

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Philip Hartman S9595

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State of Virginia        }  
Rockingham County    } SS.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Jacob Hansberger, Robert Grattan Jr Jonathan Peal & Charles C. Spears Gentlemen Justices, the Court of Rockingham County now sitting, Philip Hartman a resident (of the Poor House) in the County of Rockingham and State of Virginia aged Seventy four 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. that he first entered the service of the United States at Reading Town Berks County State of Pennsylvania some time in the latter part of the year 1779 or the beginning of the year 1780 as a Drafted Militia man under Captain Strough or Strowgh, Col Joshua Hester, Gen. Washington commander in Chief served at Trenton and Princeton & elsewhere in the Jerseys served two months and was discharged at Reading Pa. received a Discharge which he lost.

That he entered the service of the United States the second time about two months after being discharged as aforesaid as a volunteer under Captain Jacob Hill (who died in the service) Col. James Olds. served at the head of Elk River [now Elkton MD], Chester County and Brandywine. served six months this tour was regularly discharged at Reading Pa. received a written discharge which he has lost.

That he entered the service of the United States the third time some time in the year [blank] about the time the French Army landed in the United States [under Rochambeau at Newport RI, 10 Jun 1780] as a volunteer under Lieutenant Jacob Garber, Captain \_\_\_ Strows served at Whippany in the Jerseys served 20 days was discharged but received no written discharge

That he entered the service of the United States the forth time early in the year 1781 Enlisted in the Artilery for twelve months under Capt. John Fesick of Reading Pa was marched into the Jerseys and attached to or united with the French Forces or Troops under Organ Marquis Lafayette and served in the Jerseys marched on to Williamsburg Va. and thence to York Town Va. was at York Town during the Investment & Siege of that place [Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] and at the Capture or surrender of Cornwallis and the British forces under his command and from York town returned to Williamsburg where he was at the expiration of the said 12 months and there enlisted again for nine months under Captain Hartman Lightner of the Artilery served at Williamsburg – Baltimore – White Plains & Boston under the commands of Gen's Organ or Organt & [blank] was discharged at Boston about four weeks before the expiration of the said last term of Enlistment. received a written discharge but has lost it long since.

He has no documentary Evidence of his services and knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his services, that he has [no?] further distinct recollection of the names of the regular officers with whom he served or who served with him. That he was Born in Berks County Pennsylvania in March 1758 removed from Berks County Pa. about 49 years since to Frederick County Maryland about one mile from Woodberry – from there removed in 1798 to Orange County Virginia & in the year 1807 removed to Rockingham County Va. where he now resides as a pauper in the poor House of said County. that he has no record of his age 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.

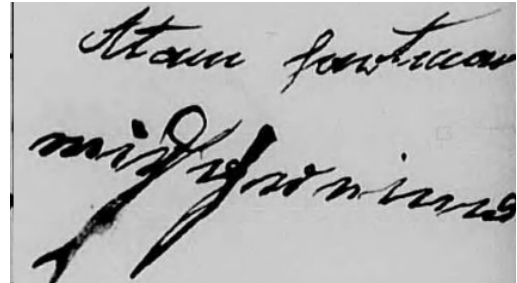
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Philip hisXmark Hartman

Franklin County Ss

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for said County Adam Hartman [pension application S23687] and Michael Griner [sic: Michael Grinder R4303] who being duly sworn did depose and say that they did Inlist Phillip Hartman in the month of June Seventeen Hundred and Eighty one in Berks County Pennsylvania for one year and when said term of service was Ended said Phillip and they Continued another year in Captain Fasik's Company and that they joined in with the French Artillery near Morristown and marched to Philadelphia Baltimore and to Little yourk in Virginia and was at the Taking of Cornwallace and they Continued in the army till War Closed and that they were Discharged in new Harford in the State of Conecticut and During the term of sevice they were messmates Sworn and Subscribed the seventeenth Day of June A.D. 1833 [signed in German]

Before me  
James Reilly



[The following has no date.]

Memorandum Relative to Philip Hartman's Pension.

Philip Hartman of Rockingham Va. proved his revolutionary services by Adam Hartman and Michael Griner, and obtained a pension under the Law of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. After drawing his pension for several years, it was discontinued on the ground that neither the name of Philip Hartman, or either of his witnesses was found upon the Pennsylvania rolls – that is, the rolls of the troops of that state, which are deposited in the Pension Office for the guidance of the Commissioner – they alleging to have enlisted in that state. I have understood that both Adam Hartman & Michael Griner have obtained a pension: if this is the case, if their names are not on the Penn'a. rolls, they have proved their services to the satisfaction of the Com'r. or they would not have obtained them. If they have proved satisfactorily themselves, that they served, they ought to be competent witness for Philip Hartman, although their names are not on the Pa. rolls. I have been informed that either Adam Hartman or Griner, & perhaps both reside in Frederick Cty Maryland and are both respectable – one of them lives near the state line, and perhaps on the Penn'a. side. Perhaps the member of Congress from their District may know them and be able to vouch for their veracity. If Philip Hartman served a portion of his time in the French troops, and they are excluded by the terms of the Act of June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 [see endnote], why was the Pension allowed him from March 4<sup>th</sup> 1831 to March 4<sup>th</sup> 1835 and why did not the Comm'r. when his attention was called to the subject and his reasons were asked for discontinuing the Pension, say nothing about that difficulty in his letter to Allan C. Bryan in which the only reason assigned was that Philip Hartman's name & the names of his witnesses were not found on the rolls of the Penn'a. troops and promising to restore him, if he could produce better proof.

