

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Herring S1215

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State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

On the 7th day of June 1833 personally appeared Henry Bohannon a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid George Herring a resident of said County of Shelby and State of Kentucky aged seventy-four 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 June 7th 1832. That he enlisted (or was rather drafted) in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 with Captain William Dorton (though Dorton from sickness did not perform the tour) and served by his substitute, the Regiment not recollected as to number, of the Virginia line under the following named officers, Captain Robert Harris, the said George Herring did not perform this tour of duty in person, but hired his brother James Herring to perform it, for which the said George got credit for a tour of duty. As the said George did not perform this tour of duty in person he cannot tell who the Colonel and other officers were. At the time said George was drafted as aforesaid he lived in Albemarle County State of Virginia. They marched to Norfolk and after serving there three months as a private his brother James was discharged. Again in the year 1778 in the County of Albemarle State of Virginia, he the said George was drafted for twelve months in the Company commanded by Captain Isaac Davis. It not being convenient for him the said George to go he hired Richard Gally as his substitute for which the said George received a discharge for twelve months service, from Thomas Jefferson, which discharge is lost. As the said George performed this tour of twelve months by his substitute he cannot give the particulars as to the officers or the marches which they performed. Again in the year 1779 & 1780 he the said George herring was drafted and served three tours of one month each in guarding the prisoners in the barracks in Albemarle County, which prisoners were part of Burgoyne's soldiers. These last tours were served under various officers viz.: Captain Brown, Captain Rhodes & Colonel Rucker. In May or June 1781 in the County of Albemarle & State of Virginia he the said George hearing was again drafted for three months as a private, his Captain's name he does not recollect, but his Colonel's name was Dick & his Major's name was Boss – After very as marches through different Counties he having served 3 months was discharged in Louisa County Virginia. All which discharges are lost or mislaid, and all the tours of duty above described were performed in the capacity of a private. About the year 1795 the said George moved from Albemarle County Virginia to Surry County North Carolina, and in the year 1814 he moved to Shelby County Kentucky where he now resides –

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

Territory. And that he knows of no person in Kentucky by whom he can prove the above facts.
S/ George Herring, X his mark

State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

I Henry Bohannon a justice of the peace in and for the County and Commonwealth aforesaid do hereby certify that George hearing came before me in his proper person and made oath to and subscribed the foregoing declaration and I also certify that the said George hearing in consequence of weakness and infirmity is unable to attend court. I also certify that the following interrogatories compounded by the war Department were put to the said George herring, to which he returned answers as follows (to wit:)

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In the County of Albemarle and State of Virginia in the year 1759.

2nd. Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. No. I had one in my Bible, but it is worn out.

3rd. Where were you living when called into service? – Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? And where do you now live?

Answer. In Albemarle County Virginia where I resided until 1795, I then moved to and resided in Surry County North Carolina till 1814, I then moved to Shelby County Kentucky thence to Henry and thence to Shelby again where I reside now.

4th. How were you called into service were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

Answer. I was drafted and was not [a] substitute.

5th. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. Colonel Dick and Major Boss. I recollect of the names of none of the regiments, and as to general circumstances of my services, I have stated them in my declaration.

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. Idea did. It was given by Thomas Jefferson and is lost.

7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Answer. Colonel James Ford, the Reverend William Ford and Mr. Isaac Lewis, Senior.

Given under my hand as a justice of the peace in & for said County of Shelby this 7th day of June 1833

S/Henry Bohannon, JP

[William W Ford, a clergyman, and Benjamin Bondurant gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Shelby County: SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the Peace in and for said County George Herring, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade. "For three months as a private I served (by my substitute James Herring). For one year as a private (by my substitute Richard Gully). For three tours, one month each, in person, as a private, in guarding prisoners. For three months, in person as a private, and

for such service I claim a pension."

Given under my hand as a justice of the peace in and for said County, this 3rd day of June 1833.

S/ Henry Bohannon, JP

[Facts in file: Veteran died December 19, 1835, place not stated; other than the reference to his brother James Herring, there is no family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]