

To the General Assembly of Virginia, the petition of Edward Houchins respectfully represents that during our Revolutionary War, he was severely wounded in one of his arms at Gates's defeat by reason where of its use has been very much impaired, and in consequence of which he has for several years been allowed a pension of \$40 per annum by the state of Virginia, in whose [?] he was fighting when the wound was received. All which will more fully appear by a reference to the petition & accompanying documents heretofore presented to your honorable body by the petitioner when the said pension was allowed him – Your petitioner further states that during the last summer his wounded arm became unusually [sic] painful, & proceeded to inflame & suppurate [sic] when the ball which occasioned the wound, with a small portion of the bone to which it had adhered came away – Your petitioners arm now remains very feeble. He is old & poor & unable to support a large family by his labor & the small pittance heretofore allowed him by the bounty of his country, he therefore hopes that your honorable body will grant him some addition to the pension which he now receives, & your petitioner will pray.

-1818 petition

Louisa County to Wit

The affidavit of Richard Sandidge of Lawfull [sic] age – this affiant Sayeth, that on the 26th day of August last, he saw the wife of Edward Houchin's take a poultice of her husbands arm, & in that poultice, I saw a piece of Lead which I supposed was a bullet deposited by a former wound. I took my Knife schooped [sic] a hollow in the middle of it & also, cut it in the short side & the other side was little round with a little of the bone adhering to it at that time – the [wound?] first view has [?] the appearance of an old gun flint – this affiant Sayeth that he examined & found it was lead & he has no hesitation in saying that the piece of lead described came out of the said Houchin's arm, for there was immediately where the poultice was confined to the arm a hole in the sore that authorized this belief – Dec. 3, 1818

Richard Sandidge

Louisa County to Wit

This day Richard Sandidge a citizen of this county came before me a Justice of the peace for said county and made oath to the above affidavit in due form.

Given under my hand the 3rd day of December 1818

Henry Pendleton