

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hurt S15473

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State of Kentucky Adair County: SS

On this 2nd day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Adair County Court William Hurt a resident of Adair County and of Kentucky aged 76 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 in the Army of the United States in the year 1778 with Captain Alexander Cummins and served in the 14th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers, When he marched to head quarters at Valley Forge Captain Cummins resigned his commission and the applicant was put under Captain Lambert. He (Captain Lambert) was either removed or resigned & this declarant was Commanded by Captain Cyrus Lightfoot Roberts who was under the command of Colonel Davis [William Davies] & Colonel Bluford [Abraham Buford] who were commanders of the Regiment. He marched from head quarters at the Valley Forge to Monmouth in the State of New Jersey and was in the Battle of Monmouth [June 28, 1778] under the Command of General Lee [Charles Lee]. General Lee retreated and on his retreat was met by General Washington and some words of considerable wants ensued, after which General Washington advanced and made a second attack on the British. He then moved marched about from one place to another in the State of New Jersey & Pennsylvania and then marched to the White Plains in the State of New York and encamped for some time. He marched from thence to Bonbrook [Boundbrook] in New Jersey and there took quarters for the winter, and in the spring 1779 he was discharged at Bonbrook and left the service, but from whom he received his discharge he does not recollect and he has long since lost it. He states that he was 12 months in the foregoing Service Commencing in the month of April 1778 and ending in the same month 1779. He states he was born in the year 1757 the 16th of September. He states he has a record of his age at his residence. He lived in Bedford County Virginia when he entered the service of the United States, lived in the same County & state about 10 years after his service ended, then removed to Burben [Bourbon] County Kentucky lived there about 3 years then removed to Adair County where he now resides – He states that he is known in his neighborhood to a great many persons who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution ^{some of whom have certified below}. He states that he has no documentary ^{and knows of no person living} evidence by whom he can prove his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State.
Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Hurt, X his mark

[Chasteen H. Trabue, a clergyman, and Nathan Gaither gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Adair County: SS

Be it Remembered that on this 6th day of February 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Hurt a resident of the County aforesaid who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that on the 2nd day of April 1833 he made his declaration for a pension in the worshipful County Court of Adair County State of Kentucky to which he offers this as an amendment and also to explain some mistakes that was made in said declaration, this [sic, that] he does not [think] that the mistakes could prejudice his Claim but he feels it his duty to correct them as he is heard [sic, hard] of Hearing and understood them when read to him to be and will now state and that is the way he stated them Before but through mistake was set down differently first it is stated that he was put under Captain Lambert at the Valley Forge, it should have been in the Company formerly commanded by Captain Lambert he feels confident that Lambert had left the Company before he was attached to it.

Second it is stated that the White Plains is in New York it ought to be New Jersey.

Third it is stated that he entered at Bonbrook , It ought to have been Middle Brook [Middlebrook] he further states that he did faithfully serve one whole year in the Army of the United States in the 14th Virginia Regiment as he has stated in his original declaration and was Honorably Discharged at Middlebrook instead of Bonbrook as stated in his original declaration and he now recollects his discharge was given him by Colonel Davis.

He further states that in the Early part of the year 1781 he was drafted for three months as a private Militia man in the County of Bedford State of Virginia and immediately entered the service of the United States under Captain Bowen Price Mr. Moon [perhaps Jacob Moon] Lieutenant he does not certainly recollect his Christian name but thinks it was Archibald, he does not recollect the name of his Ensign, he was marched on towards North Carolina and was joined to Colonel Linches [Charles Lynch's] Regiment and General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] Army where he was kept marching to various places through the Country round about Greene's Quarters finally to Guilford Courthouse where in the month of March 1781 the battle of Guilford was fought [March 15, 1781] in which Battle this declarant was in from Beginning to End and that night were marched of [off] several miles where they remained a few days and was then marched to various other places and pursued the British to a place called Deep River they were then turned back and kept moving various directions until his term expired when he was discharged by his Captain and returned home, all of which service to wit one year in the Virginia line and three months as a drafted militia man was done and performed with an embodied Corps called into service by Competent authority, that he was either in the field or in Garrison and for the time during which the service was performed he was not employed in any Civil pursuit and for which service I claim a pension, he further states that he lost the discharge for his last service but how when or where he does not know nor does he have any documentary Evidence to establish any or all his Service he further states that since filing his original declaration he has found Captain George Dabney of Wayne County Kentucky who can prove his first tour whose affidavit he has procured and hereto annexed he has also heard that there is others to wit William Hopkins, George Dabney, George Henderson & Solomon Prewett who can further establish said first Claim if so he will procure the Testimony hereafter, he states that he believes that Captain Thomas White of this County can prove his last tour if he cannot prove that tour By while he does not know of any Person who can prove it but should Captain White have a knowledge of

that service he will hereafter procure his affidavit.

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.

