

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Michael Hensel (Hentzel, Hansel) W7717 Barbara Hensel f73VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 3/17/14

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State of Ohio Fairfield County: SS

On this __ day of March A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid now sitting at Lancaster in the said County Michael Hensel a resident of the said County of Fairfield aged between seventy-nine and eighty 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 he was born on the 9th day of November A.D. 1753, as he believes, and as appears from a written record in his possession in Berks County in the State of Pennsylvania – that he removed from thence to Berkeley County in the State of Virginia. That whilst residing in the latter place he was drafted as a minute man in the service of the said State of Virginia, was placed in a company commanded by Captain William Morgan, Lieutenant William Lucas and Ensign Henry Bedinger, sometime in January as he believes in the year A.D. 1776. That having been so drafted or classed as aforesaid he was sworn in by one Robert Roddeford (who held some office in the County) and agreed to serve so as aforesaid during the Term of two years – That the said Company including said deponent continued to parade and keep themselves in constant readiness to obey the orders of the proper authorities in marching against the Tories and Negroes should any rebellion take place or danger arise from those sources until about the latter part of December following. That at the latter period being about as near one year after the first draft or classification aforesaid a proposition was made to the said Company including said deponent to March to the scene of the Revolutionary War and aid the forces of the United States in the State of New Jersey by the officers of said Company upon condition that if they should so serve for a period of six months they would receive a full discharge for the two years service which they had bound themselves to perform in the State of Virginia so as before first stated – That said deponent understanding that the same proposition was authorized by officer commanding the armies of the United States, accepted the same. The company was in part reorganized by appointing Daniel Lucas first Lieutenant and the said William Lucas as second Lieutenant. That he commenced his march about the time aforesaid to wit about the first of January A.D. 1777 and passing through Shepherdstown, Middleton, Fredericktown, Tauneytown [?], Little York, Lancaster, Philadelphia to the State of New Jersey – That there he joined the United States forces at the residence of Lord Sterling [William Alexander, Lord Stirling]. That they then marched to Quibbletown and from thence to Brunswick, and was present and fought in the Battle [June 22,

1777] which took place at the last named place. That after said Battle he returned to the residence of Lord Sterling and from thence went to Quibbletown where he remained until the first of July next following to wit, in the year A.D. 1777 making a period of six months in the latter tour and one and six months in the whole, from the time he was first drafted or classed until he was discharged at Quibbletown as aforesaid.

That before he left Quibbletown he was presented with a written discharge by his Captain William Morgan which discharge was signed by General Worthington but that said discharge has since been destroyed with other papers which were consumed or defaced by the spelling of Elex. belsiol [??]¹ a few years since.

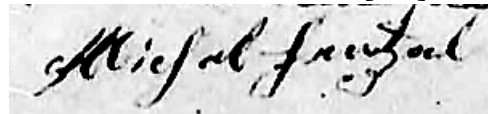
That after being so discharged he returned home to his former residence in Virginia where he continued to live during the next eighteen months when he removed to Washington County in the State of Pennsylvania and at which place he resided about twenty-one from whence he removed to this County in or about the year A.D. 1801 where he still resides.

That he has now no documentary evidence of his services aforesaid nor is he certain of any person living by whom he could prove the same.

That 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 to his Knowledge nor has it ever been.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Micsal Frentzaul [???

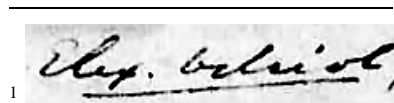


[George Wair [Wise?], a clergyman and William Crook gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The State of Ohio Fairfield County: SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned an acting Justice of the peace within and for the County aforesaid Michael Hensel, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned in the accompanying or foregoing declaration or application for pension, to wit, one as a minute man in the service of the State of Virginia in the company of Captain William Morgan – and six months as a volunteer in the service of the United States under the aforesaid Captain William Morgan and under the command of Lord Sterling and that for such service he claims a pension. The said Michael Hensel further states that during the time of his service as a minute man he cannot recollect the names of any other officers except those named in his declaration or application for Pension belonging to the said service with himself except Captain Scott, and Lieutenant Jackson. He recollects the names of Colonel Swearingen [Van Swearingen], Captain Charles Morrow, Captain Jaseala Swearingen [Joshua Swearingen] and Captain John Vanmeter who resided in the neighborhood, and commanded in the militia about the time of his (the said Michael Hensel's) service. During his 2nd tour of service of 6 months he recollects the names of Lord Sterling, Colonel Wine, Colonel Stricker – He further states that he



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is known by Colonel William Crook, Reverend George Wise, Hon. William W. Irwin, Hon. Elnathan Scholfield, Hon. Thomas Ewing, John U. Gusy, Esq., and George Sanderson who resides in his neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution – And further he saith not.

