

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hart S13320

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State of Kentucky Caldwell County: SS: On this 18th day of August 1832 personally appeared before me Coleman Brown, one of the justices of the County Court of said County & State, John Hart, a resident of said County and State, aged about eighty 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 act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit: That at about the year __ (which he does not remember) in the County of Onslow, State of North Carolina, he entered the service in a minute company as a Corporal in said Company commanded by Captain Joseph French & Lieutenant Richard Jarrett which company was raised for the purpose of guarding Wilmington in that State and was attached to the Regiment or Brigade commanded by General Linenton [Lincoln or Lillington] (the same who was defeated at Brier Creek¹). That this service was for nine months, and during the time of the expedition, and while [we] were guarding Wilmington, an express arrived for us (the troops under Linenton) to join General Caswell immediately, to repel a sudden attack which the British & Tories contemplated at Wilmington (Caswell being then in the neighborhood). The night before the expected attack, we attacked a party of Tories under the command of General McCloud & Colonel Campbell and totally defeated them at Black River, and which engagement both McCloud & Campbell were killed; after which the British retreated and the attack on Wilmington was abandoned. That he served out, in this campaign, his full term of nine months as a Corporal and was discharged, though by no written discharge. That not long afterwards he was again drafted for a term of three months from the same County, to guard the State house in Jones County, which service he fully performed under the command of Colonel Samuel Hill. That after these two terms of service, he

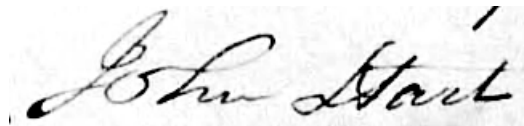
¹ Neither Lillington nor Lincoln were present at the Battle of Brier Creek on March 3, 1779, although Benjamin Lincoln was the Commander in Chief of the Southern Department of the Continental Army at that time and perhaps there virtue of that office 'in command' of the troops there. Genl. John Ashe of North Carolina was the commander of the Whig troops at Brier Creek.

was almost constantly on service during the whole war, in repelling the incursions of the Tories, and had many skirmishes with them, that he cannot pretend now to fix the terms of service, as it has been so long ago, and his memory is impaired by age; but as to the two terms above mentioned he is certain & his memory as to them is good. That he knows of no person now living who served with him, and who could prove his service, as he expects his old comrades are all dead, not having heard from any of them in many years. That he is now very old & helpless, and extremely poor, and cannot possibly go to the Court of his County (which is about 15 miles distant) owing to bodily infirmity and poverty, having only one child (& she a daughter) to support him. That he served with John Jarrett, Benjamin Pike, Samuel Hancock & Hezekiah Hancock, but they are probably all dead as some of them were older than himself – that he knows of no documentary evidence of his Service unless the records of North Carolina will furnish it. And to the proper interrogatories being put to him (those directed by the War Department) he answered as follows: That he was born the 14th day of October 1752 in Sussex County State of Pennsylvania, and when a boy, moved to Onslow County North Carolina and lived there near 40 years – that he left North Carolina upwards of 30 years ago, and has been living in this County a good many years, and now lives here – that he was drafted in the service, and made a Corporal as before stated – that he did not serve with any regular troops that he knows of, and has mentioned the names of all the militia officers with whom he served, or that he remembers – that he does not remember of receiving any written discharge – That he is known by many if not all his neighbors, the names of some of whom are, John Dreman & James Clinton² (two revolutionary soldiers, but unknown to him at that period), Coleman Brown Esquire, Abner W Smith Esquire, Edmund Wilcox, a clergyman, Henry L Cartright and many others he could name, all of whom could testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

Attest: S/ Coleman Brown, JP

S/ John Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hart". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[John Drennon, John Cannon & Warham Easley gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

² [James Clinton S2437](#)