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**Pension Application of Charles Hinson**, Nat'l Archives Microseries M804, Roll \_\_\_\_,  
Application # S7014

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Anson County, North Carolina, April Session, 1833 personally appeared, Charles Hinson, aged 70 years:

I volunteered on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 1780 in the militia under Captain James Fair, in the County of Anson, North Carolina, for three months in Colonel Davidson's regiment, and was in two skirmishes with the Tories under Colonel Kolb of South Carolina, the first at **Baggetts** (now **S\_\_boro**), the other the same morning at Captain **Duke Glenn's plantation** near **Pee Dee River**, in both of which we defeated them (the Tories). I served the three months, then was discharged in September 1780.

I again volunteered in the County of Anson, North Carolina, in September 1780 under Captain Patrick Boggan, Colonel Thomas Wade's regiment, and was engaged in collecting cattle and supplies for the American army throughout the country, in the neighborhood of **Camden**, South Carolina, under the direction of Colonel Thomas Wade, who was then Commissary, and served four months until the month of January, 1781.

I again volunteered in the County of Anson, North Carolina, under Captain Duke Glenn in the month of January 1781, and was marched into South Carolina, and joined General Sumpter, and was in an engagement with the enemy at the head of **S\_\_Hore? River**, [*now **Black River***]. Lord Rawdon was then in possession of **Camden**. I was then marched back to North Carolina on **Pee Dee River**, when, owing to some cowardly conduct of Captain Glenn's, he was tried by a Court Martial and was disgraced and cashiered. I was then placed under the command of Captain Stephen Tomkins and was marched to **Drowning Creek**, and was engaged against the Tories in the Battle of **Beattie's Bridge**. I served seven months and was discharged in August 1781.

I again volunteered in the County of Anson, North Carolina, in September 1781 under Captain Patrick Boggan, and marched to **Cape Fear River**, where we joined Colonel Smith (General Rutherford's brigade) and was marched \_\_\_\_\_ the **Brick House** near **Wilmington**, North Carolina, and was in the Battle with the Tories near the **Brick House**, in which we defeated them, and made an ineffectual attack on the British who was fortified in the **Brick House**. I have a distinct recollection that during this tour, that we received the news of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis to the American Army at Little York. I was discharged in the County of Anson, December 1781, having served 4 months.

I became a substitute for a man by the name of Gordon, under Captain Thomas Ellerbee at **Cheraw**, South Carolina for two months, sometime in February 1782, and together with several others, was put in charge of some British prisoners, in number about one hundred, and ordered to conduct them to **Charleston**, South Carolina (The British yet being in possession of that place). We delivered them over just below the **Mouth of Watt**, both on **Ashley River**.

I was then discharged, having served the term for which I substituted, two months, having served in all, my five terms of service, one year and eight months (In fact, I am confident that I served in all, two years, but part of my time of service I cannot state definitely, but such was the \_\_\_ state of

things in this section of country that we were constantly annoyed by our neighbors and internal enemy, the Tories, who were much more troublesome to us than the British.

Much of our time of service, I have taken no account of. I was young and inattentive to that of gathering written discharges. In truth, my main object was to get freedom for my country. I have no distinct recollection of having received but one discharge, and that I have lost. I have no other documentary evidence of my service, and there are but five persons living who served in this section of the country in the Revolutionary War. I know of none whose testimony I can procure to testify to my service, except Walter Leak and Lott Strickland, both of the county of Richmond, North Carolina, whose Affidavits are hereunto annexed, and Robert Huntley [*crossed out*] and William Ricketts, both of the County of Anson, aforesaid, whose affidavit is also hereto annexed...

1<sup>st</sup> Question by the Court-Where and in what year were you born?

Answer-In Chesterfield District, South Carolina, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1763.

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

Answer-Records of my age were kept by Doctor Dixon and my grandfather, Philip Hinson, from which I transcribed a copy, which copy is now in the possession of my brother, Bartlett Hinson, of this county.

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

Answer-I lived in the County of Anson, North Carolina when called into the service, and where I have continued to live all my life, where I now live.

4<sup>th</sup> Question-How were you called into service, were you a volunteer, were you drafted, or were you a substitute?

Answer-I was a volunteer in every tour except the last, when I was a substitute for two months for a man by the name of Jordon.

5<sup>th</sup> Question-State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer-I was attached to General Greene's division. I served under no regular or Continental officers. My service was under the immediate command of militia officers, to wit, Colonel Love, Colonels Wade, Smith and Sumpter, and General Rutherford.

6<sup>th</sup> Question-Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given?

Answer-I do not recollect having received but one written discharge, which was from Captain Ellerbee, and that I have lost.