## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Hudson W7832 Dorothy Hudson VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 6 June 2020.

State of Virginia }
County of Shenandoah } SS

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before the Court of County aforesaid Thomas Hudson (sometimes written Hutson) a resident of the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia, aged Sixty eight years the 26th day of November 1831, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he enlisted in the State troops of Virginia in the year 1779 in the month of August, in the County of Augusta with Capt Kinlay [sic: Benjamin Kinley, possibly BLWt2457-200] and served in the [blank] regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers. Capt Kinley with whom I enlisted, who afterwards resigned and William Cherry [R13143] appointed Captain and as I think pay master also, Major Wales [sic: George Walls R18785] and Colo Crocket [sic: Joseph Crockett S46377] were field officers to the same regiment. Capt. Abraham Tipton [R18512] and ensign Henry Dearing officers belonging to another company, that in the Spring of 1781 as well as I recollect, after the army and wintered in Fredericktown [Frederick] Maryland and had taken up their march to Kentucky, and proceeded as far as Shepherdstown Va. I was taken sick and left in the Hospital where I remained some time and obtain a furlough from Capt. Swearingen and returned home to my fathers in Shenandoah County. I remained there till sometime in the fall. I again went to Shepherdstown Va, remained there a few days, and came back to the Winchester Barracks and volunteered for two months or such a time to guard the prisoners then there. I received no discharge at that time, but some length of time afterwards I and with Capt Cherry who gave me my discharge, which, one Henry Dearing obtain from me for the purpose of procuring for me my pay, which I never received, but was afterwards informed, that the said Dearing and one Taylor had received the same. At the time of enlistment my permanent place of residence was in Shenandoah County with my father and having relations in Augusta it was while on a visit to them that I enlisted as aforesaid. I was not engaged in any battle. We rendezvoused in Staunton Va. and marched to the Albemarle barracks and wintered there, in the spring marched to Fort Frederick in the State of Maryland, but remained there only one night and returned to the Albemarle barracks, remained there untill Fall and then marched to Fredericktown Md. and wintered there. In the Spring the Army took up their march to Kentucky, but I accompanied them no farther than Shepherdstown Va. stated above.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, or if any only on that of the agency in the State of Virginia

[The following are from rejected claims in the Library of Virginia in two files.]

State of Virginia }
County of Shenandoah } SS

On this 29 day of July 1837 personally appeared before me Edward Wallout a Justice of the peace In and for said County of Shenandoah Thomas Hudson aged seventy five years who Declares That he enlisted into Crocketts Reg't. sometime in the month of November 1778 under Capt Kenley of the said Reg't. and was commanded by the said Capt Kenley some short time until he died; he was then

commanded by Capt. William Cherry of the same Reg't. he further states that he continued to do duty in the said Reg't. until the expiration of his term of service having served out the full period of three years and was discharged by Capt. William Cherry near the River Potomack [sic: Potomac] in the County of Berkeley in the latter part of November 1781. He further declares that he never received any Bounty land either from the State of Virginia or the United States nor did he transfer his claim to any other perrson whatsoever the declarant further refers to testimony now on file in the war Department to prove the service of said declarant

Thomas hisXmark Hudson

Virginia, Shenandoah County to wit: [20 April 1839]

The Deposition of George Foltz, aged seventy two years last February past, Testifies that he is well acquainted with Thomas Hudson a resident of Shenandoah County virginia and who is a pensioner of the United States, that he does very well recollect that the said Thomas Hudson Enlisted into the army of the united States sometime about the middle of the Revolutionary war, and he believes he enlisted for three years, and does know that the said Thomas Hudson was absent from home at the time he was a soldier in the army of the revolution in & about three years, he further testifies that, he has often heard it spoken of in the neighborhood where he lives, that said Hudson served three years.

[signed in German script] Georg Voltz

Virginia Shenandoah County to Wit:

This day [9 Feb 1841] appeared George Foltz, who is seventy four years of age, before me and states on oath that he was well acquainted with Thomas Hudson of this County, at the time he enlisted into the army of the Revolution, that he seen him when he returned from the army, has been acquainted with him ever since, and that he is satisfied in his mind that he served at least three years in that war.

[signed in German script] Georg Voltz

[On 6 Jan 1845, George Foltz, age 77 on the previous Feb 22, made another declaration that adds nothing new.]

Virginia Shenandoah County to wit:

This day [9 Feb 1841] appeared Godfrey Miller (who is now in his sixty seventh year of his age) before me the undersigned, a Justice of the peace in & for said County, and states upon oath that he recollects the time when Thomas Hudson enlisted as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, that he was well acquainted with him at that time and ever since, and that he (s'd Miller) is firmly of the opinion that s'd Hudson was enlisted for during the said war [signed] Gotfried Miller

State of Virginia }
Shenandoah County } SS

Be it known that on this 6 day of January 1845 before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Godfrey Miller aged Seventy years on 15 day of September last and made oath in due form of Law that he was well acquainted with Thomas Hudson, that he does well remember that the said Thomas Hudson Enlisted as a Soldier in the revolutionary war, and to the best of his knowlege he Enlisted during the war, and that he was gon untill the Battle at little york when Clo. Wallice was taken [sic: siege of Yorktown, where Gen. Cornwallis was captured on 19 Oct 1781], after the said Battle was over said Thomas Hudson came home; affiant cannot now state to what Redgement or company he belonged nor cannot State the name of the officer who enlisted him

[signed] Gotfried Miller

To his Excellency James McDowell Governor of Virginia

Your Petitioners would most respectfully represent, that they are the Children of Thomas Hudson dec'd late of the County of Shenandoah and State of Virginia that their late Father the said Hudson was

a Soldier in the revolutionary War, and belonged the Illinois Regiment, as will appear by referance to a copy of his declaration on file in the Pension Office of the United States (said Copy is now in the possession of our attorney Col. Daniel Stickley Delegate from Shenandoah County) and to the evidence hereto annexed, your Petitioners would further state, that they have never received any bounty Land Warrent on account of the Services of their said Father, Thomas Hudson aforesaid, and they have often heard him declare, that he never received any bounty Land whatever for his Services, and that he never transfered his discharge or claim to any person whatever, your Petitioners would therefore respectfully ask that your Excellency will cause to be issued from the bounty Land Office, a warrant for the bounty Land now due to the children and heirs at law of said Thomas Hudson dec'd and in duty bound we will ever pray

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## NOTES:

On 13 Aug 1843 Dorothy Hudson, 78, applied for a pension stating that she married Thomas Hudson on 31 Aug 1784, and he died 11 Mar 1843. With her application is a copy of the record of the marriage of Thomas Hudson to Dorothea Heltzley in Shenandoah County.

I letter in the bounty-land file refers to the heirs of Thomas Hudson as "Benjamin Hudson and several of his sisters."