

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension application of Henry Hurst S30504
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State of Kentucky
Perry County

On this day being the 17th Oct 1832 personally appeared in open court before Joseph Eve [?] of the 15th Judicial Circuit including the county of Perry now sitting Henry Hurst a resident of the main fork of Kentucky river in the county of Perry and state of Kentucky aged 70 years the 27th day of the month who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was drafted in Shenandoah County Virginia for a tour of 3 months to go against the British and Indians said to be at the mouth of new river in Virginia John Denton was captain. Charles Riggins I think was Lieutenant, and Strodder ensign or Strodder Lieut. and Riggins ensign – Linder went for major and adjutant – we marched from Shenandoah towards the mouth of new river in Augustus we were stopped and ordered to turn back and march for Richmond Virginia to join Genl Green [*sic*, Nathanael Greene] who took place after Genl Gates was defeated as the talk then was we encamped at Stanton and waited for further orders then for some time we then marched to Lehew Town¹ sometimes called Hell Town when we were discharged. I recd a written discharge from my captain John Denton which I tore up some time afterwards to make spots to shoot at.

After the British took Charleston I was again drafted for a 3 months tour in Shenandoah County under William Riggins Capt, John Leath Lieut, ensign not remembered Nethenton [?] Col Peter Hammonds who now resides in this county but who cannot now be had was drafted with me and served this tour – we marched into Culpeper County. We were stationed in Shenandoah about 12 miles from where we were drafted. Sometime waiting to know where the British would land. WE marched into Culpeper and after staying there a while we learned the British had landed at Little York but our term of service being nearly out we were discharged and fresh troops brought on to take our place and march against the British.

After this I was drafted for a short tour to guard some men taken by Col Morgan at the Cowpens Ralph Groom was our Capt. I remember no other officers for I did not serve long enough to get acquainted. I think I was engaged about one month and was ordered out by my officers.

After this my father John Hurst was drafted in Shenandoah County for a 3 month tour and I became his substitute. My father recd his discharge for this service when I was accepted in his room from Michael Rader the Col I marched about 12 miles and was taken sick and placed in the Hospital which was an old barn George Prince was my Capt and Michael Rader my Col. This

¹ Incorporated as Front Royal in 1788.

was I think in the latter part of May 1781. I know I saw the Rye beginning to head as we marched I was confined about 10 days in the barn. I then got a furlough from my Capt for 40 days being unable to march my brother Thomas came after me and carried me home where I lay without getting out of the house until December afterwards whilst I was sick another draft came and it was my time to stand a draft my father went in my place when he returned he brought us the news that Wallace [sic, Cornwallis] was taken. I was still sick and confined after this and when I got well, it was the belief of my officers I was bound to a six months tour I immediately went down to Winchester and reported myself to Capt Filly of the Continental Army ~~this was~~. This was the latter part of December 1781. Capt Filly put me to guarding the Bullock hides and guess that was then in February 1782 the guard all broke up and knowing that my six months tour was not out and fearing consequences if I went home I reported myself to Col Abraham Bird the head Col of Shenandoah County who told me he had nothing to do with me. I then reported myself to Genl Peter Muhlenburg [sic, Peter Muhlenberg] who gave me a furlough to go home and stay until called on. I am still on that furlough now having been called in afterwards Genl Muhlenberg was a continental officer but had returned to his home when I got my furlough. My furlough was lost may years since. Six years ago I could have proved all my tours by living witnesses but now I know of none living except Peter Hammonds and my brother Thomas who at the last accounts was alive in Tennessee.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed this day & year aforesaid.

/s/ Henry Hurst

We David Duff a clergy now residing in Perry County and Alexander Patrick late representatives of Perry & Clay Counties residing in Perry County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Henry Hurst who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 70 years the age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

/s/ Daniel Duff

/s/ Alexander Patrick

And the said court do hereby declare to opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states.

I Jake Combs Clerk of the Perry Circuit court do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said court in the matter of the application of Henry Hurst for pension in testimony whereof I have hereunder set my hand and private seal there being no seal of office this 18th day of October 1832.

/s/ Jake Combs

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Personally appeared before the undersigned an acting Justice of the Peace for Perry County Kentucky Henry Hurst who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he can not swear positively to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below

First Tour 3 months
Second Tour 3 months
Third Tour 1 month
Fourth Tour 4 months

All as a private soldier

He further states that upon re-examining his former application he now believes that his 2d tour is there set down as his first and his first as his second. He believes from the best of his recollection that his first tour was commenced in Jun or July 1788, his second tour in November or December 1780, his third tour in March or April 1781 and his fourth tour was in May or June 1781. He knows that from the time he was first drafted until he was taken sick he was nearly constantly in the service as a drafted man or substitute.

/s/ Thos Kelley

I _____ Combs clerk of the Perry County court do hereby certify that Thos. Kelley who has signed the foregoing certificate is a justice of the peace for Perry County and that his signature is genuine given under my hand and seal this 24 day of October 1833.

/s/ _____ Combs

The reply to this will reach the applicant earlier by addressing Frank Ballinger, Barbourville Ky. Acknowledging the politeness and promptness with which my calls have been honored by the Department over which you preside I must respectfully ask a continuation of those _____.

Yours respectfully
/s/ Frank Ballinger

This moment I discovered that this sheet was broken from the seal by accident. I am now 75 miles from Perry Court House. I hope this accident when this explained by one favorable recommended by the Honl. Col. R. W. Johnson will not retard or hinder a favorable action in this case.

/s/ Frank Ballinger

April 1915

The Pension Dept, Washington

Have written the Dept several times about a relative who was a pensioner of the Revolutionary War and no answer to the questions sent me to answer have first gathered this information. The soldiers name was Henry Hurst when he was in the war (a soldier) his residence was Culpeper Co Va his father's name was John Hurst of the same county Now all of our males know that Henry Hurst was a soldier in the Rev War and was also a pensioner. He married Elizabeth Kaiser Shenandoah Co Va adjoining Culpepper Co. He drew the pension until his death in the fall of 1844. His wife died first I think. Now any information I receive from the Dept will be greatly appreciated. I am very anxious to join the DAR and know I am eligible as this Henry Hurst was my great grandfather.

Thanking you in advance

Miss Oda Rash
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