

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Adam Hartman S23687

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To the senate and house of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general Assembly met. The petition of Adam Hartman of the township of Washington, County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania respectfully set forth that your petitioner was a soldier in the revolutionary War. That he enlisted two different times, was at the taking of Cornwallace [sic: Cornwallis at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781] and was honorably discharged – which discharge he has lost. That he is old and infirm and not able to maintain himself and family by work and being poor prays the honorable assembly to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as they in their wisdom may think fit and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

[signed in German]



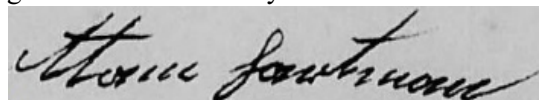
Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the Same

That the State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and required to pay to Adam Hartman of Franklin County to Christopher Keatly [pension application R5802] of Centre County to Robert Barnett [W1211] Andrew Haslet and George Koeller of Westmoreland County to Henry Doll [S42182] of York County and to Stephen Hassler of Lancaster County or to their respective orders forty dollars each immediately And an annuity of forty dollars to each payable half yearly during life to Commence on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. [Copy certified 19 June 1838]

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Before me the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in and for the county of Franklin personally cam Adam Hartman of the Borough of Waynesburg [sic: Waynesboro] County of Franklin and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and being sworn according to law doth depose and say – That some time in the year 1775 or 6 he enlisted in the service of the United states in Captain Christian Sawyers Company in the County of Berks and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That after his enlisting he was Marchd to Philadelphia where they lay for some time, from that to Morristown, and from thence to Philadelphia again – when he was transferd to a company commanded by Capt John Fessick, under whose command he this deponant was marchd to Reading in Berks County where the troops lay for some time, when this deponant was dischargd having servd out the time of his enlistment, which was two years. After which this deponant hired as a substitute to go against the Indians under the Command of Capt Will or Wool where he continued two months. And again enlisted in a company commanded by the said Captain John Fessick, and were marchd back to Reading where they lay for some time, from whence the company to which he was attached proceeded to join the army, that was mooving towards the south to attack Cornwallace, and that he joind the main army at Yorktown in Virginia under the command of Col Daniel Algert or Albert, that after the surrender of Cornwallace Captain Fessick left the army and was disgracd. and this deponant was put under the command of Capt Hartman Lightheiser, under whose command this deponant marchd to Baltimore in the state of Maryland, and from thence towards Philadelphia and from thence toward New York, and from thence to Boston where they lay for some time after which they went into winter quarters at a small town which this deponant thinks was cald Cherrytown – from whence they marchd to Hartford and were dischargd. And further saith not sworn to and subscribed this fourteenth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty six

Before me John Flanagan



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On this twenty first day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred & twenty six personally appeared in open Court, in the Court of Common Pleas, being a Court of record for the County of Franklin & State of Pennsylvania, Adam Hartman resident in said County, aged sixty four years who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his solemn oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820. That he the said Adam Hartman enlisted for the term of two years in the month of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight in the Company commanded by Captain Christian Schawyer, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Algert, in the line of the State of Pennsylvania, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the term of two years for which he had enlisted was complete and ended when he was discharged from the service in Reading in the State of Pennsylvania. That he again enlisted for the term of one year in the month of July in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty in the company commanded by Captain John Fenswick in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Algert in the line of the State of Pennsylvania on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the termination of the Revolutionary War & that he was discharged from the service in the month of June in the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty two at Hartford in the State of Connecticut. That he does not recollect being reinlisted after the end of the year above mentioned but knows that he was at York Town Virginia at the capture of Cornwallace & that he remained with his regiment until his discharge at Hartford in June one thousand seven hundred & eighty two. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present – that his name is not on the roll of any other State than the State of Pennsylvania & that the following are his reasons for not making earlier application for a pension – that he has until lately been enabled to support himself by his labour, but that now age, infirmity and rheumatism have rendered him unable to work.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st May 1820 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 disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself 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 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.

Schedule of Declarants property.

