

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements

Pension Application of Daniel Harless: R4611

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State of Virginia} SS

Giles County}

On this 22^d day of March 1834 personally appeared before me Robert M Hutchison a Justice of the peace in and for the Count of Giles and State aforesaid Daniel Harless a resident of said County aged Seventy six who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832

That in the Spring of 1777 he volunteered under the command of Captain Floyd to serve against the Indians and served in a garrison situated in that part of Bottetourt [sic: Botetourt] County Virginia that is now the county of Montgomery at a place then called Smithfield or Prestons station [near present Blacksburg] on the waters of New River that he served in this garrison from the 1st of April untill the first of October

That again in the spring of 1778 he volunteered and served from the first of April untill the first of October in the same garrison and under the command of Capt Floyd That the nature of his services was to remain in garrison for it defence in case it was attacked by the Indians and to hold them selves in readiness to go to the aid of any garrison that might be attacked by the Indians - as there was several garrisons in the same neighbourhood - and to go out on spying parties to watch the approach of the Indians - to prevent them from advancing into the settlements that they was frequently known to be lurking about through the country stealing and conveying away horses and committing and committing murders and depredations upon the Inhabitants - that he served as above stated under the command of Capt. Floyd with an embodied corps without following any civil persuit

That in the spring of 1779 the Indians early commenced committing their depredations on the Inhabitants along the new settlements lower down New River and in this Spring 1779 he volunteered under the command of Captain John Lucas (pension application W5468) and served from the 1st of April untill the first of October and was stationed in a garrison situated on Sinking Creek a tributary stream of New river then in the county of Bottetourt in that part that is now the county of Giles Virginia

That he again in the spring of 1780 and 81 volunteered and served under the command of Captain Lucas from the 1st of April untill the first of October in each year and was stationed and served each year in the above named garrison on Sinking Creek with an embodied corps without following any civil persuit (that is from the 1st of April untill the first of October) that the company to which he belonged was devided some remained with him some was stationed in a garrison situated at the mouth of sinking creek and others at the mouth of Stoney creek [sic: Stony Creek near present Pearisburg] - both stations on New River that he recollects of men being drafted and brought from some of the adjoining Counties and stationed with them from what counties they was brought he does not recollect - that he never was in any engagement nor neither was the garrison ever attacked - he believes that the Indians was apprised of the number of men that was stationed in garrison as they were frequently known to be lurking about throug the county and killing those who might by chance be caught from the Fort

That he witnessed and endured much of the Indian hostilities that was prevalent in them days

That he can prove his services by Ferdenen & Philip Harless [pension applications R4612 and R4613] and John Lucas that served in garrison with him (Interrogatories & Answers)

1st I was Born in that part of Bottetourt county Virginia that is now Montgomery in the year 1753

2^d My Father had my age recorded in a Bible but I have not seen it for a number of years

3^d I was living in that part of Bottetourt county that is now Montgomery and since the year 1773 I have lived in that part of Bottetourt county Virginia that is now Giles County — 4th I

volunteered — 5th in the years 1777 & 78 Col [William] Preston and Captain Lucas after 1778

Captain John Lucas

6th I never received a written discharge

7th [two illegible words] Geoge[?] Scott and Robert T[?] Dennis can testify as to my character and their belief of my services

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

Daniel hisXmark Harless

NOTE: In the file is a letter dated Giles County, 23 Aug 1853, from a Thomas Lucas, Jr. regarding a possible pension for his wife, the daughter and heir of Daniel Harless.