

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Hunter W941

Elizabeth

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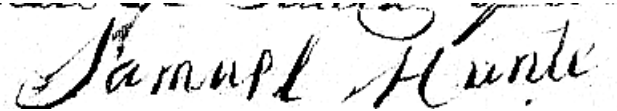
State of Tennessee Smith County: Third Judicial Circuit

On this 17th day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court before the Honorable Nathaniel W Williams, now sitting as one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of Law & Equity for the State aforesaid, Samuel Hunter, aged 76 years the 6th day of May next resident in the State and County aforesaid <sup>or in a few feet of the line of said County the line running thru his plant.</sup> who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following officers & served as herein after stated. That sometime in the year \_\_he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the Company commanded by Captain Charles Abberecombie [Charles Abercrombie?] in Orange County North Carolina. He was ordered out into the Country for the purpose of pressing wagons and teams for the service of the United [States]; and together with others, did press six wagons and teams for the Service of the United States, and delivered them to the officer commanding at Kingston [Kinston] in the State aforesaid, whose name he does not recollect – from whence he returned home having served three months this tour. – 2nd He was drafted in Orange County North Carolina and was attached to a company of Cavalry commanded by Major McClary; he was marched to South Carolina, and joined the Army commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene], at the High Hills of Santee, from thence he was marched to the Eutaw Springs, and was in that engagement, his term of Service expired in a few days of the battle of the Eutaw Springs, and he was discharged and returned home, having served three months, and some days, on this tour of duty. 3rd He volunteered in the same company, joined the Company commanded by Captain John Taylor and was stationed at Hillsboro to guard the Country from the depredations of the Tories he remained there until his time of service expired which time was three months. He was then discharged and returned home. He thinks this tour of duty was performed in the year 1780. 4th. He volunteered again, he thinks about one year after the 3rd term of duty was performed, and joined the Company Commanded by the same Captain to it John Taylor and was again stationed at Hillsboro to guard the Tories and protect the Country from their ravages, he remained at Hillsboro until his time expired, and he was discharged having served three months on this term of duty. Having served in all, one year. He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove his services, his discharges having all been accidentally lost, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service –. 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 or Territory of the United [States].

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid

17 October 1832  
S/ W. Hart, Clk

S/ Samuel Hunter



Questions by the court

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Orange County, State of North Carolina, the 6th May 1756.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have no record of my age, having lost that with my other papers by accident, but I have seen it frequently, and know my age is stated correctly in my declaration.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. I lived in Orange County North Carolina when I entered the service. I continued to live in the same County until near 26 years ago when I removed to the State of Tennessee Smith County, where I have continued to reside ever since, and am now a resident of Smith County State of Tennessee.

State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Referred to Judd Strather Esquire, Willie Sullivan, Captain William Shoemake and John B Hughes, Esquire

[David K Timberlake, a clergyman, and Willie Sullivan gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 4: On September 19, 1838 in Smith County Tennessee, Elizabeth Hunter, 76, filed a claim for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Hunter, a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution; that she married him in August 1787; that her husband died February 12, 1834; and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 44: On January 12, 1841, Henry Brewer,<sup>1</sup> a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution, gave testimony in Wilson County Tennessee that he was well acquainted with Samuel Hunter and his wife Elizabeth before and after their marriage having been a close neighbor of theirs in Orange County North Carolina; that Elizabeth name prior to her marriage was Elizabeth Maxident [sic?]; She was a schoolmate of the affiant having been raised children together; that he was aware of Samuel Hunter serving in the militia but that he, affiant, was a prisoner at the time of Hunter's service; he thinks that Hunter and his wife were married by a man by the name of McColey, JP, in Orange County North Carolina in August 1787.]

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State of Tennessee Wilson County

On this day personally appeared Henry Brewer aged eighty-two years who being first duly sworn before me Henry Truitt one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Deposeth and says that the reason why he could not state more particularly in regard to the services of Samuel Hunter in the War of the Revolution was because he the said Brewer was in the regular service and said Samuel Hunter served in the militia of North Carolina. He said

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<sup>1</sup> [Henry Brewer S39213](#)

Henry Brewer was taken prisoner at Charlestown, South Carolina and continued a Prisoner for some time and said Samuel Hunter was in service in the militia during the captivity of said Brewer. After said Brewer returned and came home he ascertained that Hunter was out. The service was under captains Allen and Douglass. Samuel Hunter lived about 2 or 3 miles from this affiant. They were playmates and boys together and Samuel Hunter came home their general conversation was about the trials and hardships each one suffered so that the circumstances were all related and known to each other. This affiant saw Samuel Hunter when he returned out of service. Samuel Hunter served a whole winter about the year 1781 cannot state as to what year but it was about the time and during the time this affiant was Prisoner at Charleston. This affiant believes Samuel Hunter served a considerable time save from 9 to 12 months in all under captains Allen, Douglass and others.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 11th day of November 1841.

S/ Henry Truitt, JP

S/ Henry Brewer, X his mark

[fn p. 49: affidavit dated January 7, 1842 given by Elizabeth Hunter explaining that she had no family record because about 28 years ago when she, her husband and family were moving to Tennessee and were crossing the Clinch River they were told that the River was fordable but when they started across the wagon floated and got wet with all the books and papers in it which were destroyed.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. Veteran's widow was pensioned for the same amount commencing March 4th, 1843.]