

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Hurst S9593

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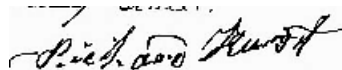
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State of Virginia County of Mathews: to wit:

On this \_\_\_ day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Mathews County now sitting Richard Hurst a resident of Mathews County and State of Virginia aged seventy 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<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated – He was commanded by Captain Richard Billups, Colo. Sir John Peyton, Major Throgmorton and Major Boswell were the field-officers, he took his father's place about 1777 before he had reached fifteen, about 1778 he entered in his own stead and continued off and on until the siege at York. He stayed at home scarcely any in the time, he was down on York River when Lord Corn Wallice [Cornwallis] surrendered [October 19, 1781] and saw the British flag lowered and the American hoisted in the Fort; he left the service shortly after about 1781 October; he was in one engagement on the British lines in York County an officer from New York whose name he does not recollect commanded him at the time, he was in another engagement at Frank Thornton's place near Glou. [Gloucester] Town when Houlder Hudgins and Major Wicks commanded, this last engagement was about the last of September 1781 during the time Cornwallis was at York. He resided in Kingston Parish Gloucester County when he entered the service and he resided there ever since his discharge until this period. He went out as a militia man and volunteered repeatedly while in service once to go to Williamsburg and at other times two other places. He marched through a part of King & Queen County, through New Kent, to Williamsburg and to Burwell's ferry, this was at the time Arnold [Benedict Arnold] came down James River, at Williamsburg he was under General Nelson [Thomas Nelson], Major Nelson and Captain Armistead of the Continental line, at another time under Lieutenant Digges of the same line – he has no documentary evidence to prove his entrance or discharge he received no written discharge, he can prove his service by George Callis and William Digges – he was born in Kingston parish Gloucester County in the year 1762 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, he had a record of his age but it is lost. He does not recollect any of the Continental or militia regiments with which he served. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Richard Hurst



[Humphrey Billups, a clergyman, and George P Owen gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

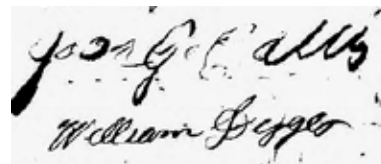
Personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mathews in the State of Virginia, Richard Hurst, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that [by] reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, it was not less than the periods and in the grades following, to wit: For one month I served in Williamsburg in the year 1776 under Henry Forest Captain, called out by order of Colonel Peyton, For three months I served at Gwynn's Island under the same officers 1777 called out by like order; For two months I served in a barge belonging to the United States commanded by Captain Nicholas Lawrence in 1778; For one month I served in another barge belonging to the United States commanded by Captain John Rogers these barges were in active service all the time plying the creeks and bay. For two months I was stationed at Gloucester Court House with the G. Militia called into service by the Colonel. I was under Captain Billups. For three months I served in a tour to James River at the time Arnold went up the River. I volunteered under Captain Tabb and Houlder Hudgins in 1780 we were placed under General Lee after we got to Williamsburg in 1781 For \_\_ months and three days I was stationed with the G. Militia at Hubbard's Old Fields under Captain Houlder Hudgins on the same tours I was stationed for three months and \_\_ days at Seawell's Old field near the enemy's line. For one month during the same year I served another tour down the York River. I belong to the Regiment of militia for the County of Gloucester the number I do not recollect. During all the periods mentioned herein I was on actual duty and engaged in no civil occupation during the time, making in all 16 months and 3 days service as a private militia man in the Revolutionary War and for such service I claim a pension.

S/ Richard Hurst

[Attested in 1833, day and month not stated]

The Affidavits of George Callis<sup>1</sup> and William Digges<sup>2</sup> both of lawful age made in Mathews County to accompany the Declaration of Richard Hurst made on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 to which he has added and annexed declaration.

These Affiants being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Richard Hurst before he entered into service in the Revolutionary War and have known him ever since: that they served with him at Williamsburg, James Town, Hubbard's old field, Ware Church, Seawell's old field and Gloucester Town, he entered the service in 1778 and left it in 1781 – he was in Richard Billups' company part of the Gloucester militia and commanded by Colonel Sir John Peyton, he was a short time in Philip Tabb's Company and a short [time] a board of some barges – These affiants have heard the declaration made this day by Richard Hurst and they believe he served fully as long as the periods therein mentioned and that during those periods he was engaged in no civil employment, that he was on duty by order of the Colonel of the County – and further they say not.

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is 'George Callis' and the bottom signature is 'William Digges'. Both signatures are written in a fluid, slanted cursive style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

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<sup>1</sup> [George Callis W14444](#)

<sup>2</sup> [William Digges S8327](#)

[Attested October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1833]

[Facts in file: The veteran died February 20, 1838, place not stated; the contemporary documents in this file make no reference to any family of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$53.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 16 months and 3 days in the Virginia service.]