Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

PENSION APPLICATION OF PATRICK HEWETT (HEWITT) S4350 Transcribed and annotated by Carol Phifer f15VA

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White County	}	

On this 12. day of april 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Court of pleas and quarter sessions for said County now sitting Patrick Huett [or Hewett or Hewitt] a citizen of said County and state aged about eighty two 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the united states under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He believes it was near about the commencement of the war, in 1776 or in 1777, that he entered the service. He then lived in Charlotte County Virginia, and was drafted in the company commanded by Captain Gaines [probably Richard Gaines] from said County. He was attached to the Regiment commanded by Col. Reed who also lived in Charlotte County. This was a three months tour. He was a private soldier and served out the three months in the militia. From Charlotte, the troops marched to Philadelphia, where they joined the main army. He states that he was in an engagement or battle with the British at Philadelphia. His lieutenants name he distinctly remembers, it was Valentine Sublett who lived in the Town of Charlotte, or at Charlotte Courthouse. He received two wounds in the Engagement at Philadelphia, inflicted by the sword of the enemy. They are now to be seen, or rather, the scars are distinctly visible, one on the head and the other on the hand. This was the only engagement during his service and nothing further remarkable happened while this tour lasted so far as he now recollects. He received discharge from Captain Gains.

His next tour was also for three months. He had remained at home but a short time, but owing to his extreme age and consequent loss of memory, which is also impaired by disease, he cannot speak definitely as to the length of time he remained at home. He was drafted the second tour also—in the County of Charlotte again he went out under Captain Gains—his other officers not recollected, with the exception of Sublett, who he thinks was still lieutenant in the company to which he belonged. He states that the company proceeded with a large number of troops, amounting as he thinks to an army, to North Carolina, where they went against the british. He was not in any battle during this tour and he can recollect nothing important that occurred, within this three months, except remaining in readiness to contend in battle, with the enemy, if an opportunity had offered, which he says, did not. He states he served another campaign, but he finds it impossible to state with any degree of accuracy, the General circumstances of it, and is therefore advised not to attempt the narrative.

He hereby relinquishes every Claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. He knows of no witnesses or <u>witness</u>, now living by whom he can prove his services, nor has he any documentary evidence by which the same can be proved.

Answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department, and propounded by the Court. 1st. He was born in <u>Ireland</u>, in the Town of <u>Limerick</u> in the year 1751, according to the best calculation he can make. 2. He has no record of his age, having brought none with him to America. 3. When called into Service he resided in Charlotte County Virginia. Since the War he has lived in Bottetourt [Botetourt County] Va. and in <u>Roane</u> County Tennessee. From there he removed to White County Tennessee, upwards of ten years ago, where he has resided ever since. 4. When called into service he was <u>drafted</u>. 5th. He does not remember any of the regular officers, and under the joint influence of age and infirmity, he cannot state "the General circumstances" of his service any more fully than he has already done. 6. He received discharges both times from Captain Gains. The discharges are lost or worn out. 7. He states the name of the following individuals in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—viz <u>George Ailsworth</u> Esq., Waman Leftwich Esq., James T. Holman, Isaac Taylor, Jesse Lincoln, and James H. Jenkins. He has it not in his power to obtain the attendance of a clergyman, none residing near him.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 12. April 1833 Jacob A. Lane clk by N. Oldham DC [Deputy Clerk]

S/ Patrick Hewett, X his mark

We George Ailsworth, and Sharp S. Whitley both residing in White County Tennessee hereby certify that we are well acquainted with <u>Patrick Huett</u> who has subscribed and sworn to the foregoing Declaration. That we believe him to be Eighty-two years of age as stated by him. We further certify that we believe him entitled to full credit on oath, we have never heard it disputed or doubted, but that he was a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 12. April 1833 J. A. Lane clerk by N. Oldham D Clerk

S/ George Ailsworth
S/ Sharp S. Whitley, X his mark

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that <u>Patrick Huett</u> the above named applicant, was a soldier of the Revolution and served as he states. And the court further certify that it appears to them that George Ailsworth Esq. and Sharp S. Whitley who have signed the preceding certificate are credible persons and that their statement is entitled to credit.

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S/ Sims Dearing
S/ Wm. Bruster
S/ Isaac Buck
State of Tennessee
White County
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I Jacob A. Lane clerk of the court of pleas and Quarter sessions in and for the county of white do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings in said Court in the matter of the application of Patrick Huett for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office the 12 day of April A.D. 1833 And of the Independence of the united states the fifty seventh.

Test. Jacob A. Lane clerk of White County court by N. Oldham DClerk

[Certificate of Pension #13623 was issued on May 29, 1833 for service of 6 months as a private in the Virginia line. Patrick Hewett of White County, Tennessee was inscribed on the Roll of West Tennessee at the rate of 20 Dollars per annum, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1831. He received arrears of \$50.]