

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Pierce Dant Hamblin S2264

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[Note: There appears to have been an application filed by this veteran under the 1818 act, but no copy of it is found in this file.]

State of Kentucky Knox Circuit Sct. July Term 1820

Pearce Dant Hamlin [sic] (an applicant for a pension) came into Court and made oath that the statements made in his Certificate of enlistment &c were true, which statement is ordered to be recorded and is in words and figures following to wit

State of Kentucky 12th Judicial District and Circuit Court for Knox County Sct.

On this 12th day of July A.D. 1820 personally appeared in Open Court in the Circuit Court above mentioned, it being a Court of record by act of Assembly proceeding according to the course of the common law, Pearce Dant Hamlin [sic] aged about sixty-four years, resident in Knox County aforesaid in the district above mentioned who being first duly sworn according to law, in addition to his affidavit before Thomas Montgomery made upon his application for pension, now filed in the War Office of the United States, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary War as follows, viz.: He served two years under and enlistment for the said term: that he was discharged at the Valley Forge in Pennsylvania, that he enlisted under and was commanded by Captain John Brent, that he enlisted as he believes in the year 1774 that the Regiment was commanded by Robert Lawson, and was the 4th in number, and as he believes was of the Virginia line upon the Continental establishment. And further upon his oath aforesaid made at the time aforesaid and in the manner aforesaid, he stated that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him, nor has he any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule below, Subscribed by him, Viz.: he has 200 acres of land, which he sold last autumn for six hundred dollars, two hundred dollars of which he has received, 5 head of horse beasts, the whole of the value of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, a stock of cattle not exceeding 16 in number of the value of fifty dollars in the whole, a stock of hogs not exceeding 30 in number, the whole of the value of thirty dollars, four hundred dollars owing to him the balance of the price of the land above mentioned; signed by the said Pearce Dant Hamlin at the time above mentioned.

"Pearce Dant Hamlin"

And at the time aforesaid, in the Court aforesaid, and in the manner aforesaid, the said Pearce Dant Hamlin upon his oath aforesaid, stated that he is a farmer or cultivator, but is Afflicted with a Rheumatic pain in the hip and frequently unable to labor: That he is the father of 8 children, namely, Sallie aged about 35 years, long since married; George about 33 years old, John about 29 years old, Thomas about 27 years old, thence in about 25 years old, Peter about 23 years old, Betsey about 19 years old, and Franky about 17 years old 3 of whom reside with him, and the whole are able to maintain themselves by their labor.

Sworn and declared by Pearce Dant Hamlin on the 12th day of July in the year 1820 in Open court before me Presiding Judge of the Knox Circuit Court

S/ John L Bridges

State of Kentucky County of Knox: Sct.

On this 22nd day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Joseph Pritchard Esquire Pierce Dant Hamblin a resident of big Poplar Creek in the County of Knox and State of Kentucky aged 77 years the 24th day of last March who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 on the 9th of March with Solomon Harmon Ealam [possibly Solomon Ealem or Ealom) (there was a laugh among the soldiery because two men with double names enlisted at the same time) and served in the 4th Regiment of the Virginia line under the following named officers John Brent Captain – Edmund Reid was first Lieutenant – Thomas Spencer 2nd Lieutenant – Joseph Holt Ensign – & Charles Scott General for two years.

At the time of my enlistment I was living with my father George Hamblin in Charlotte County Virginia about 18 miles below the court house. I marched from Charlotte Court House down to Portsmouth – we were encamped through the summer – and took water and went to the Head of Elk – from this place we marched toward Philadelphia – General Stephenson commanded the troops when we crossed the Delaware and took the Hessians at Trenton [December 26, 1776] – this was I think on Christmas day – we took the Hessians and recrossed the River with them. I do not know what then became of the Hessians – the troops to which I belonged went back again to Trenton [January 2, 1777]. Thence we started to Princeton but we met the British and returned to Trenton here we had a cannonade. During the night after this we crossed a creek and took up the other side and went to Princeton [January 3, 1777] – there we had a fight and took some of the British and carried them to Morristown – thence to Whippany where I took the smallpox – from this place we were divided – it is impossible for me to remember where we marched from that place nothing however of importance happened until we fought the battle of Brandywine [September 11, 1777] – in the summer after. After this battle we were constantly marching – we encamped a while in the woods at one place but I do not remember the name of the camp nor even the state it was then – the next thing of importance I remember was a skirmish with the British at a little Town near Philadelphia. I have forgotten its name. After this we were scouting about through the balance of the fall until we took up our winter quarters at Valley Forge – here we encamped until my time of enlistment was out. I was discharged at this place on the 9th of March 1778 and returned home to my father's house shortly afterwards – Charles Scott signed my discharge. What has become of it now I cannot tell. I kept it for many years after my discharge. I knew and served under Generals Washington, Lafayette

and others who were Continental officers as I understood.

1st I was born in Maryland on the Eastern Shore in the County of Worchester on the 24th March 1756

2nd. I have no record of my age – the Bible which contained it was taken by one of my Brothers

3rd During the revolutionary war I moved to Pittsylvania – thence to Holston and thence to the County where I now live and where I have been almost 30 years

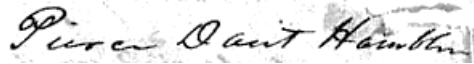
4th. I enlisted

5th I have stated the names of the regular officers – I do not remember the Number of the Regiment with which I served

6th I received a discharge from the service signed by Charles Scott General which is lost

7th I am acquainted with Joseph Peace, Joseph Pritchard, Lee Johnson, Tye Gasser, Colonel George Lyn and many other persons – they can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State.

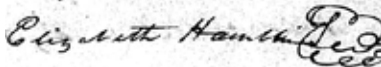
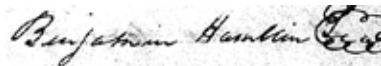
S/ Pierce Dant Hamblin



Benjamin Hamblin and Elizabeth Tye state that they are the Brother and sister of the above applicant and lived with him at their Fathers house at the time of his enlistment – that they well remember his going away with the troops and that they understood his enlistment was for 2 years they also well remember his return to their fathers house after a lapse of 2 years – Benjamin states that his Brother brought home his discharge for 2 years service and that he had frequently seen it – Elizabeth states that she is some years younger than her Brother Benjamin and does not remember ever to have seen the discharge – they both state that he cannot remember the year of the enlistment nor the year of their brother's return nor the number of the Regiment company or line in which he belonged but they know that it was during the revolution that Pierce enlisted and that he returned before the close of the war – signed sealed and sworn to this day and date above

S/ Benjamin Hamblin

S/ Elizabeth Hamblin



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service.]