

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Zachariah Hurt R5434

Frances Hurt

f41VA

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The Declaration of Berry Hurt, Meredith Hurt, James Hurt, Calvin Hurt, Stephen Hurt, John Hurt, George Washington Hurt, Peggy Hurt, Polly Hurt and Rody Hurt children of Zachariah hurt & Fanny Hurt deceased in order to obtain the amount due to the said Fanny Hurt, who was entitled to the benefit of the acts of Congress passed July 8<sup>th</sup> 1838 & March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1843 & 17<sup>th</sup> June 1844, allowing pensions to widows of Revolutionary Soldiers.

That the said Zachariah Hurt was a pensioner of the United States for services in the Revolution, that he resided in the County of Wythe and died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1843, that the said Hurt was legally married to Fanny Hurt in the County of Prince Edward on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1787 & that she continued his widow to her death which took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1846 & that the present declarant's are all of the children of said Zachariah & Fanny Hurt.

S/ George Washington Hurt, X his mark

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Virginia

At a Court continued and held for Washington County the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1853

Ordered that it be certified that it appears to this court by legal and satisfactory evidence that Zachariah Hurt was a pensioner of the United States, departed this life in this County on the \_\_\_ day of August 1843, that he left a widow whose name was Frances, and that she the said Frances departed this life on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1845. And it is further ordered to be certified that it appears to this court by legal and satisfactory evidence, that Berry Hurt, James Hurt, Rhoda Eastwood, wife of James Eastwood, Stephen Hurt, Calvin Hurt, John Hurt, Margaret Felty wife of George Felty, Mary Baldwin wife of Templeton Baldwin, Meredith Hurt and Washington Hurt are the children and legal heirs of the said Zachariah Hurt and of the said Frances Hurt deceased.

The foregoing is a true copy from the records of the court of the said County of Washington.

In testimony whereof I Jacob Lynch Clerk of the Court of the said County of Washington have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1853.

S/ Jacob Lynch, Clerk

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Virginia – At a Circuit Court continued and held for Washington County at the Courthouse, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1853

Ordered that it be certified that Meredith Hurt appeared in open court, and made oath that he is the brother of Zachariah Hurt, who was a revolutionary pensioner, and whom he knew to be such, for about 30 years – that his said brother is now dead, leaving at his death seven sons, to wit: Washington, Frank, Stephen, Liberty, James, John and Barry, that Frank and Liberty have died, since the death of their father and that he also left three daughters, Peggy, Polly and Rhoda, that he was at his brothers during his life, new all of the children, and knew them to be his children.

[Attested by the clerk of the circuit court November 16, 1853]

[Facts in file: no formal application for a pension on behalf of the claimants was ever filed: according to the documents in the file, the veteran married June 8, 1787 in Prince Edward County Virginia Frances Mitchell; the records in the file indicate that he died either August 11 1841 or August 11, 1843 in Washington County Virginia having lived there 5 years or more before his death private of which time he lived in Wythe County Virginia; Frances the widow of the veteran died either April 30, 1845 or April 30, 1846. Contrary to statements in the documents transcribed above, there is no evidence in this file that the veteran was ever a pensioner of the United States for his service in the revolution. There is no description of his alleged services contained in any of the documents in this file.]

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[From [pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] 92-page file containing documents (most posted so as to be illegible or only partial images) relating to a Zachariah Hurt of Wythe County, VA., who was a pensioner of the State of Virginia according to the documents in this file from 1824 until 1843. The last document in this file, a partial image of what appears to be a power of attorney dated August 5<sup>th</sup> 1843, signed by Zachariah Hurt by his mark and delivered in Smyth County, VA, purports to be an authorization by Hurt for his attorney to collect the pension due Hurt for the period from January 8, 1843 to July 8<sup>th</sup>, 1843. The pension appears to have been in the amount of \$60 payable semi-annually. There are no documents posted in the online collection explaining the reasons for the pension or describing the services of the veteran. Lloyd de Witt Bockstruck's book contains a statement that the pension was granted by Virginia to the veteran in 1824 for wounds suffered at the Battle of Guilford County Court House [March 15, 1781].

[Note: If anyone has transcriptions of contemporary documents describing this veteran's services and/or the basis for this pension, we would welcome the opportunity to post them in this database.]