

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Hansford S16402

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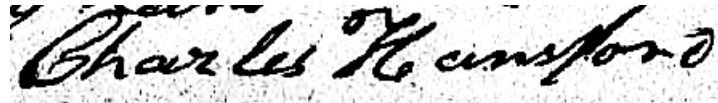
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State of Kentucky, Nelson County Sct

On this 13th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Nelson now sitting Charles Hansford a resident in the aforesaid County of Nelson in the State of Kentucky, aged 73 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 & served as herein stated about the 1st of May 1775 [? the last digit written over and unclear] I volunteered in the County of King George in the State of Virginia under Captain John Talliferro [John Taliaferro] in the minute Service Regiment commanded by Colonel Francis Talliferro [Francis Taliaferro] from whence we marched to Hampton where we was stationed for six months & then discharged. He further states that in the spring of 1777 he enlisted under Captain John Robertson for two years in the aforesaid County of King George who was stationed at Falmouth on the Rappahannock River in the fall of that year my Captain was taken sick & died the winter following, previous to his death, in January 1778 I was discharged [after]^{servng 9 months} at the instance & request of my Father ^{He being my father's friend &} I being under age, the Company to which I belonged was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Gus Waller who marched from Falmouth with the Regiment (except Captain Robertson's Company) to some other point. **[Note: totally different handwriting, grammar and spelling – much more primitive than the first page]** I returned to my Father at his Comand [Command] til fall then being determined to fight for liberty I gave him the slip ^{for I had no other way,} got aboard a vessel, went to see [sea] on our return ^{ware [were] cast on the} Amercan [American] Shore, made our Escape, got aboard of another [vessel], went to the west indies , got taken prisoner, when released could not get passage to America for better than eighteen months, ^{on my passage was} again taken prisoner & carried to Carleston [Charleston], staid their [stayed there] a Considerable time, when released and on our passage to North Carolina was topped [sic, stopped?] by an American armed the Galley to try to get some Prisoners to volunteer, he became scerse [scarce?] of hands, Captain Putman with whom I was taken a prisoner with ^{& myself} went a board Capt. Antoney [Anthony?] commanded the Galley ^{we} cruised a considerable time, took several prizes but hearing of a monster in human shape one Sham Buttler [Sam Butler?] a vile Tory who was plundering & murding [murdering] the Friends of liberty men, women & children it got me on fire to try to revenge & save them, Captain Putnam & myself got leave to get volunteers to go with us, we got 12 to go, we slept in the boats one very large the other small one Putnam commanded the large one & I the small one we started in the afternoon of a Creek that enters into

Savana [Savannah] River Georgia State the British was in posscion [possession] their [there] he had fixed himself 22 miles up the Creek on a hill with 20 men to guard him, we reached the place about eleven o'clock that night, We landed Cruddled [?] up the hill, rushed into his Encampment but they fled [fled] at our a proach [approach], we got the wealth in trunks which was Said [to] Contain Specie & Silver plate we Started down the Creek the next morning about two hours by sun Buttler engaged us with a large force from the Bank of the Creek & behind trees the Big Boat Grounded I saw them no more we Gave them Several fire [fires], rushed by, Got Safe to the Galley the wealth was in the Big Boat so we lossed [lost] it, we returned to Port in North Carolina this was 1781 on hearing that General Washington was beseazing [besieging] Corn wallis [Cornwallis] at little York I Bought a horse with a intention to volunteer my Service But Cornwallis had surrendered before I got their [there]. I returned to my Father's the next summer flowering [following?] Etered [entered?] a letter mark [a Letter of Marque or privateer], went to Spain on our return was Captured by a British man [of] war, taken into New York, put a board the Old *Jersey* as a Prisoner, their [there] was 36 of us & but myself & another is all that survived & we Scarcely could Stand alone, we went into the prison ship the 19th of December 1782 & came out 20th of March 1783 when peace was signed. I supose [suppose] I was aboard the Galley & fighting the Tories about three months, one of the prizes was loaded with clothing for the British Officers & Soldiers & military Stores, thus I have given as true a satement [statement] as I can. Poverty has compelled me to call on my Country. Given under my hand this 20th of October 1832

S/ Charles Hansford

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Hansford". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

PS the menuit [minute] Company was ordered out by the Governor of Virginia until they could enlist Regulars the British ware [were] often up the Potomac River to get water & plunder the inhabitance [inhabitants] the militia was often called out & I with them. I feel confident I served my Country two years But I submit it to those Gentlemen whom the Law has apointed [appointed] to Judge, I now live in C. H. Nelson County Kentucky Bloomfield

Bardstown October 25, 1832

I have been acquainted with Mr. Charles Hanceford [sic] since the year 1803 having attended upon himself and Family as a Physician. I have found him honest and truthful and so far as I know and believe he bears that character Generally.

S/ John Goodlet

[Joseph Milligan and Jonathan Simpson also gave testimony as to the character and reputation of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for service as a private for 13 months in the Virginia militia and as a privateer.]