Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Vincent Hudson W7833 Mildred Hudson VA Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 6 June 2020.

I Vincent Hudson of Gloucester County do hereby declare that I entered as a Fifer in the 7th Continental Regiment during the revolutionary war in the year 1776. I served during the war as Fife Major, and I therefore pray the relief of my Country. Given under my hand the 6th day of April 1818

Vincent Hudson

Virginia Gloucester County to Wit.

Personally appeared before me James Semple a Judge of the General Court of Virginia and Judge of the Superior Court of Law of the County of Gloucester Vincent Hudson this 22nd day of May 1818 and in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress passed at the last Session entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. and being first duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God, did declare and say, that some time in the month of February 1776 he enlisted in the Continental Service of the United States in the 7th Virginia Regiment in a company (as a fifer) Commanded by Capt. John Webb [BLWt2052-450] for the term of two years, and served in the said Corps in the 7th Regiment Commanded by Col. William Dangerfield [sic: William Daingerfield VAS256] in Continental establishment, that some time about the latter end of 1776 or the beginning of 1777 he marched the northward & joined the Continental Army at a place called Middlebrook [NJ], that he continued to serve for two years from the time of his enlistment, when he was legally discharged by order of Brigadier Gen'l. [William] Woodford at a place called the Valley Forge. That he then reenlisted during the war and continued in the service till the end thereof. A certificate of which enlistment he put into the hands of Mr. Bassett some years past & that he has no other evidence of his service in his power but the affidavit of James Baytop [S37701]. That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he was born in the year sixty-three

I do hereby certify, that Vincent Hudson enlisted in Capt. John Web's Company, in the 7th Virginia Continental Regiment, commanded by Col'l. William Dangerfield as a Fifer & that he said Hudson engaged in the said Reg't. in the month of Feb'y. 1776 and continued in the said Continental Line untill Feb'y. 1778 as a fifer, & was Discharged at the Valey Forge in the said year of 1778. Given my hand this 22th day of May 1818 [James Baytop]

late Capt. in the 7th Virginia Con'tl Regiment

State of Virginia } [3 April 1846]

Gloucester County } sct Personally appeared before me the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County of Gloucester aforesaid Thomas Ransone sen'r a person well known to me whom I certify to be a Witness of credibility and being first duly sorn according to Law deposes and says that from his childhood he was acquainted with Vincent Hudson and Mildred his wife that he does not recollect the year that they were married but to the best of his judgment he is certain that they were married before the year Seventeen Hundred and Ninety Five from this circumstance that I was at a wedding of Edmond Rowes which took place the 19th of March 1795 and Vincent Hudson and Mildred his wife lived in a part of the House occupied at that time by Mrs Ann Powell or about that time and that

he had one or two children to the best of my recollection that I lived in the neighbourhood and saw them frequently I was born in the year 1785 January the 18th that I seved the whole of the last war [War of 1812] and that William Hudson the third child of Vincent and Mildred Hudson's was Drummer and served with his Father as musicians That he must have been at the commenement of the War from Fifteen to Eighteen years old. That Mildred Hudson is a widow and has been ever since the death of her Husband Vincent Hudson and further he says not [signed] Thomas Ransone Sen'r

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

I do hereby certify, Vincent Hudson enlisted under Capt. John Webb in the 7th Virg'a Rigement commanded by Col'l William Dangerfield as Fifer in the month of February 1776 and served in the said Regement the due term of his enlistment which was for and during the term of two years. This is within my own knowledge. And He the said Vincent Hudson says, & I verily believe he enlisted in the said 7th Virginia Regement for and during the War and he says did served the time of his engagement faithfully

as a Fifer to the end of the War Jas Baytop late

Gloster County May 5th 1819 Capt. 7th Virg Con'l Reg't

I [Alexander Shackelford S7506] Certify that I was well acquainted with Vincent Hudson of Gloucester County, who was in the service of the Revolutionary war, and that he served in the Capacity of fife major and that he was in the service with me at the North. as witness my hand and seal this 27th day of July

Alexander hisXmark Shackelford

To his Excellency John Floyd Governor of the State of Virginia

The petition of Mildred Hudson and Harriet Kimball for themselves and the rest of the Legatees (Surviving heirs of Vincent Hudson Dec'd respectfully represent that Mrs. Hudson's husband and Mrs. Kimball's father the late Vincent Hudson was a fife major in the Revolutionary war. That he served in the Northern army in the service of the United States. Your petitioners have no means now of determining what Regiment he was in but they know that his services were sufficiently proven to entitle him to a pension, previous to his death. They refer to the accompanying Certificate Your petitioners are not Certain but what a warrant was granted for his bounty land, but they are sure that neither the said Vincent Hudson, nor his heirs have ever Rec'd or enjoyed the benefit of the same They seek to obtain the Justice to which they are entitled in the premises.

For all of which, as in duty bound they will ever pray Mildred Hudson Harriet Kimball

NOTE: On 27 Mar 1846 Mildred Hudson, 74, applied for a federal pension stating that as Mildred Shackelford she was married by a Baptist preacher named Stacey to Vincent Hudson in her father's home in the presence of her sisters, Ann Hall and Betsy Walker. Mildred Hudson stated that they had five children, and her husband died 26 Nov 1820. On 25 August 1848 she was said to be about 80 years old. On 6 March 1851 she applied for an increase in her pension on the grounds that her husband had been a Fife Major. Another deponent stated that "Vincent Hudson own a small vessel and followed the water." There are several other statements of genealogical interest.