S/ Michal Hansel



[p 9: On January 24, 1851 in Fairfield County Ohio, Barbara Hensel, 87 on the 4th day of May 1850, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Michael Hensel, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him on or about the 17th day of March 1778 in Washington County Pennsylvania; that her husband died in Fairfield County Ohio July 15, 1836 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 12: Translation of family record:

Recording of Ages

1753, I, Michael Hentzel was born into this woeful world on the 9th of November and my sponsors were Michael Dewalt and his wife

Marie Barbara Hirsch born 1765 May 4th at 4 o'clock in the morning

1781 – Is born to me in this woeful world a little sun March 27th and in holy baptism was given to him the name of Henry Hentzel. His sponsors were: Simon Hirsch and his wife

1782 Is born to me at little son, into this woeful world on the 16th of September and in holy baptism was given to him the name of George Hentzel and his sponsors were George Fruth and his wife

1784 I [Is] born to me a little son into this woeful world on the 10th of June and in holy baptism was given to him the name of John and his sponsors were his father and mother

1786 = Is born to me a little daughter into this woeful world on the 21st of May and in holy baptism was given to her that the name of Catherina and her sponsors were George Hirsch and his wife.

1789, is born to me a little daughter into this woeful world on the 26th of May and in holy baptism was given to her at the name of Anna Maria and her sponsors were Simon Hirsch and his wife.

1792 Is born to me a little daughter into this woeful world on the 25th of March and in holy baptism was given to her the name of Sarah and old Henry Hirsch and his wife were her sponsors.

1794 Is born to me a little daughter into this woeful world on the 19th of March and in holy baptism was given to her the name of Elizabeth and her father Michael Hentzel and his wife Barbara were her sponsors.

1796, on the 3rd of March is born to me a daughter and at holy baptism her father and mother, acting as sponsors gave her the name of Margaretha

1800 – on the 12th of September is born to me a daughter named Maria and Christoph Braun and his wife were her sponsors

1798, on the 29th of May is born to me a daughter and she was called Magdalena

From the German

by Fred J Braendle, January 8th, 1917

Auf Einsetzung des Altars
1753 Ein Pfund Meißner Gold auf diese Summe sollte
wollt gegeben d. 9. November und mein Pfund ist das
Meißner Gold und seine Jung Frau.

1763 Ein Pfund Meißner Gold auf diese Summe sollte
wollt gegeben d. 10. November und mein Pfund ist das
Meißner Gold und seine Jung Frau.

1781 Ein Pfund Meißner Gold auf diese Summe sollte
wollt gegeben d. 27. März
und sein Pfund ist das Meißner Gold und sein Pfund ist das
Meißner Gold und seine Jung Frau.

1782 Ein Pfund Meißner Gold auf diese Summe sollte
wollt gegeben d. 16. August und sein Pfund ist das
Meißner Gold und seine Jung Frau.

1783 Ein Pfund Meißner Gold auf diese Summe sollte
wollt gegeben d. 10. März und sein Pfund ist das
Meißner Gold und seine Jung Frau.

Hensel, Michael

J. W. Junius

1786 Ich mir ein Eochterlein auf eines Jammers vollen walle
 geboren d. 21. May und war ist in der heiligen Taufft
 Maria mit G. Will. Lathwinda und ist Mutter und
 Vater war Georg Joseph Kind seiner Frau
 1789 Ich mir ein Eochterlein auf eines Jammers vollen walle
 geboren d. 26. May und war ist in der heiligen Taufft
 Maria mit G. Will. Anna Maria und ist Mutter und
 Vater war Simon Joseph Kind seiner Frau
 1792 Ich mir ein Eochterlein auf eines Jammers vollen walle
 geboren d. 25. May und war ist in der heiligen Taufft
 Maria mit G. Will. Anna und ist Mutter und
 Vater war Simon Joseph Kind seiner Frau
 1794 Ich mir ein Eochterlein auf eines Jammers vollen walle
 geboren d. 19. May und war ist in der heiligen Taufft
 Maria mit G. Will. Elizabeth und ist Mutter und
 Vater war Simon Joseph Kind seiner Frau
 1796 Ich mir ein Eochterlein auf eines Jammers vollen walle
 geboren d. 3. May und war ist in der heiligen Taufft
 Maria mit G. Will. Anna Maria und ist Mutter und
 Vater war Simon Joseph Kind seiner Frau

[p 58: On January 23, 1851 in Hacking County Ohio, John Harsh, more than 80 years old, gave testimony that he was intimately acquainted with Barbary Hensel now the widow of Michael Hensel; that she married him on or about March 17th, 1778 in Washington County Pennsylvania; that they were married by Henry Hyde, a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Barbary Harsh; that the veteran and his wife lived together as husband and wife until the veteran's death in Fairfield County on or about July 15, 1836; that the affiant is the brother of Barbary Hensel. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[Facts in file: the veteran and his wife had another child named Susanna, whose birth date is not stated in the documents in this file; the following children survived their mother who died June 26, 1851: Anna Maria, Elizabeth, Magdalena and Susanna; the veterans son John died November 24, 1817; the veterans daughter Anna Maria married George Engle; the veterans daughter of Sarah married Samuel Stukey; the veterans daughter Elizabeth married Jacob Erik

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 18 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]