

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John George Hiller [Heiler] S2305

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Pennsylvania

Berks County SS} On the 20th day of July A.D. 1818 Before me James Deimer Esquire One of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County personally appeared George Heiler aged sixty three years resident Jones Town Lebanon County who upon his solemn oath according to Law doth depose and say that he enlisted as a Private Soldier in the Borough of Reading in the Service of the United States in the month of __ A.D. 1778 in a Company of Light Dragoons Commanded by Captain Von Heer [Bartholomew Von Heer] that he continued in the service aforesaid until the month of __ A.D. 1781 that he had obtained an Honorable discharge which he had for many years but is lost, that he had not received any Pension under the law of the United States, that he is poor and in indigent Circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for Support.

Sworn & subscribed

S/ Jas. Deimer

S/ George Heiler, X his mark

On the 20th day of July A.D. 1818 Before me James Deimer Esquire, One of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in and for the County of Berks personally appeared David Fox of the Borough of Reading aged upwards of fifty two years who upon his Solemn Oath according to law doth depose and say that he is well acquainted with George Heiler named in the above affidavit that he is the same, who Served as a private in Captain von Heer's Company as above mentioned And that this deponent also served in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Jas. Deimer

S/ David Fox, X his mark

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Berks County SS

On the 8th day of April A.D. 1819 Before me Gabriel Heister Esquire One of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas of the said County personally appeared George Heiler who upon his oath doth say that he served as a Trumpeter in Captain von Heer's company of Dragoons, being an Independent Corps, Attached to no regiment to the best of his knowledge & belief

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Gab. Hiester, Jur.

S/ George Heiler, X his mark

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12 Judicial district Pennsylvania

Lebanon County SS On this 7th day of August 1820 personally appeared in open Court of Common pleas being a Court of Record for the said County in the said district George Hiller [sic] age 65 years one month and fifteen days, resident, Jones Town in the said District who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his Oath, declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows In Herr Von Hairs [sic] troop of Horse under Lieutenant Mytinger [Jacob Mytinger [BLWt1569-200] and Pennsylvania line That his original declaration is dated the 29th of July 1819. That he has received a pension as a private in the Revolutionary War and is inscribed on the Pension list Roll of the Pennsylvania agency at the rate of eight Dollars per month to commence the 20th of July 1818 in conformity with the Law of the United States of the 18th March 1818 Certificate has no number but is given at the War office of the United States the 29th day of July 1819 and is endorsed "George Heiler payable semiannually the first payment on this certificate will be made on the 4 September next in Philadelphia at the Bank of the United States" "Recorded" And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed

a Small Lot and House in Jonestown of the value of	\$300.00
5 chairs of the value	1.50
2 Tables	.50
1 Canner Cuboard	2.00
1 Stove and pipe	8.00
2 Chests	2.00
1 Looking Glass	.50
Kitchen furniture	2.00
	Total \$316.50
Amount of my debts	125.00
Amount of my Real and personal Estate	\$191.50

S/ George Hiller, X his mark

That the declarant is a Taylor [sic, tailor] by trade, that owing to the damage of his eyes he cannot work at his trade, so that he is unable to maintain himself by it much less his family consisting of a wife aged about 63 years blind and helpless one of his children a daughter yet resides with him who has no means of obtaining a livelihood then by daily out door labor.

Sworn to and subscribed in
open Court before the President
an associate Judges
of the said Court the 7th
day of August 1820

S/ George Hiller, X his mark

[p 15: On September 1, 1828, the veteran filed for a pension under the pension act of May 1518 28. In this document he refers to his service as having been as a musician or trumpeter and

Captain Vanhares Company. No other details of his service are stated in this application.]

[p 43: On May, 30, 1829, the veteran filed for a pension under the act of May 15, 1828. This application contains no new testimony regarding his services.]

Lebanon County SS

Before me Adam Weise One of the Justices of the peace in and for the County of Lebanon, in the State of Pennsylvania, personally appeared, this day, Henry Cook¹ & Henry Frankford [Henry Frankfort]² of the said County, who did, Solemnly makes oath, that John George Hiller, by whom the foregoing declaration was subscribed, is particularly known to them to have been in the Service of the Continental Army, and that they have frequently Seen him on duty while in the said Service. The said Henry Cook & Henry Frankford further Says that they themselves ~~was~~ were a Soldiers at the same time and are now a Pensioners of the United States. And further these deponents believe the above declaration to be strictly true.