Perhaps if Mr. Edwards can be convinced of the respectability of Adam Hartman & Griner, he would restore Philip Hartman without further proof. I suppose they are the only persons living who know the fact of his services of their own knowledge.

It is altogether probable there are no rolls whatever of the troops in which P. Hartman served in the office, and his memory has failed so much, that he may not be able to state very accurately how he entered the service, or in what troops he did serve. [signed] Allan C. Bryan

Maryland Frederick to wit

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day February 1839 before the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Michael Griner and after being duly sworn on the holy Evangel of Almighty God deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with Phillip Hartman (who is at present a resident of Rockingham County in the State of Virginia) and that said deponent is the individual who enlisted said Phillip Hartman as a Soldier in the Revolutionary war and that said Hartman served two years under Col'n. Alcot or Wallcot the first year under Capt Fasick and the second year under Capt Miller. Said deponent further states that himself and said Hartman was in the army at York Town Virginia at the time Cornwallis was taken prisoner and further deponent saith not

Sworn Before Malachi Bernard

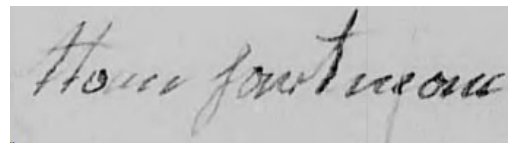
State of Pennsylvania }  
Franklin County Ss }

Before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for said county personally came Adam Hartman of the Borough of Waynesboro, in the Township of Washington and County of Franklin, And being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he is in his seventy seventh year, that he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, that he was well acquainted with a certain Philip Hartman, Now a resident of the state of Virginia. That said Philip Hartman was born in Berks County state of Pennsylvania, That during the revolutionary war this deponent and the said Philip Hartman were members of Capt. Fessicks company. That this deponent, said Philip Hartman and a certain Michael Griner, now a resident of Frederick County Maryland were transferred to Capt Aadm Leightheisers company – that they were under the Command of Col. Alcot, or Algert, or some name like that, That this deponent, Philip Hartman and Michael Griner were messmates, that they served in the army of the Revolution upwards of two years, that said Philip Hartman this deponent and Michael Griner were at the taking of Cornwallis at Yorktown in the state of Virginia, and that they were discharged at New Hartford. Farther this deponent doth declare and say that he this deponent and said Michael Griner enlisted the said Philip Hartman in a place called Oellig[?] about twelve miles from Reading in Berks County Pennsylvania And further saith not

Sworn to and subscribed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine

Before me/ N. Wilson

[signed in German]



[The file contains a copy of a bill before Congress dated 5 March 1840 stating that Philip Hartman was struck from the pension list for “vague and unsatisfactory proof of service.” A letter dated 1 April 1836 from the Pension Commissioner, James L. Edwards, indicates that the vagueness was in regard to whether Hartman’s service was in the French Army. The bill proposed that one year of service had been sufficiently proved and that Philip Hartman should be pensioned for that length of service.]

State of Virginia } S.S.  
Rockingham County }

This day [24 Sep 1840] Philip Hartman personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid and made oath in due form of law, that he served several tours, & in several regiments and companies during the revolutionary war: he recollects very distinctly that he served a portion of the time under Col. Joshua Heister of Reading, Pennsylvania, and Capt. Strouh: but what the regiment was designated or known by he is unable to say; he believes it was militia service: he recollects serving another short tour of about twenty days under a Col. Cronyes and Capt Strous, both of the state of Pennsylvania. He recollects another tour of six months under Col. James Old, and Capt Jacob Hill, likewise of Berks County, Pennsylvania; this tour was served as a volunteer. His next service was

with the French troops as a waggoner, or driver of artillery carriages. He was engaged in this service for twelve months, as well as he can recollect, and the name of the Capt. he is unable to spell but it was pronounced Fessick, or Fasick, it being a French name. It was during this last period of service that the Siege of York and surrender of Cornwallis took place: after the surrender of Cornwallis, he enlisted in the company of Capt. Hartman Lighthiser, and served until he was discharged at the close of hostilities: the engagement was for twelve months, but he thinks he was discharged a little while before the year expired. He is unable to recollect the names of the higher officers during this last service, they being French names.

The affiant further states that his petition for a pension, after he was struck from the pension list, was presented by Col. James M. H. Beale, then a representative in Congress from Virginia. that the act granting him a pension of \$40 per annum, being date, as "approved July 20<sup>th</sup> 1840" and that he the affiant is the identical person named in the Act of that date, which is published among the acts and resolutions passed at the first session of the 26<sup>th</sup> Congress of the U.S. Philip hisHmark Hartman

NOTES:

Contrary to an assertion made by the Pension Commissioner, the pension act of 1832 did not exclude American soldiers who served with foreign troops. The act did exclude foreign officers who did not command American forces. For those claiming pensions for service in the Continental Line whose names were not found on the rolls, the sworn testimony of two eye-witnesses was necessary. Militia service required only the testimony of two neighbors that the applicant was honest and had the reputation of having been a Revolutionary soldier.

A letter dated 8 Jan 1836 refers to Philip Hartman's "great deafness." That letter also states that "Mr Griner resides about one ½ miles above Woodsboro Fred'k c'y Md. the other Adam Hartman lives about 9 miles east or North E. of Hagerstown and Mr Hartman thinks it is in Penna or near the line which is probably in Franklin c'y"

On 20 July 1840 Philip Hartman was awarded a pension of \$40 per year for one year of service. His service in the militia was apparently not counted.