

[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters](#)

Pension Application of George Michael Hauck S18012
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State of Virginia

Rappahannock County, to wit.

On this 6th day of January 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Rappahannock now sitting George Michael Hauck a resident of Washington in the County of Rappahannock and State of Virginia, aged seventy five years, he 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. That he volunteered as a private in Captain Peter Mantzs [Peter Mantz, pension application W26238] on, or one or two days after the 25th of June 1776 and served under Peter Mantzs as Captain, Adam Crush, as first Lieutenant, Peter Adams, as second Lieutenant, and John Richardson as Ensign, and that the company in which he volunteered, was raised by order of the Convention of Maryland, and when raised attached to Col. Charles Greenbury Griffith's [Charles Greenberry Griffith's] Battallion for the flying Camp, and marched in the month of July 1776 to Annapolis, from thence a detachment from said company was ordered on board of the ship defence commanded by Captain Cook, which had been ordered to St George's Island, but they were prevented from proceeding to the object of their destination by a British Vessell supposed by the Captain to be the Roebuck, which compelled the vessell to return to Annapolis, that after the detachment joined the company we marched to Leonard's Town [Leonardtown], St. Mary's County, Maryland, and after being stationed there some time were ordered to return to Annapolis, from which place we were ordered to Philadelphia, from thence to New York, under the command of Captain Crush (Capt Mantzs having been promoted to Major's Commission) at which latter place the Company arrived a few days before the City was evacuated by the American Troops [21 Nov 1776], from thence the company marched to Harlaem, and were engaged with the enemy upon Harlaem Heights, about the 20th September 1776 [sic: Battle of Harlem Heights, 16 Sep 1776], from thence we were marched to a place called by the Troops Tuckahoe Heights, where we lay in view of the British for several days, from thence we marched to the White plains, and arrived the same morning that the action commenced [28 Oct 1778]. We were partly engaged therein, after the Battle we were marched to Crotons Bridge, where we lay a few days, and were then ordered to Peck's Hill [sic: Peekskill NY], from thence to Fort Lee, where we arrived a day or two before Fort Washington was taken by the British [16 Nov 1776]. Fort Lee, being then evacuated [20 Nov 1776], we were ordered to Hackinsack [sic: Hackensack], and from thence we were marched and countermarched to various places in New Jersey. We arrived at Newark where we lay a few days, and from thence proceeded to Brunswick, from thence to Princeton, where we arrived about the first of December 1776, from thence we were ordered to Philadelphia where I fell sick, and Col. [Ludowick] Weltner of Frederick Town placing me in his own room, furnished me with his own Clothes untill my few were washed, but before I received our time having expired we returned to Frederick Town Md. (as we best could) and where I resided previously to my joining Capt. Mantz company as a volunteer.

That after my return from the before recited tour of duty and being duly discharged by Major Mantz I went in the year 1777 as a substitute for a man (whose name I do not recollect who I Judge was tory from his having rather more silver and gold than was usual with the whigs and with which he paid me under Captain Ralph Hillary, the company was raised in the vicinity of Frederick Town, and marched to the rendezvous at the Black Horse Tavern at the foot of the Hill near the Paoli [PA], where the Baltimore militia met us (we had been marched to reinforce General [Anthony] Wayne where we lay the night the troops under Wayne were surprised at the Paoli [21 Sep 1777] we retreated and I saw some of the soldiers come in, in heir shirts, and some among them badly wounded, after that we were marched to

Pots Grove from thence to German Town in the Battle of which We were engaged [Battle of Germantown, 4 Oct 1777], in that part of the field where Captain Crush the brother of my former Lieutenant, and Captain was killed by a Yauger [sic: jaeger – a German rifleman] as was generally said, our company was marched, shortly after this our period of service expiring which was for two months, the whole of which time I served faithfully, we were discharged.

That further I entered as volunteer in Frederick Town Md. under Captain John Ross Key as a Dragoon, in the year 1781, and joined the troop of George Town [Georgetown] Md. now D.C there was a considerable body of militia at George Town but upon receiving orders from the Marquis La Fayette [Marquis de Lafayette] then in Virginia, they refused to cross except our troop and a Troop of Horse from Baltimore Maryland – after crossing the Potomac we went to Dumfries, from thence to Richmond, from thence to James Town [Jamestown], from thence to Petersburg, from thence across James River to a part of Amelia County Va. the Baltimore Troop still in company; but I do not recollect any of the names of the officers, there was but little intercourse between the two companies, they were too grand for us as most of the troopers had waiters, and they rather looked down upon us. Shortly after our arriving in the County of Amelia, or probably after our being ordered to some place I do not recollect our period of service, having expired, which was for two months the whole of which time the most of us, I amongst the rest, having faithfully served out we were discharged, He further states that he has no Documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service under Captain Hillary and Key.

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 or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of Maryland

George M. Hauck

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid/ teste Wm J Merifield

The court then proceeded to propound the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, as follows, to Wit;

Question 1st Where or what year were you born”

Answer I cannot tell.

Question 2nd Have you any record of your age and where is it?

Answer I know not nor do I know of any, In he year 1781 I was told I was twenty three years of age.

Question 3rd; Where were you living when called into Service, were have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where els you have live.

Answer I was living in Frederick Town, since the Revolution, I have lived in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Alexandria, Winchester Va. and Strasburg or Stevensburg, and for the last three years I have lived in or near the Town of Washington Va.

Question 4th 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 and last tours of Service were as a Volunteer, the second Tour I went as a Substitute for whom I cannot tell.

Question 5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental or Militia Regiments as you can recollect, ad the general circumstances of your Service?

Answer. We were sometimes with General [William] Smallwood but seldom under his command, at Annapolis, there was Captain Good with a Company from Taney Town [Taneytown], and a Company under Capt. Stull [possibly Daniel Stull] from Hagers Town [Hagerstown]. Lieut. Orndoff [sic: Christian Orendorff S38281] of the H. Town Company was taken prisoner at Fort Washington, the answer to the other parts of this interrogatory is contained in my Declaration.

Question 6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service, and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer. We were discharged by our Senior officers, but as I have no recollection of any written discharge, I am under the impression they were all verbal.

Question 7th. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for Veracity, and their belief of your Services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer Doctor Joseph Nickles, John Grover, Robert Reedesell and Daniel Oneale.

Virginia/ Frederick County, to Wit

This day personally appeared before the subscriber a justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, Col. Henry Beatty of Winchester who being duly sworn saith that he was in New York at the time the aforesaid George M Hauck states he was there that altho he does not recollect seeing him there if he did, he has forgotten it, yet from his statement of facts, now, and heretofore having known him from a boy, and being for a part of the time in the same service, tho in a different company in the Maryland Troops, that he has not a doubt, but verily believes that he served as before stated, particularly in the tour under Captain Mantzs. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23rd day of October 1833