

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of William Curtis S43430

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State of ne York, SS.

To the Hon. Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New-York, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New-York.

The Declaration under Oath of William Curtis formerly a Soldier engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the City and County of New-York, respectfully sheweth,

THAT the said William Curtis sometime in the Summer in the year 1777 Inlisted a Soldier in Captain Samuel Bookers [Samuel Booker BLWt315-300] Company in the fifteenth Regiment from the State of Virginia Commanded by Colo. Bluford [sic: Abraham Buford S46372] under the Continental Establishment, that I Inlisted for and during the war and actually continued serving against the Common Eneemy untill Peace and was Discharged in the state of Virginia and served about Six years, and was formally discharged but my Discharge I have Lost William hisXmark Curtis

And the declaration further sheweth, that the said William Curtis is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New-York, and is, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support

Therefore the said William Curtis conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18th March, 1818, and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon, to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, the said Wiam Curtis refers to a certain furlow given to this deponant by Colo. Dan'l. Morgan [Daniel Morgan BLWt1496-850] Colo Comd't. for 115 days Dated 20th Dec'r 1778 which is hereunto attached [see below] – & to John Redman [S43913]

William hisXmark Curtis

City and County of New-York, SS.

William Curtis of the City and County of New-York, being duly sworn, saith, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true.

Sworn before me this first day of April 1818

William hisXmark Curtis

City and County of New-York, SS.

John Redman of the City of Newyork aforesaid being sworn, saith, that he is acquainted with the above applicant at this time, and that he was in Captain Booker's Company after he was taken from the fifteenth Virginia Regiment in the Revolutionary war and he has every reason to believe that the above applicant William Curtis was in the Continental Army, as he bears an Honest upright caractor at this time

Sworn before me this 3^d day of April 1818

John Redman

[It was further certified that William Curtis was 65 years old.]

NEW-YORK MAYOR'S COURT.

In the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, held at the City-Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court, of July term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty Present the Honorable Peter A. Jay Recorder

City of New-York, SS. Be it Remembered, That on the twenty fifth day of July in the year of our

Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the city of New-York, in open court, the said court being a court of record for the city and county of New-York, according to the charter of the said city and laws of the state of New-York, William Curtis aged sixty three years, resident in the City of New York who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: I entered as a Soldier in Capt'n. Edward Hulls [Edwin Hull W14316] (5 Regiment) Company of the Virginia line on the Continental establishment Commanded by Colonel Daniel Morgan at Northumberland County in Virginia in the month of August 1777 during the war after which I was Commanded by Capt'n. Booker, in the spring of 1780 [sic] I was at the taking of Stony Point [16 Jul 1779] under General [Anthony] Wayne after which I was at the Siege of Charleston 1780 under General Lincoln in which Siege I was made a Prisoner [12 May 1780] and remained as such for fourteen months untill I was discharged And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain person engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed, to wit: Real Estate none. Personal Estate as follows one Bed & Bedding, 1 Chest, 1 table 1 pot 1 kettle Lot Crockery ware very small. And I do further certify and swear that my family consists of one daughter named Elizabeth Curtis aged eighteen years who is at present unable to provide for he own support. That I am a Taylor by trade, but am not able but partially to follow it being afflicted at times with the Rheumatism, and that I am extremely poor.

Wm. hisXmark Curtis

[The following are from [rejected claims in the Library of Virginia](#) indexed as Curtis, Wm.]

Permit the Bearer hereof Will'm Curtis, soldier in Col. Buford's regiment of the State of Virginia to pass and repass from his present quarters at Middle Brook [Middlebrook NJ] to Northumberland County in Virginia he having leave of absence for one hundred & fifteen days at the expiration of which he is to return to the quarters of the regiment he belongs to wherever it may happen to be (sickness only excepted of which a [undeciphered word] certifiat must be produced) on pain of being treated as a deserter, should he not punctually comply with the terms of this Furlough Given under my hand at Middle Brook, this 20th day of December 1778.

Dan Morgan [Daniel Morgan]
Colo Com[mandan]t

I hereby certify that the foregoing is truly copied from the original document on file in the Department of War

In testimony whereof I have caused the Seal of the said Department to be hereunto affixed and subscribed my name on the ninth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

J C Calhoun [John C. Calhoun]/ Secretary of War.



United States of America
State of New York Ss

On this Public Instrument Be it known to all whom the same doth or may in any wise concern That I Elias Fisher a Public Notary in & for the State of New York by [undeciphered] Patent under the Great Seal of the said State duly commissioned & Sworn, dwelling in the City of New York; I hereby Certify, that William Curtis [undeciphered] New York personally appeared before me and made oath to the truth of the statement which follows; viz, That he the said William Curtis, enlisted in the year

1777 in the service of the United States, for the term of Three Years & in the 15 Regt. of Infantry, under Capt. Edward Hull, Col of the Regt Beaufort & afterwards Col Daniel Morgan and before the expiration of his term, the said Curtis re-enlisted, in the same Regiment, under Capt. Samuel Bouker & Col Daniel Morgan for the term of “during the war” he continued therein untill taken prisoner at Charleston SC about the year 1781 [sic]; he continued a prisoner about the space of fourteen months, when he was released & immediately rejoined his Regiment at Little York [Yorktown] Va & that he continued to serve therein untill the conclusion of the war in 1783. His first enlistment was at Fairfield Va & his second at Middlebrook, New Jersey. He thinks that the Number of the Regt was altered at Trenton at sometime about the year 1781 from the 15th to the 5th [sic: from 15th to 11th Regiment at White Plains NY on 14 Sep 1778]. In Testimony whereof I have

William hisXmark Curtis

subscribed my name & cause my Notarial seal
of office to be herewith affixed the Twenty Sixth day of March 1823 E C Fisher