

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Hurt¹ R5436

Margaret

fn18SC [sic, VA]

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State of Virginia: Buckingham County to wit: On this 3rd day of December 1840, personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Margaret Hurt, a resident of said County and State, aged eighty years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 7th 1838, entitled "An Act granting half pay and pensions to certain Widows –"

That she is the widow of Francis Hurt, late of the said County and State, who was a fifer in the Continental and Militia service of Virginia, in the War of the Revolution. She declares, that she knows nothing personally of the services of her late husband in the Revolutionary War; she having married him subsequent to the expiration of his last period of service. She has heard him frequently, in his lifetime, speak of being in the service, and that he was engaged in several battles, and suffered many hardships and privations. She has also heard the same from others, who served with him: all of which, she verily believes to be true and correct – That from bodily infirmity, old age and the consequent loss of memory, she cannot call to recollection at this time the particulars of his service as detailed by him, in his life that she, therefore, prefers to rely on the statement of those who served with him, whose affidavits of a company her Declaration – That for the same reason (not being in service with him) she cannot state precisely the length of time he was in actual service altogether, but would suppose he served at least two years, for which length of time, she claims a Pension.

She further declares, that she was married to the said Francis Hurt, on the 18th day of July 1785; that her husband the aforesaid Francis Hurt died on the 10th day of August, 1816; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the first day of January, 1794: to wit, at the time above stated –

S/ Margaret Hurt, X her mark

[Martin Hurt (relationship, if any, to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated) gave testimony

¹ This veteran MIGHT be the same man by that name who is listed on the Chesterfield County, VA, size roll as follows: *Francis Hurt/ age 18/ height 5' 10"/ hatter/ born and residing in Powhatan County VA/ dark hair/ gray eyes/ fair complexion/ enlisted 2 Sep 1780 for 18 months.* Thanks to C. Leon Harris for this information.

that Francis Hurt departed this life August 10th, 1816 and that Margaret Hurt remains his widow.]

[fn p. 6: copy of a marriage bond issued July 18, 1785 in Prince Edward County in the Commonwealth of Virginia to Francis Hurt and Phillip McTagget, to secure the marriage of Francis Hurt to Peggy McTagget.]

[fn p. 7: affidavit of R. J. Gillispie that he has been well acquainted with Peggy Hurt, the wife of Francis Hurt and hurt a heirs (viz.) Polly Albright formerly Hurt, Martin Hurt, Barnet Hurt, and Elizabeth Sadler formerly Hurt.

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The affidavit of Bartholomew Cyrus² taken this the 12th day of November 1834 this affiant being first sworn saith that he was well acquainted with Francis Hurt who was a regular Soldier in Captain Philip Kirkpatrick's company who marched from the County of Chesterfield Virginia, and that said Francis Hurt was a fifer and was him and commanded by Colonel Dick or Richard Campbell at the battle of Guilford and was a messmate with me and knew him as a regular soldier in the Army of the Revolution – Sworn to before me as a Justice of the peace for the County of Buckingham this 12th of November 1834

S/ Chs. Yancey

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The affidavit of John Hutcherson³ of Amelia County Virginia (aged 78 years) to establish the Pension claim of Margaret Hurt widow of the late Francis alias Frank Hurt, who states that said Frank Hurt was in the Revolutionary War as a fifer in the Regular Army he was then in the State of North Carolina at the Battle of Guilford in the Spring of 1781. He enlisted for three years and served out the time.

S/ John Hutcherson, X his mark

State of Virginia Amelia County to wit: The foregoing affidavit of John Hutcherson was subscribed and sworn to before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid in due form of law. I further certify that he is a credible person and that his statement is entitled to full force and credit. Given under my hand this the 9th Day of September 1842.

S/ Alf. O. Eggleston, JP

² [Bartholomew Cyrus W25467](#)

³ FPA S5579