

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Uriah Hand R4558

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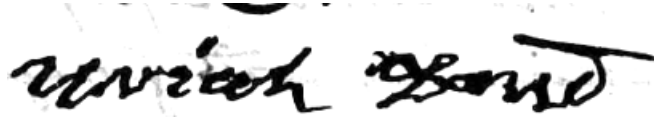
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State of Kentucky Spencer County: To wit

On this first day of April in the year 1844 personally appeared in open Court before the County Court of Spencer County now sitting in the State of Kentucky (it being a Court of record for said County) Uriah Hand a resident of Spencer County in the State of Kentucky aged Eighty five years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. He states that he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein after stated. He states that he entered the service as a volunteer in the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina in the month of March 1780 as a North Carolina militia man in the Company commanded by Captain William Brownfield in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Polk [more likely Major William Polk but possibly Col. Thomas Polk] and served a tour of six months, the kind of service performed was to be constantly in the service, as a safeguard against the Tories who were very troublesome, before his term of service expired as above that time he volunteered again in the service for the term of twelve months and was in actual service all the time, he states that in the fall of 1780 he was in that part of the Army which was engaged in watching the movements of the British Army in his entrance into and retreat from North Carolina, and was at Charlotte Town in North Carolina when Lord Cornwallis took possession of it and was engaged in skirmishes with foraging parties which was from time to time sent out by Cornwallis for provisions. He was in no regular engagements with the enemy but was in frequent skirmishes. He states that after Cornwallis retreated from Charlotte Town [in early October, 1780 after learning of the defeat at Kings Mountain], he was still continued in the Service up to September 1781 in watching the movements of the Tories and the British Army and scouring the Country. He states that from the manner in which the war was prosecuted, there was a continual State of alarm, sometimes the British Army was in North Carolina, and then it would retreat, Cornwallis after abandoning Charlotte Town in retreating with his Army, again in the early part of the year 1781 returned and took post at Hillsboro, when the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] was fought he states he was in the direction of Wilmington, he belonging to a party of militia that had dispatched to watch the movements of the British in that quarter. He states that when his term of service was about to expire he volunteered again for six months, but only served two months, he was discharged from the service in the month of November 1781, some short time after the surrender of Cornwallis; at the siege of York Town [Yorktown, October 19, 1781]. He states that he cannot recollect the names of all the Officers under whom he served, as he is now old and his memory very weak, but the names of Colonel

Clarke General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], General Marion, Colonel Campbell, Colonel Shelby & others all very familiar to him, and he has served under both of the gentlemen to wit General Sumter & Colonel Clarke, from the nature of the service he performed his Officers were frequently changed. He states he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. 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 on the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Uriah Hand

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Uriah Hand", written in a cursive style.

[William Stone, a clergyman, and James Stone gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 12: This veteran was still alive as of September 9, 1852 when he executed a power of attorney authorizing his attorney to pursue his pension claim.]