

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hice S22423

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State of Pennsylvania Indiana County SS

On this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John Young Esquire President and his associate judges of the court of Common Pleas of Indiana County aforesaid George Hice a resident of Wheatfield Township in said County aged sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his solemn oath make the following 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 viz.: That whilst he remained at Fort Ligonier in Westmoreland County State of Pennsylvania he joined as a volunteer a company of volunteer Riflemen commanded by Captain Samuel Shannon, that he rendezvoused with said company on the 10th day of August 1781 at Sheriff Carnahan's in said County of Westmoreland where he came under the command of Colonel Archibald Laughry [Archibald Lochry] – thence he with marched by way of Washington Pennsylvania to Wheeling Virginia after a stay there of about two days went down the Ohio River in Boats as far as a Creek now called Laughry's creek [Lockry's Creek] a few miles below the mouth of Big Miami River – at this place the party of which said declarant was one commanded by said Colonel Lochry amounting at this time, to wit about the 24th of August 1781, to one hundred and ten (many having deserted between Wheeling and this place) was attacked by a large number of Indians under command of Simon Girty, George Girty, James Girty and an Indian Captain Brant [Joseph Brant] the attack was made by the Indians from the shore just as some of the boats had touched for the purpose of landing thirty-eight of the men under the command of said Colonel Lochry were killed and the said Colonel Lochry was also killed by the Indians on the same day after he had been taken prisoner, the residue of the party not killed were all taken prisoners and among them said declarant, from thence said declarant was taken by the Indians to the Shawnee towns on Big Miami where he arrived about four days after he was taken prisoner – here he had to run what is called the gauntlet with many others – from thence he was taken to the Maumee towns where he was detained as a prisoner by the Indians for about one year – thence he was taken down the Maumee River to Detroit which was commanded by a British Major Depaster [sic, Arent S. DePeyster] here he was given up by the Indians to the British with whom he remained as a prisoner about fourteen months at this place – from thence with other prisoners he was taken in an English vessel to Fort Erie thence after passing round Niagara Falls he was taken by water to Montréal where he stayed about one week, thence to St. John's, thence across Lake Champlain to Ticonderoga, thence by Albany to New York, thence across the state of New Jersey by New Brunswick to Reading Pennsylvania thence by Harrisburg, Carlisle &c to Fort Ligonier in Westmoreland County aforesaid in the month of

October 1783 his place of residence said declarant claims a pension for the term of two years & two months being the time elapsed from [when] he left him until his return – he further states that he never received any written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence to establish the facts and services mentioned in this declaration.

Questions put to said declarant by said court

Where and in what year were you born

Answer – I was born in the State of New Jersey about one mile from Flemingstown in the year 1765

Have you any record of your age if so where is it

Ans. I have a record of my age at my house where I now reside

Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and where do you now live –

Ans. I was living when I entered the service at fort Ligonier in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania where I had my residence until the year 1785 when I removed to Wheat field Township Indiana County Pennsylvania where I have ever since resided.

How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute for whom

Ans. I was no substitute – I volunteered.

State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service

Answer – I knew Colonel Archibald Lochry – Adjutant John Guthrie – Captain Samuel Shannon and Captain Robert Orr. The circumstances of my service are as related in the foregoing declaration.

State the names of persons in your present neighborhood to whom you are known and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution

Ans. I am known to John Ligat and Thomas Clarke and many others who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Said declarant 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 the day and year first aforesaid in open Court

S/ R. B. McCabe, Proth.

S/ George Hice, , X his mark

[John Ligat and Thomas Clarke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Pennsylvania Indiana County SS

On this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John Young Esquire President and his associate Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Indiana in the State of Pennsylvania now sitting Mathias Fisher¹ a resident of Ligonier Township in the County of Westmoreland and State aforesaid aged seventy-five years who being first duly affirmed according to law on his solemn affirmation saith that he is seventy-five years of age – that he is well acquainted with George Hice who has made and subscribed the foregoing declaration in order to obtain a pension – that he served as a volunteer in a company of volunteer Riflemen commanded by Captain Samuel Shannon of which company the said George Hice was a member, that said George Hice rendezvoused with

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said company on the 10th day of August A.D. 1781 at the house of Sheriff Carnahan in said County of Westmoreland where said company came under the command of Colonel Archibald Laughry [Archibald Lochry] – from thence said George Hice and this deponent marched by the way of Washington Pennsylvania to Wheeling in the State of Virginia from thence after a stay of a day or two said George Hice and this deponent went down the Ohio River in a boat still under the command of the said Colonel Archibald Lochry as far as a Creek now known by the name of Lochry's Creek a few miles below the mouth of Big Miami River – at which place the troops under command of the said Colonel Archibald Lochry now amounting to about one hundred and ten men (many having deserted between Wheeling and this place) on the 24th day of August 1781 were attacked by a party of Indians headed by Simon Girty, George Girty, James Girty and an Indian known by the name of Captain Brant, the attack was made by the Indians by firing on said troops from the shore just as some of the boats had touched the shore for the purpose of landing in order to procure grass for some horses on board the boats – 38 men of said troops were killed and the residue all taken prisoners among whom was the said George Hice and this deponent the said Colonel Lochry was killed on the same day by the Indians after he was taken prisoner – from thence said George Hice and this deponent were taken in company by the Indians to the Shawnee towns on Big Miami River where they arrived about four days after they were taken prisoner, here the said George Hice as well as this deponent and company had to run what is commonly called the gauntlet at this place this deponent was separated from the said George Hice and knew nothing further of said Hice until the said Hice returned to Ligonier in Westmoreland County aforesaid which was in the fall season of the year 1783 where this deponent had arrived better than a year previous.

Affirmed and subscribed in open court the day and year first aforesaid
S/ R. B. McCabe, Prothy.

S/ Mathias Fisher

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mathias Fisher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name "S/ Mathias Fisher".

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.]