

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hart W3805

Mary

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State of Georgia Liberty County

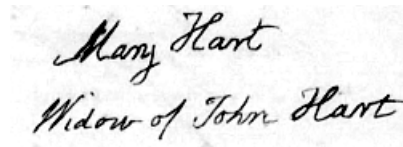
Personally appeared in open Court before me Charles S Henry Judge of the Superior Courts of the Easton District of Georgia in which is embraced the said County of Liberty Mary Hart a resident of the aforesaid County in the said State of Georgia, aged seventy-two years who, being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Acts of Congress of the 7th of July 1838; and says that she is the widow of John Hart who was an officer of the South Carolina line in the Army of the revolution of the United States: his rank she believes to have been a Captain, that she is unable to state the Regiment in which he served, the time when her husband entered the service, or the time when he left it; but she believes that he served to the close of the war, in evidence of which fact this deponent refers to the original certificate, signed by George Washington President of the Cincinnati Society, of the membership of the said John Hart with the said Society and in which he is recognized as a Captain in the said Army and to which original document now in the possession of this deponent is herewith exhibited to the said Judge. That her said husband John Hart served as she believes in his said rank of Captain at the siege of Savannah at which siege she knows him to have been – that he was afterwards taken prisoner at Charleston South Carolina and taken to Haddrell's Point near Charleston from which after remaining a while, he was sent to Philadelphia in a transport – That upon an exchange of Officers at Philadelphia he was one of six who was not immediately exchanged in consequence of a want of corresponding numbers of officers by which to effect it. – This deponent is unable further to state in how many different engagements he served, or the several ranks he may have held, the battles in which he may have been engaged or the Counties through which he may have marched. He resided in the State of South Carolina at the time he entered the said service and in Charleston District. She further declares that she was married to the said John Hart on the 17th day of June in the year 1784 by the Reverend Mr. Hill a clergyman and St. Thomas' Parish South Carolina that her name before marriage was Mary Screven. That the said John Hart died 17th of March 1814 and this deponent has remained his widow ever since – the said John Hart died at Granby near Columbia South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed this 22nd day of April 1839

S/ Charles S Henry, Judge

S/ Mary Hart

Widow of John Hart

A handwritten note in cursive script, written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The text reads "Mary Hart" on the first line and "Widow of John Hart" on the second line.

[fn p. 8: family record]

"John Son of Oliver & Sarah Hart seniors, was married to Mary Screven June 17th 1784--"

[fn p. 28: copy of the certificate of membership in the Society of the Cincinnati issued to Captain John Hart & by "G. Washington, President "]¹

[fn p. 9: there is a letter in the file from the War Department which reads in part: "...John Hart, son of Oliver and Sarah Hart, while residing in Charleston District, South Carolina, entered the service, date not stated, served as Lieutenant, Captain Lieutenant, Adjutant and Captain of the Second South Carolina Regiment....He married, June 17, 1784 at St. Thomas' Parish, South Carolina, Miss Mary Screven, daughter of General James Screven...." I did not find the source of the statements contained in that letter which are not set forth in the transcriptions set forth above. There may have been other affidavits which have been removed from this file.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$333.55 commencing March 4th, 1843 for her husband's service as a Lieutenant & Captain in the South Carolina Continental line.]

¹ fn p. 30: Note reads as follows: "The original certificate of the Cincinnati which was filed in this claim was sent to the Library of Congress February nine, 1909 by order of J. R. Garfield Secretary of the Interior and receipted for by Gaillard Hunt Chief of the Manuscript Division – see said receipt and order in miscellaneous files Rev War Section. (it was not filed in this claim as numerous other papers were sent and all receipted for at once)."