

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Conrad Eartinhusin R3199

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Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Kentucky } Personally appeared before me Tho. Hawkins Esq'r and acting Justice of the  
Jessamine County } Peace in and for the county of Jessamine state of Kentucky afsd Conrad  
Eartinhusin resident of the county & state aforesaid and who is by reason of Bodily infirmity prevented  
from appearing in open court and who is aged Eighty eight years & who being first duly sworn according  
to law doth on his oath make the following statement in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made  
by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832: that he enlisted in the army of the united states in the year of  
1780 in the spring as a private of the [Virginia] malitia in the Brigade of General [Edward] Stevens and  
went from hanover County virginia and marched with the regular troops of Delaware and Maryland  
towards Charlston [sic: Charleston] south carolina and in the summer they arrived at deep river and was  
Joined by a vast number of troops from north carolina and lord Cornwallis the British commander in the  
month of August attacked the Americans in the night and the Americans had the better of the engagement  
while it lasted but they soon ceased fighting until day break when the action commenced [Battle of  
Camden SC, 16 Aug 1780] and General stevens brigade immediately fled and the Americans were  
defeated and this was called the Battle of camden and his servis has just been of six months duration and  
when General green [sic: Nathanael Greene] arrived in north carolina and took the command of the army  
[at Charlotte on 2 Dec 1780] the company in which he was and an officer by the name of [Gen. Daniel]  
Morgan was sent to the river[?] and after being there a while the British General with horse troops [sic:  
Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton with his Legion] came to attact the americans and the americans fled and the  
British took after them and when the british overtook them they commenced on our company (Major  
Pickins [sic: Col. Andrew Pickens]) which gave way and they went to the other companys and made  
them give way when they Americans horse troops [Lt. Col. William Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> Continental Light  
Dragoons] fell on the British troops and give our men time to come to order and help in the Battle and we  
(the Americans) whip the British badly and took a heap of them as conquered prisoners and this Battle  
was called the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781] After this Battle the american General Morgan went  
on back towards virginia and crossed a River [Yadkin River at Trading Ford, 4-5 Feb] which amediately  
rose soon after the british could not cross it and General Green came and took the command and the  
Americans still kept towards virginia and crossed a river and took all the boats to there side and kept on  
and brouk up the roads by cutting trees until they crossed another river [Dan River, 14 Feb] and the  
American army received more troops from virginia and went to Guilford where there was a long and hot  
Battle [Guilford Courthouse NC, 15 Mar 1781] and the British staid on the ground but the americans had  
the best of the battle some short time after this Battle he went to Hanover County virginia and then  
volunteered and served a tower of three months and was in the lower part of virginia and was at the  
surrender of lord Cornwalluis which was in the fall [19 Oct] of 1781. but he dose not recollect the names  
of the officers he was under but that Prince lafeyatte [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] and General Washington  
was the American Generals and after the surrender of the British army under Cornwallis he went to red  
stone in virginia [Redstone Fort, now Brownsville PA] and volunteered under Major Hickman to fight  
the Indians and one of Major Hickman sons was the captain and he served a bout one whole year under  
major and captain Hickman a gainst the Indians which was on the fronteer country west of hagerstown in  
Maryland and he was a soldier. He further declares that he was born in Germany in Europe and in the  
town of [illegible; see endnote] come as a soldier ["Hessian"] to fight the americans in 1776. and did  
continue as a soldier under the british stationed in New york until commodore [George] Collier in the  
first part of the year 1779 landed in virginia [May] where he then deserted and went to the Americans  
and then joined the army of the united states under General stevens in 1780 in the spring and continued  
untill until the spring of 1781 and dose not know the company of officers names and he knew but few  
English words then and not many more now and knows not how his towers was laid off But knows well

that he was in and continued in actual service the whole length of time he has stated and that he knows of no one by whom he can prove the a fore said services for the united states but that he would have done so by Jacob Sikes who was in company with him when he left Germany and was with me when he deserted and in all the fore said services and who died in Jessamine county a bout ten years a go. 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 whatever. And he farther states that the reason he has not here tofore applied for a pension is that he knew not by whome he could prove his services owing to the death of the afore said Sikes  
Conrad hisXmark Eartinhousin

I Thomas Hawkins Esq'r an acting Justice of the Peace in & for the County of Jessamine State of Kentucky certify that I propounded the following interrogatories to Conrad Eartinhousin who answered as herein after set forth.

Question 1<sup>st</sup>. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer I was born in Germany in Europe in the town of [see endnote] and in the month of May Seventeen Hundred and fifty five.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup>. Have you any record of your age? and if so where is it?

Answer. I have had a record of my age but dont where it is I have searched for it but cant find it.

Question 3<sup>d</sup>. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live?

Answer. I was living in Hanover County virginia when I went to serve the united states in the war of the Revolution and have lived since the termination of the war in Washington County Maryland until about the year 1801 when I moved to Jessamine County Kentucky where I now live & have

Question 4<sup>th</sup>. How were you called into service: were you draughted did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a substitute for whom?

Answer I went willingly in 1780 to Camdin & was not made go and served until the spring of 1781 as a soldier and then served the three months tour in the summer of 1781 in the fall also willingly & supposed it is called voluntary and also volunteered under Hickman & his son to fight the Indians. & British

Question 5 State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental and malitia regiments as you can recollect, & the general circumstances of your service

Answer – General Stevens was one of the malitia Regiment and General Morgan & General Greene Regular troops were in the Carolinas and Prince Layfayette & General Washington were with regular troops in virginia and Major Hickman & son were the other officers when I served a gainst the Indians one year, & was in the Battle of Camden, Cowpens Surrender of Cornwallis & against the Indians.

Question 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it

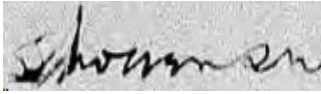
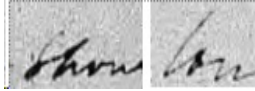
Answer I have never recd a discharge if so I dont recollect it

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

Answer Isaac Bowman, Elizabeth Bowman All Utly Andrew Smith Wilson Hunt & Harnsen Hunt – can testify as to my character & he swore to and subscribed before me this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1843.  
Conrad hisXmark Eartinhousin

NOTES:

The town where Eartinhousin said he was born is written in two places as follows:

A rectangular scan of a handwritten name in cursive script, appearing to be "Shoumen".Two adjacent rectangular scans of a handwritten name in cursive script, appearing to be "Shoumen".

The reason given for the rejection of Eartinhousin's claim was "Period, length and grade of service, and names of company and field officers," evidently meaning information about them was deemed insufficient.