

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Ebenezer Hearne S6997

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State of North Carolina Montgomery County: January term 1833

On this 8th day of January in the year A.D. 1833; personally Appeared in open court; Before the Justices of the Peace assigned to hold the Court, of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County and State aforesaid, now in sitting:

Ebenezer Hearn, a resident of the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy-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 the 7th 1832. That he entered the Service of the United States, under the following named Officers, and served as herein stated. (To wit)

He entered the service, December first 1781, a volunteer for 12 months which he served punctually, first enrolled under Major West Harris of the County militia, in said County, and he then passed within a few days, from Major Harris, to Captain Edmonson, of the Continental line then at Salisbury North Carolina and where he was enrolled in the company of the said Captain Edmonson, December 1781. From thence he marched from said Salisbury, to Charlotte North Carolina under the said Captain and where he the said Hearn, was taken sick of pleurisy, and lay sick there in the Hospital for something like 3 weeks, while in the same time the said Captain, and the rest of his company, marched on to Headquarters, at Ashley Hill near Charlestown South Carolina, and he the said Hearn, with the rest of the sick in the Hospital at Charlotte, at the end of said 3 weeks, was removed to the hospital at (then pine tree) that now Camden South Carolina, where he the said Hearn supposes himself to have remained sick for something like 3 weeks longer, and where the Waggon master, called again, and inquired of the tenants of the Hospital to know if there was anyone amongst them, that could drive the Wagon. When he the said Hearn again volunteered his service for that business: and became the Driver of a team for the Army, for the Balance of his term of Service, which ended at Ashley Hill near Charlestown South Carolina the very day the British left said Charles town, and he believes it to have been done on the 9th day of December 1782.

And the said Hearn doth further state, that he wagonned [sic] at said Camden until sometime in June 1782 when he received orders to drive to Head quarters then at the said Ashley Hill where he joined the Army at that place, then commanded by General Green [Nathanael Greene] where he again saw the said Captain Edmonson, and his company But was no longer on under the said Captain's command, being then attached to the wagon Department, where he remained up to the very day when he received his discharge; Which Discharge he received in writing. But has since lost it, by putting it into the hands of a certain John Walker for him to try

to get the said Hearn something for his services; But who reported to said Hearn upon his return, that he has lost said Hearn's discharge together with his pocketbook, and the rest of his papers.

Question 1st By the court; Where and in what year were you born;

Answer. By the applicant; In the State of Maryland on the Easton shore in Summersett [Somerset] County and was brought to North Carolina when young and as to that part of the question which concerns his birth he was born according to the best information that I can get, October the 11th 1760.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it;

Answer. I have none at present; But there was one in an old book of father's; But it has been destroyed, many years ago.

Question 3rd. Where were you living when called into service, and Where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and Where do you now live.

Answer. I lived in the State of North Carolina and County of Montgomery in the fork of the Yadkin and Uwharrie rivers and has ever since continued to live at the same place, and lives at the same place now.

Question 4th How were you called into the service; Were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute; and if a Substitute, for I am.

Answer. I was a volunteer, and served 12 months.

Question 5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. General Green, was commander in chief, in the Campaign at Ashley Hill in South Carolina General Wain [Anthony Wayne] was also there, and so was Colonel Lightles [Archibald Lytle], and General Carrington, who commanded in the wagon Department; and where I rendered the greater part of services and he had a clerk, by the name of Cox, and was also acquainted with the above mentioned Captain Edmonson, the man I marched under from Salisbury to Charlotte North Carolina, and it was through him, that I obtain my discharge from General Carrington, who managed in the Wagon Department, and as to that part of the question relating either to Continental or militia regiments, I have no recollection, as to what number day, or any of them 4; But as to the general circumstances of my services these were rendered in the Army of the United States and was taken up in driving a wagon & teen for the use of that campaign.

Question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service; and if so, by whom was it given, and what has become of it.

