

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Charles Hart S16406

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State of Kentucky, Mercer County

On this 1st day of October in the year of Our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the County Court of Mercer of said state aforesaid now sitting Charles Hart a resident citizen of said County and State aged 71 years who being just duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the late act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832, viz.: I Charles Hart of said County do on my oath declare that I am now Seventy One years of age and that I was born in the State of North Carolina in Mcklenburgh [sic, Mecklenburg] County where I resided when the Revolutionary War commenced, and I was called into the service of my country as follows, viz.: - In the fall of the year 1778 I volunteered for five months in Capt. William Huston's company of Col. Locke's [Francis Locke's] Regiment of North Carolina Militia, who was about to march against the British in South Carolina, we marched to a place called Smokey Camp and from thence to the Two Sisters in said State on Savannah River—we captured many of the Tories and suppressed several parts with whom we skirmished and when my term expired I was discharged at the Two Sisters in the Spring 1779 and returned home, and again I volunteered under Capt. John Stevens in his company of minute men under the command of Col. Fifer [Phifer] in the summer of 1779 in the month of June, our services were confined to the three Counties of Anson, Rowan and Mecklenburg to guard said counties against the rising of the Tories in which we had constant and sever duty until the summer of 1781. At the Battle of [name written over; could be either Cowpens or Camden, but context indicates Camden] I was detached as a picket guard a few miles distance I was not in the battle which took place in August 1780 and when the battle of Guilford was fought I was in North Carolina near Wilmington. In the month of [words written over and illegible] 1781, I volunteered in Capt. Joseph Chinn's company in Col. Fifer's Regiment and marched against the Tories in Wilmington North Carolina and dispersed them; we were stationed near Wilmington which was in the possession of the British. Our Company was mounted men and armed with guns and we was kept in constant employ scouring the county until after Lord Cornwallis was taken in October 1781—when the British abandoned Wilmington. During this service Col. Fifer returned home and we were then commanded by Capt Robert Smith and soon after the British left Wilmington, we were marched to Cross Creek now called Fayetteville (I believe) where we were honorably discharged having been engaged nine months in this service, and in all my service I acted as a faithful soldier and was honorably discharged. I have no documentary evidence, having long since lost my discharges. After the

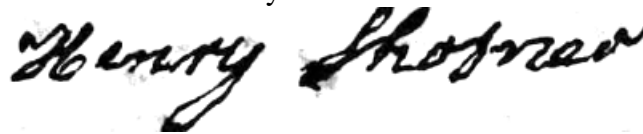
Revolutionary War I lived in North Carolina at my old residence until 1790 -- when I removed to Kentucky where I have resided since and now reside on Chaplin River Mercer County. I further declare that I am not now a pensioner of the United States or of any State and do hereby Relinquish all claim I have to said pension except the present. Witness my hand this 17th day of August 1832.

S/ Charles Hart, X his mark

[Jesse Head, a clergyman, and Peter Huff gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Mercer County viz. On this 17 day of August 1832 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County and one of the Judges of said County court Henry Shofner¹ and being first sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that I am well acquainted with Charles Hart of Mercer County I knew him in the year 1778 as a soldier in the militia of North Carolina I have this day heard his statement of his services in the revolutionary war we were together on the several tours in the same company and Regiment we marched side and side and his statement contains a true statement of the services which the said heart performed. Witness my hand this 17th day of August 1832

S/ Henry Shofner

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Shofner". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letter of each word being capitalized and prominent.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

¹ [Henry Shoffner S14568](#)