

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Michael Hartman W3680      Elizabeth Hartman      MD  
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Armstrong County, Ss.

On the twentieth day of June, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty five personally appeared in open court, at a court of common pleas, held at Kittanning for said county being a court of record by virtue of the constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, Michael Hartman, aged sixty-five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of congress of the 18 March 1818 and of the 1st of May 1820 – that the said Michael Harman enlisted as a private soldier at Fredericktown in Maryland in Captain Michael Boyer’s [sic: Michael Bowyer’s] Company, in Colonel Wilchner’s [sic: Ludowick Weltner’s] regiment or battalion, commonly called at that time the German battalion, in the Maryland line of the continental army. He there enlisted for three years – he does not recollect exactly the year, but believes it was in 1777 or 1778. After he enlisted, he joined his corp at the Valley Forge, where the troops lay in winter quarters there [1777-78]; he afterwards was with the army at White Plains, and other places, and served in his company in the expedition against the Indians at Wyoming [now Wilkes-Barre PA], commanded by general Sullivan [John Sullivan, 19 Jun - 3 Oct 1779]. He served at Yorktown at the capture of Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781], and afterwards marched with his company to Charleston, South Carolina, from which place he with his company returned by shipping to Annapolis in Maryland, where he with the others were discharged. That while the troops lay at Easton, in Pennsylvania, on their way to attack the Indians before mentioned, word came that the soldiers who had enlisted for three years would get bounty if they enlisted for during the war. This declarant accordingly enlisted for during the war in order to draw he the bounty – that this declarant served from the time he was enlisted until the war was over, in he same corps in which he was enlisted, and was honorably discharged; that the time of his said service he cannot recollect exactly, but believes it was between four and five years. That he has no other evidence in his power of the foregoing except the entries upon the books of the Auditor Generals office of he state of Maryland, where he is informed that his name appears on the rolls of the revolutionary army.

Sworn and subscribed in open court, this 20 June 1825.      Michael hisXmark Hartman

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule of Declarant’s property –

2 old horses	1 plough and gears
2 Cows	Household furniture worth \$10
3 calves	one windmill
15 head of Sheep	

The declarant further states that he is by profession a farmer but lives on a piece of rented land; has no person to assist him in his work, his sons having all left him and work for themselves, and are in low circumstances. That he has two daughters living with him who work to support themselves. That his wife is nearly sixty years old, and that neither his wife or himself are able to work much on account of their age. That this declarant is in debt to different persons in small sums of money, which will take all the little property has to pay them.

Michael hisXmark Hartman

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On the nineteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, personally appeared in open court at a court of common pleas held at Kittanning, for said county, being a court of record, by virtue of the laws and constitution of said commonwealth, Michael Hartman, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in addition to the declaration made by the declarant in this court on the 20th day of June last. That he the said Michael Hartman is a resident of the said county of Armstrong, and has resided therein for twenty years last past, that he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any state except Maryland; and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, viz – That his sons assisted him in working upon the land which he has rented – that by their labor and his own, he was able to make a living and pay his rent. And as long as he could subsist, independent of aid from others, he would not apply to government for relief. But his sons successively left him as they attained their lawful age, and last year his youngest son Michael, who was the only one still with him, was married, and has now left this declarant.

Sworn and subscribed in open court 19 Sept. 1825                      Michael hisXmark Hartman

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear in addition o the oath taken by this deponent, in this court on the 20th day of June last, that since the 18th of March, 1818, the following changes have been made in my property viz. – a horse which I bought of John Drum in Kittanning, I kept about one year, when he sickened and died about four years ago. Also, I raised a colt from a mare I now have (being one of the old horses mentioned in my declaration made in this court on the 20 June last) which colt when two years old I sold to one David Shirey and received from Shirey in exchange for the colt, one cow, one heifer, and two calves. This was about two years ago. the cow I sold to one Chorrison, who for the cow paid Henry Jack, to whom I was indebted the sum of eleven dollars. The heifer I got from Shirey is one of the cows mentioned in the declaration above stated, and the two calves I got from Shirey are now about two years old, and are two of the three calves mentioned in the said declaration. No other changes have been made in my property that I can now recollect of.

Sworn in open court this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1825.                      Michael hisXmark Hartman

NOTE: On 16 June 1845 Elizabeth Hartman, 88, applied for a pension stating that she was married by Rev. George Crook to Michael Hartman in Frederick MD on 10 Feb 1784, and her husband died on 5 April 1845. Her statement was certified by her oldest son, John Hartman, 60. On 20 Sep 1848 Elizabeth Hartman was said to be 80. On 10 Dec 1853 William Hartman, son and heir of Michael and Elizabeth Hartman, assigned power of attorney to obtain an increase in his deceased mother's pension.