Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Absalom Hastin W962
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The State of South Carolina Spartanburg District: to wit

On this 7th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open Court to wit the Court of Common Pleas &c now sitting Absalom Hastin a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged 72 years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832. That he was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia on the first day of May 1781 but was not exceeding 5 years of age when he was taken to Mecklenburg County in the State of Virginia where he remained until he was near seventeen years of age when he was drafted & served under Captain Charles Clay – Colonel Lewis Burrell [Lewis Burwell], Colonel David Mason & General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] for a term of six months, he marched from that place to Stono River South Carolina where he stayed until near the expiration of that term when he marched to pine tree Store near Camden in the same State where he was regularly discharged & after about Twelve months he was again called into service & served under Captain Hoffler [probably William Hoffler] who was soon after promoted to Major & Colonel Alexander Dick and marched near Norfolk in the State of Virginia where he remained three months & was again discharged for six months when he again returned & served under Captain Richard Whitten in General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade & crossed James River & marched up & down the same for three months (but has lost all of his discharges). He there remained at home near Twelve months when he volunteered and marched near Little York at which place he had no regular Commander & served about twenty-four days when he returned home having marched about four hundred miles. He was in no particular engagement except the battle at Stono River South Carolina [June 20, 1779] though in several small skirmishes. He has no documentary evidence of his services.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or State.

Absalom Hastin, X his mark

[William Rhodes, a clergyman, Patrick Hoy and James Ford gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: On September 23, 1853 in Henderson County Tennessee, William Rhodes, administrator of the estate of Martha Hastin, deceased, filed for the pension due her as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that Martha Hastin died August 15, 1849 leaving 7 heirs, to wit: William Hastin, Margaret Wade, Martha Warford, Sarah H Rhodes, Absalom Hastin, Rebecca B

Rhodes, Jacob H Hastin; that John Hastin died without heirs; that Absalom Hastin husband of Martha Hastin was a revolutionary war pensioner and died in the state of South Carolina; that Absalom and Martha were married in Mecklenburg County Virginia and that her name prior to her marriage was Martha Wade.

William Rhady

[p 11: family record:

William Wade Hastins [sic] was born the 28th October 1789

Burnel Hastins was born the 12th September 1791

Charles Washington Hastins was born the 18th day of May 1793

Margaret Twitty Hastins was born the 5th May 1795

John Hastins was born the 9th day of June 1798

Sally H Hastins was born February 28, 1803

Absalom Hastins was born the 27th day of March 1805

Rebecca Be Hastin [sic] was born 28th of September 1808

Jacob H Hastin was born May first day 1811

Jacob H Hastin was born May first day 1814 date uncertain

Absalom (something) Hastin was born December the 9th 1838

Patsy Hastin was born 16 day of February 1801

Banaster was born the 28th day of March 1824

Frank was born the 4 day of ___ 1836

Mary was born February 28th 1828

Harriet was born the 30th day of May 1830

Edith was born the 9th day of December 1833

"A true copy from the Family Bible Edinburg edition 1797 – apparently old and authentic Bible returned to George W Talbert August 17, 1854"]

[p 12: Return of marriages from Mecklenburg County Virginia include the following:

David Hudson and Sarah Draper 5 of December 1787

Samuel Hudson and Nancy White 11th of February 1790

James Garner and Lusey Eldins 25th February 1790

Absolum Hasley [sic] and Patsy Wade 22nd January 1789]

[p 33: Absalom Hastin , Act 1832, \$43 per annum, Died 29 July 1835, paid S/ F. Bust, Auditor]

[p 50: copy of the last will and testament of Absalom Hastin of Spartanburg District South Carolina in which he names his beloved wife Pattie Hastin to whom he leaves a Negro boy named Bannister; his 8 children to whom he leaves 4 Negroes, Jimmy, Mary, Harriet and Edy; he names his children as follows: William, Margaret Wade, John, Absalom, Patsey Wofford, Sarah Rhodes, Rebecca Rhodes and James H Hastin; the will is dated September 8, 1834 and signed by the veteran with his Mark. It is witness by Isaac Wofford, William H Vaughn, Wade H Wofford, Christopher Rhodes and William Rhodes.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 12 months and 24 days in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]