1 Old cow

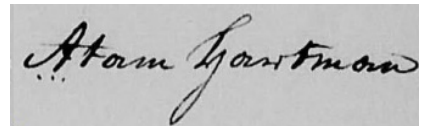
2 Pigs

2 Iron pots

4 Chairs

2 Walnut tables.

That I have a daughter, Barbara aged nineteen years, a son David aged twenty one years, and a wife named Elizabeth aged sixty four years who reside with me, and who are not able to contribute to my support – that no changes have taken place in my property since the 18th March 1818, that my occupation is that of a brickmaker & day labourer & that the infirmity of age and rheumatism have now disqualified me from pursuing either.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adam Hartman". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

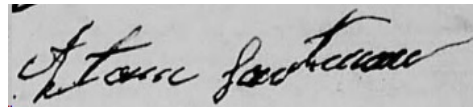
[The above application under the pension acts of 1818 and 1820 was unsuccessful, probably because Adam Hartman’s name was not found on the rolls of Continental soldiers. See the pension application of Philip Hartman S9595.]

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on this fifteenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county Adam Hartman a resident of the Town of Waynesboro in said county of Franklin aged Seventy two years on the fifth day of May last 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 the 7th June 1832. That he served the United States and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was seventy two years old on the 5th of May last. That he was born on the 5th of May 1761 in the Township of Rockland in the county of Berks Pennsylvania; and that he lived in the said Township at the time he entered the service of the United States. That his memory has failed him so much that he cannot give the particulars of his service or many incidents connected with it. That when he was yet quite young he enlisted in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war under Captain John Physis who then lived in Reading in Pennsylvania which enlistment was for two years. That our company was marched to Reading and from there to Philadelphia. That our company was stationed at different places. That he served out the time for which he was enlisted. That he enlisted as a private. The Colonel under whom we were was Morgan. That he was discharged at Reading and got a written discharge but it is lost long since. After his discharged he went to Maxitawny [sic: Maxatawny] in Berks county to a man of the name of Henry Swayer. That before he returned or came to the said Swayer's he (Swayer) had been drafted for two months in the militia and a few days after my return I consented to go out as the substitute of the said Swayer. A man of the name of Will was our Captain whose Christian name I do not remember, Our company started from Kutztown and went out towards Sunberry [sic: Sunbury] against the Indians; we were after the Indians but did not overtake them – we were often out on scouting parties. That I served out the said two months in the militia as a substitute except two days which was in this way we had but two days to stay[?] when our old captain John Physis came and wanted to enlist us and Captain Will agreed if we would enlist he would discharge us, and we were discharged. Then I enlisted for one year under Captain Physis aforesaid and Michael Griner [sic: Michael Grinder R4303] who lives in Maryland enlisted at the same time. This was up the Schuylkill and from there we were marched to Reading and from thence to Nooristown [sic: Norristown PA] and in two days march from the latter place we got up with the French soldiers and joined them in the artillery. We marched to Norristown again and to Philadelphia and from thence to Baltimore and from there to Yorktown in Virginia where we besieged and took Cornwallis. This was in October. Daniel Alkert or Algert was our Colonel but I do not well recollect his name. When the year was up I made another engagement for a second year Michael Griner aforesaid was my messmate for the whole two years. That I think Mathias Culp [Mathias Kolb] of Gettysburg Pennsylvania recollects my first enlistment as he was present at the time. That I staid out there two years and got a written discharge but the same is lost. That in all I served the United States in the Revolutionary war four years and two months with the exception of the two days as above mentioned. That in the year 1785-6 I made application to the Legislature of Pennsylvania for a pension and and it was passed allowing me a pension of \$40 per annum See pourphat[?] laws page 203. That the deposition of the said Mathias Culp was presented in my behalf to the said Legislature. After the war I lived some years in Berks county, from there I moved to Adams county Penna. then a part of York county, I lived there about 8 years. Then I moved to Cumberland county Penna. and lived there about 8 years, then I returned to Adams and lived there some years and then moved to Emmitsburg [sic: Emmitsburg] Maryland and lived there two years, then moved to Waynesboro in Franklin County aforesaid where I have lived ever since being upwards of nineteen years. That I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity under any law of the United States providing for revolutionary officers and soldiers except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That I draw the pension aforesaid from the state of Pennsylvania by the act of the Legislature which I do not relinquish. I state the names of John Flanagan Esq. prothonotary of Franklin county and Charles Smith to whom I am known in my present

neighbourhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. That he cannot without too much inconvenience and trouble procure a clergyman with whom he is acquainted who can be brought into court a distance of 15 miles who can testify in his behalf.