S/ Henry Cook, X his mark

S/ Henry Frankford, X his mark

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Rec'd 1 March 1831

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Lebanon County

State of Pennsylvania} SS

Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Lebanon, Personally came and appeared John G. Hiller and on his solemn Oath deposeth and saith That in the fore part of the year 1779 he enlisted in Reading Berks County Pennsylvania unto Captain Frederick Van Herra [sic] Chor of Light Dragoons in the Continental Army in the War of the revolution, for and during the said War, and served as Trumpeter until the end of the War. That he was in a number of Battles and skirmishes the last of which was at Yorktown [October 19, 1781] at the taking of the British Army under the command of General Lord Cornwallis. That he the said deponent delivered up his Horse and was discharged by his Officers at Lancaster Pennsylvania at the end of the War in the year 1783. That his discharge was signed by Captain Von Herr and Lieutenants Mytinger and Struber [sic, Philip Strubeng]. That he kept his discharge in a Ban for a number of years to which his Children accidentally got access and tore and destroyed the said Discharge

Sworn and subscribed

the 25 day of February 1831 Before me

S/ John G. Hiller, X his mark

S/ John Gloninger [?]³

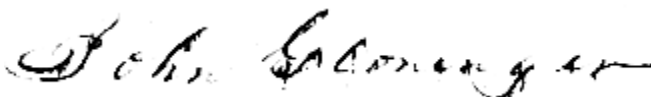
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Berks County SS: (Pa)

Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid, David Fox of the Borough of Reading in said County aged

¹ S40846 but not in Von Herr's Company

² S41548

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about sixty five years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say that he is well acquainted with a certain John George Hiller who resides at Jones' town Lebanon County – that this deponent and the said John George Hiller (who served as Trumpeter) were fellow Soldiers in the service of the United States of America during the Revolutionary war, that they both were enlisted in Captain Van Hares [sic] troop of Horse for to serve during the War – that they, this deponent and the said Hiller, remained together in actual service in said Troop until peace was concluded and the Army disbanded after having been together for more than twelve months, perhaps two years – that they were both honorably discharged at Lancaster and then parted – and further saith naught.

Sworn and subscribed this
26 day of October A.D. 1830
before me S/ Wm Schoener

S/ David Fox, X his mark

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Rec'd 16 February 1831
Berks County SS: (Pa.)

Personally appeared before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid David Fox, who on being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he believes that John George Hiller (the person mentioned in an affidavit, made some time since, by this deponent, before William Schoener) was enlisted for during the war, because he knows that it was generally reported throughout the whole company, to which the said Hiller and this deponent belonged, and also among the Citizens of Reading, that all the members of said Company had enlisted for during the war, and this deponent knows that he himself actually had enlisted for during the war, and for these reasons he firmly believes that the said Hiller was enlisted for during the war of the Revolution.

Sworn and Subscribed
this the 11th day of February A.D. 1831 before me
S/ Wm Schoener

S/ David Fox, X his mark

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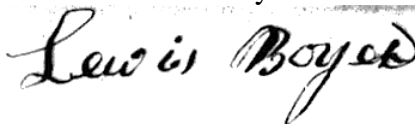
Rec'd 29 May 1832
The State of Ohio
Miami County } SS

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Before Hughes Scott a Justice of the Peace for the County of Miami aforesaid personally came Lewis Boyer⁴ who being duly Sworn deposeth and Saith that he Served as a Soldier in the Army of the Revolution in Von Heer's Troop of Dragoons and that he had a distinct recollection of George Hiller Serving in said Troop as a Trumpeter and that Hiller served in that capacity to the end of the war and further Saith not

Sworn & subscribed before me
this 17th day of May 1832
S/ Hugh Scott, JP

S/ Lewis Boyer



⁴ S46370

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Pennsylvania

Berks County SS

On the 5th day of June A.D. 1832 Before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County personally appeared Philip Smith⁵ of the Township of Amity County aforesaid a Credible Witness, who upon his solemn Oath doth depose and say that he is well acquainted with George Heiler, who was a Trumpeter here in the Troop Commanded by Captain Vanhear [sic] in the Revolutionary War Pennsylvania line and that the said George Heiler served in said Company during the War and this deponent also served in said Company and is at present a pensioner under the Acts of Congress, this deponent understanding that the said George Heiler is an applicant at present for a Pension, and that the above Named George Heiler is the Identical George Heiler who served with me in the Revolutionary War, in the Company above Mentioned, to the best of his knowledge and belief

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ Jesse Brumfield

S/ Philip Smith

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Philip Smith". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$120 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a trumpeter in the Pennsylvania Continental line.]

⁵ W6097 [He was discharged in August 1781 and therefore was not present with the company at Yorktown. Consequently he does not qualify for inclusion in this database.]