[1st Interrogatory] Where and in what year were you born

Answer I was born in Caroline County State of Virginia on the 16th day of September in the year A.D. 1757 agreeable to information of my Parents which I believe to be true.

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

Answer. I have a record of my age in my family Bible taken from my father's register which corresponds with the above named place & date of my Birth and it is now in my house

3rd. Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live

Answer. I lived in Bedford County State of Virginia when I was called into service and continued to live there years after the time I quit service. I then moved to Kentucky Bourbon County where I lived about three years, I then moved to where I live (then Green) now Adair County

4. How were you called into service, were you drafted Did you volunteer, or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom

Answer my first tour I served as an enlisted Soldier for one year the second tour of 3 months I served as a drafted militiam[an]

5. 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 Circumstance of your Service

Answer. General Washington was with me Lee, Putnam and many others in my first service, in my 2nd tour General Greene commanded, my Colonel was Lynch there was several others but do not recollect particularly & therefore am not willing to state the General circumstances of my whole service I have stated in this and my original Declarations as well as I recollect

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so by whom was it given and what has become of it

Answer. I received a written discharge for each of my tours the first given by Colonel Davis and the last by Captain Price both of which I have lost but how when or where I do not know

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer. I have in my original declaration procured the signature & certificate of the Reverend Chasteen H. Trabue Doctor Nathan Gaither I am acquainted with Colonel Daniel Trabue, William Caldwell, Clerk of the Court and indeed with all the old settlers of my immediate neighborhood all of whom I have no doubt would speak well of my character for veracity & their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution. Subscribed and sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ William Hurt, X his mark

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State of Kentucky Adair County Sct.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County George Dabney¹ of the County of Wayne in said State, aged seventy-three years who

¹ [George Dabney W3007](#)

being first duly sworn deposed & saith that he resided in the County of Bedford in the State of Virginia within two miles or thereabouts of William Hurt now of Adair County Kentucky, during the war of the American Revolution, that he the said Dabney has a knowledge that the said William Hurt entered the regular Service of the Army of the United States under one Captain Alexander Cummins (or Cummings) and that said Hurt left the neighborhood where they both resided, under said Captain, and was gone in the service for twelve months at the end of which he returned to the neighborhood again it was understood in said neighborhood and generally believed that said Hurt was engaged in the service of his country as a soldier during the time of his absence, in fact he never heard the service of said Hurt questioned or doubted by his acquaintances in said neighborhood, he states that by reason of the length of time, that he is unable to state the precise time when said Hurt entered service, but it was sometime in the year 1778 agreeably to his best recollection.

Sworn to and subscribed this 23rd day of January 1834

S/ Milton P Wheat, JP

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County: SS

On this 24 day of February 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Solomon Prewette a resident of the County aforesaid aged 87 years who being first duly sworn deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with William Hurt of Adair County who is applying for a pension he states that in the year 1778 he became acquainted with said Hurt at Valley Forge and continued and intimate acquaintance with him until the said Hurt was discharged, he states that said Hurt when he first came to Valley Forge was in Captain Cumms [sic] Company afterwards Captain Roberts in Colonel Buford's Regiment and in the Virginia state line, he was with said Hurt at the battle of Monmouth in which Battles said Hurt acted Bravely and discharged his duty as a faithful soldier as well as at all other times this affiant was with said Hurt at other places and knows he faithfully served out the time of his enlistment which was one year and was honorably discharged. Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid

S/ Solomon Prewett,² X his mark

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State of Kentucky Cumberland County: SS

On this 19th day of February 1834 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid George Henderson a resident Citizen of the County of Cumberland State of Kentucky who is now in the 73rd year of his age and first duly sworn deposed and saith that he is well acquainted with William Hurt now a resident of Adair County State of Kentucky the same William Hurt who is applying for a pension. This affiant states that he enlisted as a soldier in the American war of the Revolution in the year 1777, he further states that in the year 1778 he became acquainted with said William Hurt who was then a private soldier in the Virginia State line he states that said Hurt was in Captain Cummings Company a while afterwards in Captain Roberts company and in Colonel Buford's Regiment, he states that while they lay at Valley Forge he became well acquainted with said Hurt, that he continued so until the Battle of Monmouth at which Battle said Hurt was in, this affiant saw him in said Battle acting the part of a Brave Soldier. This affiant continued to be intimately acquainted with said

² [Solomon Prewitt \(Prewett, Pruitt\) W1315](#)

Hurt until the spring 1779 at which time said Hurt's time expired and he was discharged, he is entirely confident that Hurt faithfully served out the full Term for which he was enlisted which Term he always understood was one year, he states that he was intimately acquainted with said Hurt often conversed with him not only as respected the service But there residence, age &c Hurt always told this affiant he was from Bedford County State of Virginia. Said Hurt is several years older than this affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ George Henderson, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for service as a private for one year and 3 months in the Virginia service.]