

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Anthony Curtis VAS1984

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To the General Assembly of Virginia – The Memorial of Anthony Curtis of the County of Greenbrier respectfully represents. That during the Revolutionary War he served five tours of duty in the Militia of the State. The first tour he served under Captain Herrin [perhaps Daniel Herring] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison [perhaps either Benjamin Harrison or Charles Harrison] and in the Brigade commanded by General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] which was about the commencement of the Revolutionary War and after having served out his tour was discharged in Virginia at the Hickory Nut Church. The 2nd tour was in the same year when he was drafted and put under the command of Captain Ragin [perhaps Captain Charles Reagan] and in the Regiment and Brigade commanded by Colonel Harrison & General Marion. In about 4 or 5 months after he was discharged from the 2nd tour he was again called on to serve a third and was put under the command of Captain Cartley in the Regiment & brigade commanded by Colonel Harrison & General Morgan. Not long after he was discharged from serving his third tour he was called on to serve a fourth during this tour he does not recollect who was his captain but well recollects that Colonel Harrison & General Morgan were his Commanders. In his fifth tour he served under Lieutenant Smith in a Scouting expedition against the Tories in the South. This Memorialist states that in all that he served between fifteen months and two years in the Militia of the State and during that time was in several engagements among which was the Battle of York Town. In that Battle the Company to which this Memorialist belong was engaged with the enemy and had to retreat and to save themselves had to jump a ditch. This Memorialist when jumping the ditch injured himself so much as to occasion a rupture which has continued and injured him ever since and owing to that injury he has not been able to perform hard labor since and the consequence has been he has always been a poor man. He to be sure has never been a pauper but it has been owing to the goodness of his children who he has to depend on for his support. This Memorialist states some twelve or fifteen years past he had some little property and purchased a small tract of Land and paid a part of the price of the same and gave a Deed of Trust on the land to secure the balance due and was never able to pay the balance and the land was sold which left him with little or no property and that he had then to throw himself on the mercy of his children for support. This Memorialist states he is ninety-one years of age and has a wife upwards of Seventy years old and that they live with a son-in-law who is in but moderate circumstances and if he were to refuse to support them any longer they must become paupers. This Memorialist states he is an old and infirm man who has Served his country and has had

many hardships to endure which has been the cause of his laboring under disease ever since. Although he never Enlisted in the Service of his Country yet he was ready at all times to go and did go at his Countries call. And render all the Service in his power. This Memorialist prays that your Honorable Body will grant to him now in his old days for and in consideration of his Revolutionary services such support and in duty bound he will ever pray.

S/ Anthony Curtis, X his mark

[Reverse]

No. 5 [don't know the significance of this]

Petition of Anthony Curtis a Revolutionary Soldier

Henry Erskine

December 11, 1830

Referred to Revolutionary Claims

12 January 1831

This Petition Rejected