

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hartly Sappington S17072

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State of Missouri Franklin County: In the Circuit Court November Term 1833

On this 25th day of November in the Year of our Lord 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Charles H Allen Judge of said Court now sitting Hartly Sappington a resident of the Township of St. John's in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy-five years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th of June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of August in the year 1775 this petitioner then being on the Ohio River 40 miles below Pittsburg or thereabouts volunteered under Captain Isaac Coxe, who had been previously ordered by Colonel James Marshall to raise a Company of men and to build a Fort at Holliday's Cove on the Ohio River. This petitioner well recollects that all the balance of the Company except himself and a brother were drafted, his brother was not subject to military duty owing to a defect in his vision nevertheless he and this Petitioner volunteered as above stated and aided in building a Fort at said place and after it was completed he was discharged verbally. This petitioner does not recollect the precise length of time he was in actual service, but believes that the Company was raised to serve a three month tour and does suppose that the service rendered by him in this particular stood for a Tour of three months. Colonel James Mitchell aforesaid by whose order the Company was raised belonged and was an officer in the Pennsylvania militia. In the fall of the year 1776 this petitioner volunteered under one Captain Boys to go against the Indians, rendezvoused at Pittsburgh and marched from thence under the command of General McIntosh to the mouth of Big Beaver Creek, and there built a Fort called McIntosh. Captains Springer, Sullivan, Stinson & Ogle and Majors Harrison and Moore and Colonel Campbell are recollected as belonging to the Army. This petitioner served in this Campaign three months and was discharged verbally.

In the spring of the year 1781 the Petitioner volunteered under one Captain Thomas Wells and joined an Army commanded by Colonel David Williamson, rendezvoused at the Mingo Bottom on the Ohio River, and marched from thence against the Indians and on the Muskingum River they destroyed three Indian towns and took many prisoners after which the troops returned to the Ohio River and were discharged this petitioner does not recollect of receiving any written discharge, he does not recollect the precise time engaged in this service but supposes and believes that it was accounted at the time a three month Tour. One Captain Belderback is recollected as having command of a company on this Campaign.

In the Month of May in the year 1782 this petitioner volunteered under one Captain George Brown and joined the Army commanded by Colonel Crawford [William Crawford] at the Mingo Bottom on the Ohio River. The circumstance of this Petitioner's having been the year

before under Colonel Williamson to the Indian Towns on the Muskingum River caused him to be designated as a pilot for the Army to said River, and then one John Slover, Jonathan Zanes and John Nicholson were designated as pilots: on the 22nd of June in the Army was attacked by the Indians (we being then on the waters of the Sandusky River) and was routed after a long and severe battle. This petitioner returned to the Ohio River with and under the command of Colonel Williamson (the commander in chief Colonel Crawford having been taken prisoner by the Indians) he was discharged verbally as he believes & he thinks that this last mentioned service was considered an accounted a three month tour – Colonel Harrison & Majors McLeland [probably John B. McClelland] and Light are recollected as officers in this last mentioned Campaign. This petitioner further states and declares that in the Campaigns and service by him rendered as set forth in the foregoing he was a volunteer and to him it was never a matter of any concern for what length of time he was mustered into service because when not under the command of any officer he was almost continually rendering service to the frontier settlers as a spy or otherwise – he does however verily believe that the Campaigns mentioned by him were considered each four tours of three months, nevertheless this Petitioner well recollects that, in either of the Campaigns (except the one under General McIntosh) he was not in actual service for three months and all he can say in relation thereto is that he believes his services in each Campaign were considered a three months tour – and this Petitioner further states that he has no documentary evidence by which his services can be proved, but that there are persons yet living as he believes by whom he could prove them but their testimony cannot be procured. And this petitioner further states that he was born in the year 1758, in the State of Maryland, that he has no record of his age. That when he entered into the services he lived in the state of Pennsylvania, since the Revolutionary War, he has lived in Virginia, Kentucky and Missouri – he believes General McIntosh and perhaps Colonel Campbell were regular officers. He is assured that there were regular soldiers under their command – and the said Petitioner further states that he is known to James Rule a clergyman Edmund Anderson, C B Hinton, Isaiah Todd persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and 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 in open Court the 25th of November 1833

Attes: S/ Wm G. Owens, Clk

S/ Hartly Sappington, X his mark

[James R. Rule, a clergyman, C B Hinton, Isaiah Todd and Edmund Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the Pennsylvania & Virginia service.]