.00
one Oven and Lid broken		.25
One coffee pot & one coffee Mill		.50
Cupboard furniture		1.50
2 small Hogs		1.00
One ax and one hoe		1.00
		\$130.25 Cents

S/ Reubin Huffman

I the said Reuben Huffman have a wife aged about sixty-six years old I have no children that live with me all my Children have married and left me in fact I am an old and infirm man & not able to do anything of Consequence form my Support & in such reduced Circumstances as to stand in need of my Countries Support.

Sworn & declared on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March before the County Court of Greenbrier in Session the same being a Court of Record

S/ Reuben Huffman

[p 21: On July 26, 1842 in Greenbrier County Virginia, Catharine Huffman made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Reuben Huffman, a revolutionary war pensioner; she repeats his service as stated in his declaration transcribed above; that she married Reuben Huffman in 1788 in Madison County Virginia; that her husband departed this life in the early part of November 1832; that she was born August 12, 1767 in Madison County Virginia and that she and her husband had 7 children and raised 6, for sons & 2 daughters. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 15: On October 26, 1846 in Greenbrier County Virginia, Solomon Hoffman a resident of said County on the half of himself and the other children of Reuben Hoffman and his wife Catharine Hoffman, filed a claim for the pension due to Catharine Hoffman under the 1838 act stating that his father Reuben Hoffman was a revolutionary war pensioner; that his wife, Catharine, survived him a number of years and died February 6, 1844; that the following are all of the children of the said Reuben and Catharine Hoffman: Solomon Hoffman aged 53 years, Thomas Hoffman aged 58 years, Philip Hoffman, Ellen Huffman, all of whom reside within the limits of the Commonwealth except Ellen who lives in Ohio; that his parents were married in Madison County Virginia; that his mother's maiden name was Catharine Hoffman. He signed his application with his mark.]

[p 4: Copy of the last will and testament of Reuben Huffman of Greenbrier County Virginia in which he names his son Solomon Huffman; his daughters Elizabeth Huffman & Nelly Huffman; wife Catharine; his "other children" are omitted because they have already been provided for by the veteran. The will is dated in 1825 (no specific date stated) and probated in the March term 1833 in Greenbrier County Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing July 12, 1830, for service as a private for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This may Certify that I enlisted Reubin Huffman as a soldier in the first Virginia State Regiment commanded by Colonel George Gibson in ye year 1777 for 3 years & that he served the time out as a faithful soldier.

Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1810  
Angus Rucker  
former Captain  
in that Regiment

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Reubin Huffman as a soldier in the  
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for three years & that he served the  
time out as a faithfull soldier  
Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of december 1810

Brigus Tucker  
formerly Capt<sup>m</sup>  
in that Regt

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

To the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of Virginia

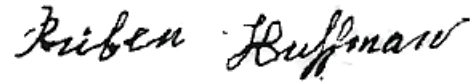
Your Petitioner Reubin Huffman further represents, in addition to the evidence in papers A, B, C,<sup>1</sup> adduced [sic, produced] by him, that he enlisted in Madison County Virginia, in the year of 1777, in the first Virginia State Regiment; for the term of Three years – And was marched immediately out of Virginia, to the North, where he joined the Continental Army under Washington, and they are continued until the end of his term of service. During which time of service, your petitioner further represents that he was engaged in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], German Town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], and Monmouth [June 28, 1778]; and that he was also at the taking of Stony Point [July 16, 1779]. He further states that at the end of his term of Service, which determined [sic, terminated] in the year 1780 – he was discharged from service and returned home, where he remained until the following year 1781 when he was drafted out again in the state service, and where he continued faithfully to serve his country, until the conclusion of the War. He further represents, that during this last term of service, he was engaged with the Virginia forces at the Battle of York Town [Yorktown, culminating in the surrender of Cornwallis October 19, 1781], where Cornwallis Surrendered. And after this Battle he was marched on to the Southern States, where he was engaged in several small Battles, in the State of Georgia. And during this last campaign, or term of service he was accompanied by many of his fellow county men, of Madison County, two of whom, he believes to be now living, distinctly recollected, he will name to your honorable Body – They are George Simms and Alexander Turley.

Your petitioner further represents that he is now 75 years old, and unable to acquire a

<sup>1</sup> No such papers are included in this file

livelihood by daily labour. And is necessarily thrown upon the cold charity of the World. That he spent the Bloom of life, in the service of his Country, and now humbly petitions her, when no longer able to live without her aid, to save him from common fate of paupers, who have entailed it upon themselves by idleness or dissipation, and grant him such relief as becomes a grateful Country to bestow and a soldier to receive. And this your petitioner will ever pray &c

S/ Ruben Huffman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruben Huffman". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with some flourishes.

[Attested in Greenbrier County Virginia November 20, 1828]

[Reverse]

J. McLaughlin  
Petition of R Huffman  
December 8, 1828  
Referred to Claims  
1829 January 21  
Laid on table  
24<sup>th</sup> Rejected  
26 Reported