Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hunt W942 Transcribed by Will Graves Christiana Hunt

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County

On this 22nd day of February 1830 personally appeared in open Court, Court of Pleas & Ouarter Sessions for said County, the same being a court of record James Hunt resident in said County aged Seventy One years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & the first of May 1820, that he the said James Hunt enlisted for three years in the month of July or August in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Tweatte [probably Thomas Thweatt] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel William Davis [William Davies], in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in the said Corps until his term expired, when he was discharged from the service he worked in the State of Virginia, having been a prisoner of war near one year after his term had expired. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except of Virginia. He would have applied sooner for a pension: but thought he would get on without as long as he could, as he understood it was difficult to get one, and necessary to procure testimony, which he got of Captain Nathaniel Terry¹ of Todd County State of Kentucky, who succeeded Captain Tweate in the command of the Company, who certificate marked A is here with enclosed. He would have applied earlier but found it difficult to procure the necessary forms. 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 18th 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 18th 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 whatever nor had I any property in 1818 except above a few cattle & hogs, all of which were not worth more than one hundred dollars, which have been sold & used for the benefit of myself & family. My occupation is that of a farmer, my family consist of my wife aged about Seventy One & one daughter between twenty & thirty years of age, & a son aged thirty Henry Hunt at whose house I lived who as a grateful son contributes according to his ability to my support which is small he being a poor man. In consequence of his poverty his

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¹ Nathaniel Terry W3054

bodily afflictions & age he does not believe he can support himself & family without the aid of Government.

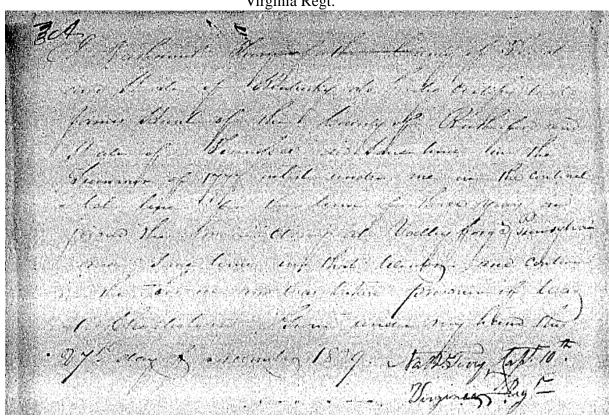
S/ James Hunt

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[p 22: extremely faint image of the following document]

I Nathaniel Terry of the County of [illegibly faint] and State of Kentucky do hereby certify that James Hunt of the County of Rutherford and State of Tennessee did sometime in the Summer of 1777 enlisted under me in the Continental line for the term of three years and joined the [text to faint to discern] at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania and some time in that [text to faint to discern] and continued [text too faint to discern] taken prisoner of war at Charleston. Given under my hand this 27th day of November 1829

S/ Nath'l Terry Capt. 10th Virginia Regt.



Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 20th of July 1839, and I do certify that said Samuel hunt is a person of respectability & worthy of credit.

S/S. Anderson

[p 12: On July 24, 1839 in Rutherford County Tennessee, Christiana Hunt, upwards of 80 years of age, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of James Hunt, a private in Captain N. Terry's Company in Colonel Davis' Regiment in the Virginia line and a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him on the 26th day of February 1784; that

her husband died the 28^{th} day of October 1834; that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: To wit

Before me Samuel Anderson one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of Tennessee, this day personally appeared Samuel Hunt, Son of James Hunt, late deceased, and Christiana Hunt, his wife; who after being first duly sworn deposeth and saith that the annexed record was written by his father James Hunt about 25 years ago in a book, then newly published, that the same has not been altered or erased – that the same is all in the hand writing of his father, except the entry as to his death, which was written by this deponent, on the day after his death, which occurred on the 28th day of October 1834.

S/ Samuel Hunt

[p 4: family record:

James Hunt Senior & Christiana his wife was married February 26 1784
Samuel Hunt Son of the above was born October 30th Deceased December 27th 1785
Jane Hunt son of the above born May the 26 1787
Samuel Hunt son of the above born March the 3rd 1789
David Hunt son of the above born May the 8th 1790
Henry Hunt [text line through and obliterated rendering it illegible]
Hiram Hunt son of the above born October 11th 1796
Martha Ann Hunt Daughter of the above born June 17th 1799
[separate page]

Charles Hunt and his wife Ann was married November 11th 1753
Mary Ann Hunt Daughter of the above born June 17th 1754
Sarah Hunt Daughter of the above born November 28th 1755
Rebecca Hunt Daughter of the above born May 3rd 1757
James Hunt son of the above Born April 21st 1759 (Died Oct. 28, 1834)
Samuel Hunt son of the above born December 22nd, 1760
[very faint, possibly "Rebecca"] Hunt Daughter of the above born November 3rd 1771
Charles N. Hunt, Son of the above Born [too faint to discern] December 1774
Nancy Hunt Daughter of the above born October 1st 1783 [? very faint]

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State of Tennessee Rutherford County: Before me Bailey W Farmer a Justice of the peace for said County of Rutherford this day personally appeared Samuel Hunt, aged about 50 years, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the children of James Hunt and Christiana Hunt, are Samuel Hunt, Henry Hunt, Hiram Hunt, and Martha month, the latter being the youngest and aged about 40 years; that they had 2 other children who are dead the oldest who died in his infancy was born October 30, 1785.

S/ Samuel Hunt

[Attested August 3, 1839]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing March 8th, 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.]