

Pension Application for Thomas Hustler

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Hon. I. C. Calhoun

Sir, I beg leave to present to you the case of Thomas Hustler a pensioner of the United States for the last seventeen or eighteen years—Mr. Hustler is a resident of this village and well known to Major C. VanDeventer Chief Clerk in the war department Mr. H. has been in the service of his country twenty five years and seven months has been in sixteen field engagements, been wounded severely for which his Government long since placed his name on the roll of pensioners – he is now sixty six years of age—he has never experienced any difficulty in obtaining the bounty of his Government until this time—he made out his papers as usual and sent them to N. York they were returned for want of a copy of the original certificate of pension and certificate of surgery as to the continuance of his disability—As Mr. Hustler never received a certificate of pension he made an affidavit on the back of his power of attorney as to that fact—he then procured a certificate of two Surgeons or Physicians under oath as to his disability and again sent the papers to New York—they were again returned with the remark “that if he has no certificate he must obtain one”, and “that the physicians certificate was filled up wrong as the certificate did not state absolutely that the disability is no less than that for which he was placed on th epensin roll.

The physicians who examined [?] were at Washington in 1803 or 1804 when his name was placed on the roll—the two physicians who signed his certificate this year could not with propriety attest that the degree of disability was the same, &c., it was remarked the last time the papers were returned that “the blanks were furnished by the U.S.& of course cannot be deviated from”—

If that be the case pensioners may despair of receiving their dues as few will be able to obtain a certificate from the same surgeons who previously examined them that unless they can get those willing to certify and swear to what they cannot know the money cannot be obtained—

That you may be able to see the propriety of his complain I enclose the papers Mr. H. ent to Ny.Y. & returned. Mr. H. wishes if no remedy can be applied, but that he must be subjected to so much trouble every year to have his name placed on the Revolutionary pension roll, will you be pleased to consider the care of Mr. Hustler and direct him in such way as that he may receive his due with as little trouble and expense as possible.

Permit me also to mention the case of Nathaniel Enos whose papers are also herewith sent and to whose claim the same remarks as to the certificate of disability are applicable, but with increased force, as his pension was granted to a partial disability – he cannot get the physicians to certify positively—those who examined him originally were in Massachusetts I believe—be please also to direct as to his claim. It is desired by the claimant that their papers may be returned to me.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully your most obedient servant. Bates
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