

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Hoover <sup>1</sup> W1772      Lucretia Hoover      f55VA  
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### State of Tennessee Fentress County

On this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833 personally appeared before me Abner Phillips one of the acting Justices of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the County of Fentress aforesaid which is a Court of Record when sitting Henry Hoover a resident citizen of the County of Fentress aforesaid aged Seventy-nine years on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April last agreeable to his father's record, which he has no doubt is long ago destroyed, and after being duly sworn on his oath states in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832 That he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war in the Territory of Virginia then called Washington County: though the part he then entered the service in is now in Kentucky State, he entered said service as a private Volunteer under Captain John Holder and Colonel Benjamin Logan he entered said service the date not recollected but he thinks 1779 applicant being no scholar and in old age and short of memory, and went on to the Ohio River and joined General Clarks [George Rogers Clarke's] Army and thence to Chillicothe Towns thence to Pickaway Town stayed there a few days and cut down their corn and finally marched to Licking [River] and there had a written discharge from said Captain John Holder having served, the precise time not recollected but he thinks not less than two months and a half he was discharged in the fall season of the year he thinks in the month of October 1779, and some time thereafter he was drafted out of Captain John Steele's Company, but served under Captain Robert Coyle, he guarded the Frontiers no remarkable incident happened he was finally verbally discharged by his said Captain Coyle having served two months and sometime thereafter he was again drafted and entered the service under Major Thomas Quirk, there was no Captain he served three months this Tour was mostly engaged in herding Beeves for the Army and was finally verbally discharged having served three months this Tour, and was discharged the precise time and date not recollected but recollects that it was in the fall season and he thinks in October and sometime thereafter he was again drafted, he cannot recollect with any Tolerable Certainty the month or date, he entered the service under Captain Wearin and Colonel Isaac Shelby and started to go against the British in North Carolina and there came an Express that there was no need of us and we was verbally discharged until further orders having served but a few days which was the last of his service in the Revolution. Applicant states that owing to old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state precisely how long he served but according to his best recollection he served not less than Eight months in all, applicant was born in Rowan County North Carolina

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and was moved to where he entered the service, then moved to Sullivan County Tennessee Staid there about seven years it was then called North Carolina, thence to Lee County Virginia, stayed there many years, thence to Overton County Tennessee, stayed there a great many years, and then to Fentress County Tennessee where he has lived two years. Applicant paid but little attention to his written discharge and has lost it in some way long ago perhaps fifty years ago and has no documentary Evidence of his service, and knows of no person by whom he can prove his service and there is no clergyman in his neighborhood, and it [is] out of his power [to] procure one without great Trouble, applicant hereby relinquishes Every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity Except the present and declares his name is not on the pension Roll of the Agency of any state, and that he thinks he can prove his reputation as a man of veracity and a soldier of the Revolution by John H Hughs, John Woods, Alexander Gill and most of his intimate acquaintances.

S/ Henry Hoover, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Abner Phillips, JP

[John Young & Robert Magee gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 18: On March 29, 1853 in Overton County Tennessee, Lucretia Hoover, widow of Henry Hoover, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum, made application for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she married Henry Hoover in Fentress County Tennessee 14 years ago last October the exact date she cannot recollect; that they were married at the house of John Sperlin, a Baptist Preacher; that her husband died in Overton County Tennessee March 18 [1849]<sup>2</sup>; and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 41: On October 3, 1853 in Clinton County Kentucky, the widow gave testimony that she is the widow of Henry Hoover a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$26.66 per annum; that her husband died "a few years ago the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1853 [sic]. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 13: license for the marriage of Henry Hoover Senior and Miss Creesey Coyle [also spelled Coil] issued in Fentress County Tennessee October 11, 1837]

[p 54: On November 5, 1853 in Clinton County Kentucky, Rachel Gamer, wife of Freeman Gamer, a resident of Clinton County Kentucky, town of Albany, gave testimony that she, affiant, is a relative of Lucretia Hoover, widow of Henry Hoover; that she, affiant, was the daughter of William Coyle deceased and that Lucretia Hoover was the daughter of James Hoover deceased who was a brother of the affiants grandfather Patrick Coyle, deceased; that affiant and Creasy were raised in Wayne County Kentucky; that affiant has always called her Creasy but supposes that Lucretia is the proper way to spell her name. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 8 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

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<sup>2</sup> The widow omitted the date of her husband's death in her application but other papers indicate that he died March 18, 1849