

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hair S17469

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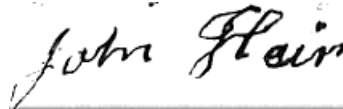
State of Indiana Hamilton County SS

On this 15th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before John Finch the sole Judge of the Probate Court of the said County of Hamilton, now sitting, John Hare [sic], a resident of the County aforesaid aged seventy-five 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To wit, He entered the said service by a draft in Augusta County Virginia to March on an expedition against the Indians then committing depredations on the frontier settlements in the State of Pennsylvania, in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh, then called Fort Pitt, This applicant states that he belonged to a company commanded by Captain Robert Cravens, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Harrison of the Virginia Militia. This applicant does not recollect the names of any other officers commanding the said Expedition except one Captain Van Swearingen & Colonel Campbell he recollects that there were about two thousand men in Company one thousand of which were regular soldiers. He states that they crossed the Ohio River about 18 miles below Fort Pitt, where they erected a Fort on the Northwest side of the River, which they called Fort McIntosh, that this Fort was left in possession of a Garrison of which Colonel Campbell had the command while the remainder of the soldiers were marched under the command of the other officers to the Muskingum River in pursuit of Indians, but they returned without having any engagement. The said applicant does not recollect the month or year in which he was drafted but thinks it was in the month of September and that the expedition lasted for the space of at least three months all of which time was spent North West of the Ohio River except the time spent in marching to said River. That the militia was discharged at Fort McIntosh from which place the said militia men returned home without any person acting as commander. This applicant was in no battle during this expedition – This Applicant states that after he was dismissed from the service aforesaid he returned home to Augusta County aforesaid, where a short time before the battle between General Green [Nathanael Greene] and the British Army at Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] he entered the service a second time in the Company commanded by Captain James Tate in Colonel Moffitt's [George Moffett] or Campbell's [William Campbell] Regiment, that he was in the said battle at Guilford Court house in which his Captain was killed and after one half of the soldiers belonging to Captain Tate's company were killed, wounded or taken prisoners as this Applicant distinctly recollects that out of about 60 men belonging to his Company only about 32 or 3 were left fit for duty – That a few

days after the aforesaid battle this applicant was discharged at a place called the old Ironworks, whence he returned home to Augusta County, having spent in the service in this tour about two months and a half – The fall ensuing the expiration of the last mentioned service, the said John Hare entered the service a third time in Captain Patrick Buckhannans' [Patrick Buchanan's] Company that the men met at a place called Rock fish gap where they were put into companies under Captain Buchanan's company was marched from that place to Richmond where they were joined by several other companies of militia, whence they were marched to the siege of Cornwallis at Little York, that the British were driven out of some of their fortifications the evening before the party to which this applicant belonged reached Little York, and that they surrendered as prisoners of war 17 days after applicant arrived at Little York. That the party to which he belonged was sent as a guard to the British prisoners to Winchester, but that he was taken sick after having marched several days and so soon as he became able to travel returned home. This applicant states that he has a recollection of many of the officers of the regular Army among whom were Washington & Lafayette. That he spent in the service during this campaign at least two months. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to 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 Agency of any State or territory.

S/ John Hair



[William S Goe and James Stephenson gave the standard supporting affidavit there being no clergyman residing in the neighborhood.]

The State of Indiana Hamilton County: SS

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of April 1833 personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for the County of Hamilton, Indiana, John Hair who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise year he entered the service of the United States as a soldier during the revolutionary war and for the same reason cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he entered the service of the United States the first time in the year 1776 or 1777 but as to the year he may be mistaken but is certain it was within the first two years after Washington was appointed commander & chief of the armies of the United States the first time, and he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades:

For three months in active service and one week returning home after my discharge at Fort McIntosh I served as a private –

I entered the service as set forth in my application the second time about six weeks before the battle of Guilford Courthouse and for two months and ten days I served as a private.

I entered the service to perform my third tour 5 or 6 weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis at little York; and for 2 months I served as a private and for such services I claim a pension.

This applicant further upon his oath says he is informed that he was born in Augusta County Virginia 25 day of April 1758. That he has at his residence in this County in his Bible, a record of his age.

That he was residing in Augusta County when called to perform his 3 tours of duty.

That since the revolution he has resided 10 years in Kentucky – 20 and Ohio & about 9 in this state, where he now resides.

That he received a written discharge from Captain Cravens for his first tour of service which he has lost. That he cannot state with certainty whether he received written discharges for his 2nd & 3rd tour was of duty or not, if so, they are lost –

This applicant is not acquainted with any clergyman residing in his neighborhood or County but that he has been well acquainted with William S. Goe for about 9 years and James Stephenson for upwards of thirty years who have both resided in his present neighborhood for several years past & who testified as to his character for truth and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

S/ John Hair

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$24.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 7 months and 10 days in the Virginia militia.]