

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of William Hutchison [Hutchinson] W10133

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County: Court of Pleas & Order Sessions August Term 1832

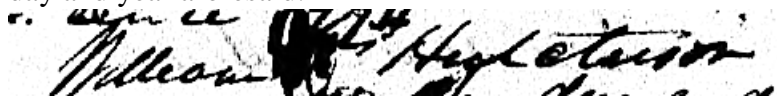
On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid at the August Term thereof for the year aforesaid William Hutchinson a resident of the County of Mecklenburg and State aforesaid aged 82 years 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 7th 1832.

That he was born in the year 1750 in the County of Augusta State of Virginia and moved to the County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina in the year 1774 where he resided at the commencement of the war. That his age was recorded in his father's Bible – but where it is he does not know. That when he entered the service during the revolutionary War he was a resident of Mecklenburg County aforesaid. That he first volunteered as a private in what is here generally called the Snow Campaign. That ~~Col. William~~ Thomas Polk was the Colonel and General Richardson the Commanding officer. That they were [several illegible words] of the Tories. That they went out near the Saluda River where the Tories were encamped. That the Tories surrendered without a battle. That during this campaign he acted as issuing & providing Commissary for the Regiment. That he was out during this tour for three months – the term for which he volunteered. That he was again volunteered in Captain John Brownfield's Company and was appointed Lieutenant in said Company – General Rutherford was the commanding officer. Sanders, Moore and Brandon were Colonels. That he marched with said officers from Charlotte, North Carolina to Purrysburg South Carolina. He was in no engagement that when at Purrysburg the commanding officer was General Lincoln of the Continental line – that during this he served five months and two weeks. That he again volunteered in Captain Mebane's Company under Colonel George Alexander. They marched from Charlotte to Cross Creek – now known as the town Fayetteville where he again was appointed issuing Commissary to the Guard that guarded the prisoners from that place to Hillsboro – he was engaged in active service during this tour about six weeks. That he again volunteered in Captain Jack's Company – from Charlotte that the Colonel was Adam Alexander and Colonel John Phifer and under the command of General Rutherford. That this tour was against the Cherokee Indians that they marched from Charlotte to the head of the Catawba [River] when and where he was appointed an Indian spy – he was out during this tour about five months. That he again volunteered in the company of Captain Thomas Alexander to guard a magazine at Charlotte – that he served upon this duty for three months. That he again volunteered sometime in the year 1781 and raised a company at Charlotte NC, marched to ~~Palmer's~~ what was called Palmer's old field in South Carolina the place of Rendezvous and was there commissioned as a Captain in the State Troop of South Carolina by General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and belonged to Colonel William Polk's Regiment – and served during 10 months – the time for which he volunteered. That he was at the taking of Friday's Fort on the Congaree River at the taking of Orangeburg – and at the taking of Fort Mott [sic, Motte] or Thompson's Fort on the Congaree – he was engaged at the battle

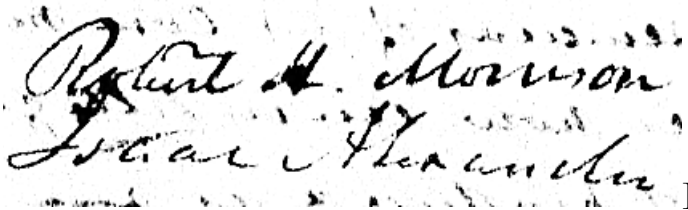
of Strawberry near Moncks Corner¹ – and was discharged by Colonel William Henderson of the Continental line during the illness of General Sumter. He was discharged at what was called Brown's old field. That this discharge was given in the spring after the term of service expired. That he has yet remains of his commission. That it has got wet – and is now illegible and incapable of being [illegible word] produced as satisfactory evidence of that fact and that the whole time of his service was about 28 months and that his commission was signed by General Sumter (while he was a Captain in Polk's Regiment). That he is old and infirm and as to the particular periods that he served except what is stated in this is Declaration he cannot remember – he has no documentary evidence of his service nor of his discharges – all of them that were written being lost and some were merely verbal – that he always went as a volunteer – that as to his character for veracity and as to the parol proof his services he refers to the certificates of Robert Hall Morrison & Isaac Alexander² hereunto appended and that he has lived in Mecklenburg N. C. since the war.

S/ William Hutchinson

Sworn to and subscribed in open the day and year aforesaid.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Hutchinson". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

[Robert Hall Morrison, a clergyman, and Isaac Alexander gave the standard supporting affidavit. "Isaac Alexander further swears that the said William Hutchinson served in the campaign against the Cherokees under Captain Rutherford and that he served as a Captain in William Polk's Regiment under General Sumter in the States Troop of South Carolina as stated by the applicant."]

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature appears to read "Robert H. Morrison" and the bottom signature appears to read "Isaac Alexander". Both are written in dark ink.

[On October 8, 1838, Catherine Hutchinson, 86, filed in Mecklenburg for a widow's pension stating that she married William in the month of August 1767; that William died March 3, 1833.]

[Clerk's certificate dated October 30, 1851 filed by B. Oates, Clerk of Mecklenburg County Courts, certifying that Catherine Hutchinson, a pensioner at the rate of \$238.02/annum died on February 15, 1845 survived by Betsy Todd, Polly Hutchinson, Catherine C. Hutchinson, and Charles Hutchinson., her only surviving children.][Other documents in the file indicate that they were married on Sunday August 2, 1787 in Botetourt County, Va.; her maiden name is not given; and that he died either on March 3, 1833 or November 23 or 24, 1833.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$288.23 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending November 20 4, 1833, for 10 months & 14 days service as a private & 10 months as a Captain of Cavalry in the North Carolina militia and South Carolina as State Troops.]

1 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/strawberry.htm>

2 [Isaac Alexander S6487](#)