

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Peter Herget (Hargate) S31092

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State of Kentucky County of Mason: Sct.

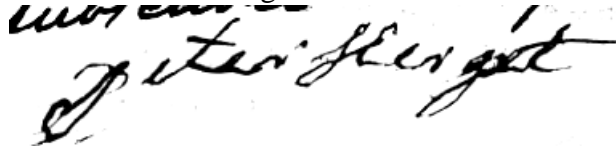
On this 14th day of January 1833 personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of said County, now sitting Peter Hargate a resident of said County of Mason and State aforesaid aged 78 years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That according to the information received from his parents he was born on the 25th of July 1754 in the County of Liberty on Cartridges Creek a branch of Big Pedee in the State of South Carolina, when he was about 8 or 10 years old his parents removed to the County of Mecklenburg in North Carolina where he resided until sometime in the fall of 1779 – That in the Spring [word written through, could be intended to be "summer"] 1778 he was drafted into the service of the United States as a militia man of the State of North Carolina for the Term of nine months under the following Officers viz. Captain Robert Cook & Lieutenant Jackson Liggett, company officers and Colonel Thomas Pouge [Thomas Polk] commanded the Regiment, he was usually called Colonel Poke, and perhaps his name might have been Pollock. From Charlotte Colonel Poke marched to Camden, from thence to the mouth of Waccamaw River in the State of South Carolina where he was stationed perhaps a month or perhaps a little more, from there he marched to Charleston, where they remained some time, and were there discharged by Colonel Poke, after the expiration of the nine months for which they had been drafted. The discharge given this affiant was an Honorable discharge for nine months tour of duty which has expressed in said discharge exempted him from further service for three years & nine months, that during the regulation of that time in North Carolina, when they served nine months: this discharge was signed by Colonel Adam Alexander of the commanding Officer in Mecklenburg County – who also gave this affiant a pass or certificate of good conduct, he wishing to emigrate to Kentucky. From the advanced stage of the declarant and the infirmities attendant there on his recollection is much impaired and he cannot well recollect dates, thus he cannot tell the exact time of his being drafted nor his discharge he recollects circumstances & places well. He recollects he was drafted

sometime in the Summer 1778 at Charlotte as stated, marched as stated and was discharged at Charleston, after he was discharged he went to his uncle's who lived not far from the Catawba [River] where he remained he thinks three months, the day after he left his uncle's he met with a party of men who were going to bury the dead, killed at Buford's defeat¹ this may fix the date nearly, this declarant assisted in burying all that could be found. During the time he was in service he performed the duty of a Sergeant. He has not in his possession any documentary evidence whatever having lost or mislaid his discharge, nor does he know any person by whom he can prove his services. To General Philemon Thomas he would refer having long lived a near neighbor to him and having frequently conversed many years ago with him upon the subject, he is now a Representative in Congress and no doubt will give his evidence. This affiant would also refer to his Excellency Andrew Jackson Resident of the United States he will no doubt recollect the marching of Colonel Poke, this affiant recollects having seen him in Charlotte after his return, but had not any acquaintance with him.

In December 1779 he removed to Kentucky where he has ever since resided.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Peter Harget

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Harget". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Thomas P Thomas and Lewis Craig gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[facts in file: There is a letter dated October 10, 1849, from someone who appears to have been the clerk of court in some jurisdiction which is not clearly stated indicating that there are records which indicate that "Peter Harget and Molly Ford Eastin were united in marriage" by A. Eastin this 25th day of February 1817 [attested by Tho. P. Smith, Clk]; at the bottom of this letter, in a different handwriting is the statement that "Peter Harget died on 24 November 1836 and that the last payment due November 16, 1836 was never paid."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ May 29, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/bufordsbg.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_waxhaws.html