

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hansbrough (Hansborough)¹ W2614 Fanny Hansbrough f67VA
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State of Virginia County of Hampshire: SS

On this 29th day of January 1833 personally appeared in Open Court, before the County Court of Hampshire being a Court of record of unlimited Jurisdiction in all cases of law and equity John Hansbrough a resident of the said County and State aged 71 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, 1832.

That about the first day of February 1781 he was drafted at Amherst old Court-house in Virginia for six months under Captain James Barnett, Lieutenants Lewis, Nevill & Woodruff and marched from thence to Hampton in Virginia to repel the incursions of Benedict Arnold, we remained at Hampton in the neighborhood for nearly three months, we then heard that Cornwallis was marching down James River and were marched to ground squirrel bridge in the County of Hanover where we remained about a week. We marched from thence to a place called Mobbin hills [Malvern Hills] about 15 miles below Richmond and remained there about two weeks, then the enemy marched towards Williamsburg and we followed them until they got to little York where we remained until after the Siege and our term of service expiring soon after we were discharged, that he was in no other Battle except the Siege of York, that he was under the command of General Stephens [Robert Stevens], Colonel Pope, Colonel Charles Dabney and Major Hardeman but does not recollect the names of the Continental regiments. That he was not personally acquainted with any of the regular officers except Generals Wayne [Anthony Wayne] & Daniel Morgan. That he has no documentary evidence of his service having lost his discharge & that he knows of none of his brothers in arms or the officers who are now living. After my first six months had expired I hired as a substitute for Charles [last name indecipherable] for three months which expired when I was discharged at Yorktown making in all nine months service. 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.

S/ John Hansbrough



Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court
Questions propounded to applicant

¹ BLWt26531-160-55

1st Where and in what year were you born

Answer. I was born in Amherst County Virginia in the year 1762.

2nd. Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in Amherst County Virginia when called into service, since the war I have lived part of the time in the Counties of Culpeper & Frederick & for the last sixty^{four} years I have lived in the County of Hampshire where I now reside.

3rd. Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it

Answer. I have no record of my age. My father died in my infancy and I do not know what became of the family record if there was any

4th. How were you called into service: were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute

Answer. These questions are answered in my declaration.

5. 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. These questions are answered in my declaration

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 but it is lost, it was given by Captain James Barnett

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

Answer John Jack, William Naylor, Isaac Kuykendall, Michael Miller and many others can testify as to my veracity but I do not know that they can say anything about my revolutionary Services.

[John Jack and Isaac Kuykendall gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On September 24, 1853 in Hampshire County Virginia, Fanny Hansbrough, 72, widow of John Hansbrough filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she was married to John Hansbrough in September 1820 in Culpeper County Virginia; that her husband died in Hampshire County August 9, 1844.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fanny Hansbrough". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The first letter 'F' is large and loops around the start of the name. The signature ends with a small vertical stroke.

[p 13: On March 24, 1855 in Hampshire County Virginia, the widow filed for her bounty land entitlement.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount, which pension was increased to \$96 per annum in July 1868.]