Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Hastings S6975 Transcribed by Will Graves

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State of North Carolina County of Caswell: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions October Term 1832

On this the 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Caswell now sitting Zachariah Hastings a resident of the County of Caswell and State of North Carolina aged 81 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: To wit: In the first place, He declares that he was drafted as one of the militia of the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia in the month of August in the year 1777 as well as he recollects and belonged to a company commanded by one Captain Richard Win [Richard Winn]. The Regiment to which Captain Wins Company was attached was commanded by Colonel Evan Brocken [?]. The company to which this applicant belonged marched in the first place immediately from Amelia County to Gwyns Ferry on James River. He was accompanied in this Expedition by another company the officers of which however he has forgotten the names of. He only stayed at this place a few days and was discharged, and returned home. He has no written evidence of this discharge which he thinks took place about the first of September 1777. He knows of no man now living by whom he could prove the facts here stated. He must therefore rely upon his own oath. After this discharge he returned home and continued there until the month of April in the year 1781 when he was again called into service in the Company of Amelia County militia under the command of Captain Edward Mumford [Edward Munford]. On this occasion his Company together with another Company under the command of Captain John Dennis of Amelia aforesaid marched directly on from Amelia Court House to the City of Richmond where they met with and joined the forces under the command of General Lafayette; This applicant was taken sick at Richmond and in consequence obtained a discharge and returned home after having been in actual service for about six weeks. This discharge was received as he thinks about the middle of the month of May in 1781. He received a written discharge as he recollects but lost it in a short time afterwards. There is no one now living by whom he can prove the facts here alleged he has therefore rely upon his own oath, He remained at home from the time of this latter discharge until the month of September following when he again went into service. On this occasion he left home on the 4th day of September 1781 and joined headquarters at Surry old Court House Virginia on the 8th of the same month. He was commanded in this march on this occasion from Amelia to Surry C. H. by Captain Rowland

Ward. The object of the company marching from Amelia to Surry C. H. was to serve as a reinforcement to Colonel Blount's Regiment which was Quartered at that place. After continuing three weeks at Surry C. H. the whole Regiment under Colonel Blounts command proceeded immediately to York Town and united with the other American forces under the command of Washington in besieging York Town. So soon as the Regiment to which he belonged however reached York this applicant together with the Company to which he belonged was dispatched to guard the ammunition Stores at Williamsburg. After continuing at Williamsburg for some time and after the surrender of Lord Cornwallis' Army [October 19, 1781] at York, this applicant together with the other militia stationed at Williamsburg whose term of service had not expired was ordered to Fredericksburg to guard the prisoners taken at York. On the 5th day of November 1781 at Fredericksburg in Virginia this applicant was finally discharged. He has no written evidence of this Discharge nor is there any person now living by whom he can prove the facts here stated. He has therefore to rely upon his own oath. On being discharged at Fredericksburg, he had been in service from the time he last left Amelia for the space of nine weeks.

This applicant Zachariah Hastings was born in the County of Amelia State of Virginia in the year 1751. He has no record of his age, and is therefore indebted to the recollection of what he has been told by his mother for the accuracy of this statement. When he was called into service he lived in his native County Amelia. In 1784 he left Amelia County and removed to Warren County in the State of North Carolina. He lived in Warren 9 years and from Warren he moved to Caswell where he now lives and has lived ever since. 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 to day & year aforesaid.

Test: S/ Paul All a Haralson, Clerk S/ Zachariah Hastings, X his mark [John Stadler, a clergyman, and James Kerr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina can Caswell County: August 25th, 1832 –

This day personally appeared before us Freeman Leath and James Kerr two of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Caswell and State aforesaid: Abner Powell¹ who being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he knew Zachariah Hasten [sic] in the County of Amelia in the State of Virginia before the Revolutionary war and also knew him during the war and that he knows to his certain knowledge that he served at least two tours in that war in the Virginia militia from the County of Amelia in that State, and that he served one of the two tours with said Hasten himself in the year A.D. 1781 –

Sworn to and subscribed before us the day and year first above written.

S/ F. Leath, JP

S/ Jas. Kerr. JP

S/ Abner Powell, X his mark

State of North Carolina Caswell County: 18th January A.D. 1833

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Zachariah Hastings a Citizen of the said County whose declaration heretofore sent on to the Department has been returned for amendment, who being duly sworn Deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades —

¹ Abner Powell S7331

For seven months as private militia man under the Captains and other officers mentioned in my original Declaration to which this is an amendment and for such service I claim a pension. S/ Jas. Kerr, JP

S/ Zachariah Hastings, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$23.33 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months in the Virginia militia.]