

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

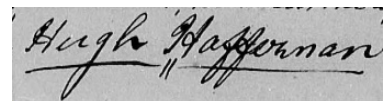
Pension Application of Hugh Haffernan R4419

Catherine Haffernan PA

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Statement of Hugh Haffernan, residing in Crawford County, State of Pennsylvania, who applies for a pension from the United States, in pursuance of an act of Congress, entitled, "an act to provide for certain personas engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818

Said Hugh Haffernan saith that he enlisted in April 1776 in Captain Abraham Marshalls Company, afterwards commanded by Capt. Joseph McClellan [pension application W3101], in one of the State Regiments commanded by Col. Samuel J. Atlee [Samuel John Atlee], and was promoted to a Sergeant in June following; that after the battle of Long Island [27 Aug 1776] what remained of the regiment was sent to Fort Washington, where he was taken prisoner on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Nov'r. 1776. that he remained in prison in the Sugar house until the Spring of 1777 when he came out on parole [promise not to take up arms until exchanged], and in June following enlisted for during the war in Capt. Joseph McClellan's company in the 9<sup>th</sup> regiment of the Penna. line commanded by Colonel George Nagle [sic: George Nagel BLWt1290-500], and afterwards by Col. Richard Butler; that he was in the battles of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] & Germantown [4 Oct 1777] in 1777, and in the year 1779 he was transfered to Capt. George Grants company in said Reg't. and was with him at the taking of Stoney Point [Stony Point NY, 16 Jul 1779]; that in Dec'r. of said year he was transferred into Capt. William Vanlear's [William Van Lear] company in said Reg't. and continued in said company until the revolt of the Penna. line on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1781, when the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> regiments were consolidated into one reg't. commanded by Col. Richard Butler; he was then transferred into Capt. Thomas B. Bowen's [Thomas Bartholomew Bowen] company, and continued in said company until the battle of Green Springs in Virginia in July 1781 [6 Jul 1781], when the three Penna. regiments were put into two, and he was transferred into Capt. Thomas Baouds[?] company in the first regiment, and continued in the same during the siege of Yorktown in 1781, and on the 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov'r same year marched from Yorktown, and in the beginning of the year 1782 joined General [Nathanael] Greene in South Carolina. In the fall of that year he returned to Penna. and was transferred to Captain Isaac Luleys[?] company of the 2<sup>d</sup> Reg't. of the Penna. line commanded by Col. Richard Humpton, from which company and Reg't. he was honorably discharged in the month of June or July 1783. That his discharge was given to a person in Philad'a in 1784, and never afterwards returned to him. The said Hugh Haffernan hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension that may heretofore have been allowed to him by the laws of the United States, and further Saith, that, from his reduced circumstances, he needs the assistance of his country for support [9 April 1818]



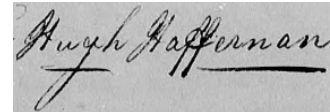
Crawford County Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ss.

On the tenth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of record in and for the said County of Crawford, in pursuance of an act of the legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania establishing it as such, Hugh Haffernan aged sixty three on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December next resident in said County and Commonwealth, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his Oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as follows. In the month of April 1776 he enlisted for one year and nine months in Capt. Joseph McClelland's Company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel John Atlee in the Pennsylvania line on the Continental establishment. Served in the said company and regiment untill the 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 1776 when he was taken prisoner by the enemy at Fort Washington in the State of New York – remained a prisoner untill about the first of March 1777 when he was liberated on parole. In the month of June 1777 he re-enlisted for and during the war in said

Capt. Joseph McClelland's company ten in the ninth Pennsylvania regiment on the continental establishment commanded by Colonel George Nagle continued in the said company regiment until the revolt of the Pennsylvania line in the month of January 1781 – after which the fifth and ninth Penna regiments were consolidated into one regiment, which was afterwards called the second, and was commanded by Colonel Richard Butler – served in the said regiment until July or August 1783 and received an honourable discharge therefrom at that time having served his country faithfully more than seven years. The said Hugh Haffernan receives a pension from the United States in pursuance of an act of congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818; on his application therefore, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818; and the certificate of the Hon. Secretary of War, placing him on the pension list, is dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1818 which certificate is numbered 235.

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 navel 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.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court for the County of Crawford this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1820

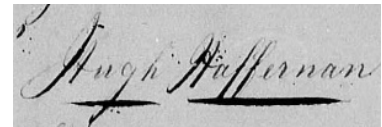


Schedule of property belonging to Hugh Heffernan. I have no real property in my own right. I reside on a lot of donation land of two hundred & fifty acres, situate in Wayne township Crawford County, which I drew as administrator of the estate of my cousin Thomas Haffernan deceased, which land is subject to the heirs or legal representatives of the said Thomas Haffernan, the same not yet having been divided amongst them. I do not know whether any of the said land may fall to me; the said Thomas Haffernan left one daughter living at the time of his decease. I heard of her about ten years since, but she has never nor has any of her heirs yet appeared to claim said land. I cannot tell how soon they may appear to take possession of it.

Three Cows one mare and colt. two steers of two years old each – eight head of hogs old and young. three spring calves, and two calves one year old, (all of which are now under execution for debt, but one of the Cows. One plough, household furniture, excepting bedding of the value from ten to twelve dollars.

The debts I owe amount to between one hundred eighty and ninety dollars. I have no debts due me. I have received for about six years a pension of forty dollars per annum from the State of Pennsylvania.

The family I have living with me is a wife and one daughter about sixteen years of age. all my other children excepting a son of fourteen years of age, have left me & are doing for themselves, being over age. I have been by occupation a farmer, but from my age and infirmities, and a wound in my right leg received in battle during the revolutionary war, I am totally unable to obtain a livelihood by labour, and unless assisted by my country, I must depend for subsistence on public or private charity.



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on this eighteenth day of March A.D. 1850 personally appeared before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid G. W. Heffernan a resident of Canal township in the County of

Venango and State of Pennsylvania, aged about 60 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1836.

That he is the son of Hugh Heffernan who was a revolutionary soldier and a pensioner under the laws of the United States.

He further states and declares that his father Hugh Heffernan was on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1781 married to one Catherine Singer, that they lived together as man and wife until May A.D. 1832, when his father Hugh Heffernan, departed this life that the said Catherine remained his widow until the month of January A.D. 1836 when she died, that the said Hugh & Catherine were married before the said Hugh left the service of the United States, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

G. W. hisXmark Heffernan

Crawford County} Ss

Be it known that on this eighteenth day of March A.D. 1850 Before me personally appeared G. W. Heffernan, named in the above declaration and exhibited a bible purporting to be the family bible of his father Hugh Heffernan and his mother Catherine, the wife of the said Hugh and containing a family record showing that the said Hugh and Catherine were married on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1781 and upon his solemn oath doth say that such record appears in the hand writing of his father the said Hugh Also a bible of the father and mother of the said Catherine, containing a record of such family, and that among such records is an entry showing the marriage of their daughter Catherine to Hugh Heffernan on the eleventh day of April A.D. 1781, that the said G. W. Heffernan also saith upon his oath that his mother Catherine departed this life in the month of January A.D. 1836, and her children Rosana, Mary, Maranda, and Cyrus Washington, survive her; and that from the statements of the said G. W. Heffernan, and the testimony, of David Dick Esq and David Derickson Esq. it is my opinion that the statements of the said George are just & true, and particularly from the evidence of Mr Dick, I am of the opinion that the record refered to in the within application, is in the handwriting of the said Hugh Heffernan.

Gaylord Clement/ Pres. Judge of the 6<sup>th</sup> Dist. Com. Pl. of Penna.