

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Laban Hartley S21269

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State of Tennessee Williamson County: SS

On this 8th day of April A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Williamson, now sitting, Laban Hartley a resident of said County of Williamson aged about eighty-one 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 and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a volunteer under Captain Joshua Nichols sometime in the fall of the year 1778 being at that time a resident of the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina. The company to which he belonged rendezvoused at Charlotte Court House in the same State and marched thence down near Charleston in the State of South Carolina and from thence to a small town called Petersburg [sic, Purrysburg] situated on the Savannah River in the State of Georgia, and then up that River to brier creek [Brier Creek].<sup>1</sup> At this place an engagement took place between the American troops under the command of General Ash [John Ashe] of the North Carolina Militia and a division of the British troops in which he was present. This engagement occurred on the 3rd day of March 1779. About the first of May of the same year, the time for which he had volunteered having expired he was discharged and returned home. He had volunteered for five months. He received a discharge which he has lost. Sometime in the month of August of the same year, he again entered the service, as a volunteer for three months under Captain James Craig, and was engaged in marching from one part of the State of North Carolina to another to suppress the Tories. He received a discharge for his services this tour and has lost it. About the close of this year he again entered the service as a volunteer for three months under Captain James Craig and was engaged during this tour in the same kind of service as that in which he was engaged during the previous one. He has lost the discharge he received for his services this tour. About three months after his return home from this tour he entered the service again as a

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<sup>1</sup> March 3, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

volunteer for three months under Captain Hugh Hall, and during the greater part of the tour was engaged in guarding the jail at Salisbury in the County of Rowan in the state of North Carolina to prevent the escape or rescue of the Tories confined there. He received a discharge for his services this tour and has lost it. Sometime in the fall of 1781 he entered the service again under Captain Myrick Davis as a volunteer for ten days but was kept in the service three months. During this tour the company to which he belonged was attached to Regiment of militia under the command of General Griffith Rutherford. He was marched to Raft swamp to search for Tories and thence to Wilmington in North Carolina. About the middle of this tour Captain Davis having been taken sick the company was placed under the command of Captain Douglass Haden [Douglas Hayden?]. He received a discharge for his services, which he has lost. At the several times he entered the service as stated above he was a resident of the County of Rowan in the State of North Carolina. He recollects that Francis Locke was the Colonel of the Regiment to which the company he belonged to at each of the times above stated was attached. George Lowman Adjutant and Robert Carr and Thomas Gillespie Commissaries and that the Regiment was under the command of General Griffith Rutherford. He was born in the County of Snow peel in the State of Maryland removed from thence to Rowan County in the State of North Carolina where he resided until he came to this County which was in the year 1821 and he has lived here ever since. He does not know of any person by whom he can prove his services nor has he any documentary evidence to establish them. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an 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 the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Thos. Harden, Clerk

S/ Laban Hartley, X his mark

[Mark S Andrews, a clergyman, and Jesse Bugg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Tennessee Williamson County: SS

On the 14<sup>th</sup> [?, written over and unclear] Day of October A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the aforesaid County of Williamson in the State aforesaid now sitting Laban Hartley a resident of the said County and the same person who on the 8th day of April A.D. 1832 applied in this Court and made a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 which said declaration has been returned by the war Department for want of sufficient particularity in the statement of his services with directions to amend the same, and he having been first duly sworn according to law proceeded to make the following amendments to his said declaration to meet the directions of the war Department. He states that it is impossible for him at this distance of time from the performance of the services stated in his said declaration to remember with distinctness enough to state them all the circumstances which attended his said several tours of service. He states, however, that he remembers that he rendezvoused with the company under Captain James Craig the second tour mentioned in his original declaration at Salisbury in the County of Rowan and State of North Carolina, and was marched thence to Ramsour's Mill<sup>2</sup> in the County of Lincoln in the same State. At this place there was an engagement the said company to which he belonged and a body of Tories. He was present in this engagement. He states that as well as he now remembers the company after having remained at that place some 2 or 3 weeks, marched thence

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<sup>2</sup> June 20, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ramseurs\\_mill.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html) and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramseys-mill.htm>

to Kings Mountain<sup>3</sup> where they again encountered the Tories and where he again was present in the action. His memory now retains the recollection of no other event of this tour with sufficient clearness to enable him to state it. He recollects however distinctly that his time of service being expired, he was on the return of the company to Salisbury discharged with regard to the second tour under the same officer Captain James Craig mentioned in his original declaration he states that he again rendezvoused with the company at the same place, Salisbury: that he was marched with the company from that place to Ruggles' Mills [Rugeley's Mill<sup>4</sup>] in the State of South Carolina that this latter place was then in the possession of some British troops; that the company remained here some time, how long he does not now recollect to watch the British troops stationed in the Mills and prevent their communication with the Tories of the neighborhood; that during the time the company remained there engaged in that duty there was a large number of Tories made prisoners; that these prisoners were carried to Salisbury on the return of the company and that some of them were there executed among the Tories so executed there at that time he recollects there was one Colonel Richardson. He now recollects no other service but these performed this tour, though he has no doubt there were others, which have escaped his memory. As to the tour of service under Captain Hugh Hall, stated in his said original declaration, he says that he remembers that the company rendezvoused at Charlotte Court House in Mecklenburg County North Carolina, that it marched thence to Combling [Camden?] and Moncks Corner in the State of South Carolina between which places it was marched backward and forward for some time to suppress the Tories and then marched to Salisbury in North Carolina and were engaged the remainder of the tour in guarding the jail there to prevent the escape of the Tories confined in it. As to his tour of service under Captain Douglass Haden he states that he has stated in his said original declaration all the circumstances which he now remembers in relation thereto. He further states that he served the whole time for which he entered the service that is three months at each of the respective times mentioned in this his amended declaration, having at none of them neither quitted the service nor been discharged until the period had fully expired though he cannot indeed, as he has already stated at this remote day recollect every particular service performed during each of those tours. He does not know as he has already stated in his original declaration of any person by whom he can prove his services, nor has any documentary evidence to establish them. He has already in his original declaration relinquish 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 and that he hereby repeats that relinquishment and declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Laban Hartley, X his mark

[Mark L Andrews, a clergyman, and Jesse Bugg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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<sup>3</sup> October 7, 1780 [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_kings\\_mountain.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_kings_mountain.html) and <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/kingsmtn.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rugeley.htm>