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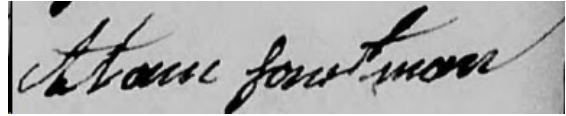
On this 16th day of January 1834 personally appeared Michael Grinder before the subscriber a justice of the peace for said County and after being duly sworn, Deposeth and saith, that he is well acquainted with Adam Hartman of the state of Pennsylvania, and that he said deponant doth know that said Adam Hartman was a soldier in the army of the revolutionary war, under the command of Colonel Alcott, and deponant further saith that he served with the said Adam Hartman as messmates for two years, and further that he said deponant and said Adam Hartman were both engaged in the Battle at the taking of Cornwallis. and further the deponant saith not Given under my hand and seal the day above writen/ Sworn before Malachi Bernard

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on this twentieth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before Alexander Thomson Esq president Judge of the court of Common Pleas of the county of Franklin Penna. and his associates now sitting Adam Hartman of Washington Township Franklin county Penna. aged seventy two years on the fifth day of May next, 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. That he lived in Berks county Pennsylvania during the revolutionary war. That some time after the commencement of the revolution he enlisted in the company of Captain John Physick for the term of two years, under the command of Col. Morgan. That after he was enlisted they were marched to Philadelphia and to Somerset and several other places. That he served out the two years for which he was enlisted faithfully. That he got a written discharge in Reading Penna. but the same is lost. That after his said Term was out he came home and lived for a short time with a man of the name of George Swayer who was drafted in the militia for two months and that he agreed to become a substitute of the said Swayer. That as such substitute he marched in the company of Captain Will on a scouting expedition against the Indians of the Susquehanna That during the said two months this deponent saw much hard service; and that he served out the said two months all with the exception of two days for he enlisted again under Captain Physick two days before the complete expiration of the two months. His second enlistment under Captain Physick was for the term of two years. That Captain Physick's company marched from up the river to Reading, then we got orders to go to Morristown and the other side of Morristown we joined the French soldiers. That he was in the Regiment of Col. Algert or Alcott, that he does not recollect the number of the Regiment. That they then marchd to Philadelphia and to Baltimore and then to Little York in Virginia where we were at the taking Cornwallis. That he served out the two years in full. That he got a written discharge but the same is lost. That in all he served the United States in the revolutionary war for four years and two months with the exception of the two days before stated. That his memory has failed him very much and cannot be very particular about his services. That Michael Grinder and Mathias Culp know of his services. The former was with him in his last enlistment for the whole two years and was in the same mess with him. The deposition of Michael Grinder is herewith transmitted – that this applicant proved his services in the Legislature of Pennsylvania by the deposition of Mathias Culp of Adams county and the said Legislature granted him a pension of \$40 per year during his life. That he has no record of his age. That he cannot procure a clergyman to certify for him without great inconvenience and expense. That he states the

names of John Flanagan Prothy. of the Court of Com. Pleas and Charles Smith who can testify for him. This applicant when he entered the service of the United States lived in Berks county as before mentioned and lived there for some time after the war, then after that he lived in that part of York county Penna. now Adams county about eight years, then he lived in the county of Cumberland Penna. about eight years, then he lived in Emmitsburg about two years, then he lived in Waynesburg in Franklin county aforesaid where he has lived for upwards of nineteen years. That he hereby doth relinquish every claim whatever to any pension or annuity under any law of the United States providing for revolutionary officers and soldiers, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state; and that the only pension he receives is the one mentioned from the State of Penna. granted by the Legislature thereof.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adam Hartman", enclosed in a rectangular border.

[On 27 Jan 1834 under the act of 1832 Adam Hartman was issued a certificate for a pension of \$80 per year for more than two years service. A letter from the Pension Commissioner dated 5 June 1838 indicates that this pension was suspended because "doubts arose whether he could have served as set forth in his declaration." The letter suggested that the objections could be removed if he could produce a copy of the act by which he received a pension from Pennsylvania (see above), along with copies of the supporting affidavits, which were not found. A letter dated 25 May 1838 suggests that Adam Hartman was again receiving his pension, and it states that his wife was still alive.]

NOTE: On 13 Feb 1826 Adam Hartman swore that in 1820 he was forced to seek protection under the insolvent law.