Answer. I did receive a discharge, and obtained from General Carrington, of the Wagon Department: and as to what has become of that discharge I put into the hands of certain John Walker for the purpose of his trying to get something for me for my services; but he reported, he had lost it together with his pocket Book, and other papers. All this was done soon after the revolutionary war.

Question 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, who can testify as to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. My brothers Stephen and William Hearne, Richard Bell, Benjamin Bell, Reverend John Hancock, Samuel Hancock, Colonel John Crump, and William Harris, and many others if necessary.

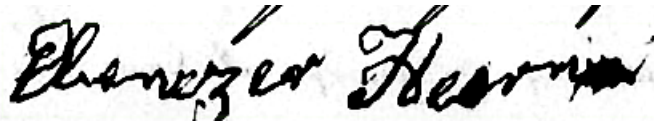
And he the applicant, the said Ebenezer Hearn, hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a

pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any State or territory in the United States.

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.

Witness S/ Hardy Morgan, JP

S/ Ebenezer Hearn



[John Hancock, a clergyman, and William Christian, a planter, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 7: Stephen Hearn gave a supporting affidavit dated January 10th, 1834 in which he states, among other things, that he delivered money and clothes to his brother at pine tree or Camden in South Carolina while his brother was serving in the wagon Department.


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State of North Carolina Montgomery County: This day personally appeared before me Hardy Morgan one of the acting Justices assigned to keep the peace for the County aforesaid Richard Bell¹ late of said County, and made oath upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God

That he has been personally acquainted with both the public and private character of Ebenezer Hearn Senior of the County of Montgomery & State aforesaid from the days of their boyhood and which is upwards of 60 years ago and long before the said Ebenezer Hearn was ever put on the muster roll at all. The said Richard Bell further swears that he at the time of the Revolutionary war lived in the same neighborhood and mustered in the same militia company, that said Ebenezer Hearn. But did not serve in the same campaign as the said Ebenezer Hearn did when he entered the American service, But further swears that he has no manner of doubt, but the said Ebenezer Hearn did serve in the American service as he has already stated in his former Declaration and the said Richard Bell further swears that he saw the said Ebenezer Hearn and a few days after his joining the American service, in Salisbury North Carolina 35 miles from both their homes, the said Ebenezer Hearn was then positively in the American service at that time, and then on his way for the states of South Carolina, perhaps for Camden and Charlestown South Carolina and the said Richard Bell further swears, that he then understood positively that the said Ebenezer Hearn had then entered the American service for 12 months, which the said Richard Bell further believes that the said Ebenezer Hearn did serve the full time, as the said Hearn was absent from home fully long enough to have served the 12 months spoken of and the said Richard Bell further swears that his residence was not at that time and long before and since not more than 3 miles apart, as before stated when at home belonged to the same Captain's Company the same Ebenezer Hearn after his return from said service was respected and reputed a good Whig and has always supported the American cause ever since, and was at that time and ever since reputed and believed to have served 12 months in the American service and in addition to that, the said Ebenezer Hearn has at all times stood firm in his neighbors both on oath & word. The said Richard Bell supposes that the said Ebenezer Hearn was not at the time of his

¹ [Richard Bell W25231](#)

entering the American service not more than 18 or 19 years of age.

Though the said Richard Bell does not feel willing to pass by mentioning that at some short time before the said Ebenezer Hearn joined the American service, that it was rumored that the said Ebenezer Hearn was among the British at Gates defeat, Camden South Carolina but it was but for a short time, perhaps not more than 3 or 4 months, and in his 17th or 18th year of age, when he deserted from them, came home and the said Richard Bell believes that the said Hearn either volunteered or enlisted in the American Service but will not be positive which but at any rate the said Hearn became to be a true Whig and remained so, to the end of the revolution, that can be no question so far as reputation can be credited.

And further this Deponent sayeth not.

Sworn to and subscribed this 27th of June 1835

S/ Richard Bell, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]