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Subject: [HUNT-L] James Hunt(1703-1795) m. Sarah Whitlock

Fleetwood: Regarding discrepancies re: James Hunt, I made a folder for miscellaneous information I'd collected on him about the same time Bob Hunt of Goose Creek, SC, shared actual research with me and then your earlier work was added.

The 1994 DAR Patriot Index has an entry for above James on page 1539. States birth ca 1720; death about Sept. 7, 1795; m. Sarah Whitlock; Soldier; VA. [no military rank given]

The above is the summary information taken from 3 different approved DAR lineages of women descended from Nathaniel Hunt and David Hunt. All 3 joined or submitted Supplementals between 1904 and 1916. Additional information is found in the bound DAR Lineage Books 49, 61, and 65 and identical in all three instances.

The Lineage Books give the following:

James Hunt was "born and died in Charlotte County, Virginia." But we know Charlotte County didn't exist until 1765 when it was created out of Lunenburg.

"soldier in VA line". But no rank or organization.

"Widow drew Pension". But in James Hunt's Charlotte County, VA, will he didn't mention any living wife, not even mentioning a deceased wife.

To the above could be added that the will was dated Oct. 18, 1794 and proved (probate date) Sept. 7, 1795, indicating James was dead and buried before any of his 6 witnesses got to court to prove it.

In his will James devised land in the counties of Charlotte, Pittsylvania, and Halifax.

The will of James Whitlock of Hanover County, VA, was written 1733/34 and daughter Sarah Hunt was given one Negro. If he was Sarah Whitlock Hunt's father, then her husband would have been only 13 or 14 if born "ca 1720".

The only other information pertinent to the question of reliability is to note that the DAR now has Certified Genealogists on their resident staff but there was no Board of Certification until the early 1960's. The current genealogy staff no longer uses or accepts information from the "old" Lineage Books. No new applications or supplementals have been approved on this line since 1904-1916.

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You could combine some of the above with your information on James serving on the bench during the Revolution. In that case he could have been considered a Revolutionary War patriot by virtue of "Patriotic Service" as were many of his peers who held offices or supported the cause in other ways.

Then too, I couldn't help but think the James (1703-1795) might have had seen some service with the king's forces during the French & Indian War even though he was already 50+ after 1753.

Let me know if this helps resolve obvious discrepancies in print.

Bill

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