

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hurst S31155

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The State of Indiana Washington County Sct.: In the Probate Courts of Washington County
September Term 1832

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Probate Court of said County now sitting, being a court of record, William Hurst born sometime in the year 1755 in Berkeley County in the State of Virginia, 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 in the month of July 1780 in the County of Westmorland in the State of Pennsylvania he entered into the service of the United States as a volunteer in a Corps of Horsemen in a Company commanded by Captain William Campbell in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Archibald Loughery [Archibald Lochry] and furnished his horse and equipment at his own individual expense, the destination of which mounted Corps was to joined General George Rogers Clark in his expedition against the British posts in the then Northwestern Territory and intended to have joined him at Wheeling but when they arrived there they found that he had proceeded on down the River, upon which they immediately embarked and followed on after him with the intention of overtaking and joining him and that they had proceeded as far down the River as the mouth of Loughery Creek [Lochry's Creek] or River, where they were attacked¹ by a body of Indians and about one half of them killed & the rest taken prisoners & among the killed were Colonel Lochry and Captain Campbell. From there he was taken by the Indians to Old Chillicothe thence to an Indian village the residence of McKee a white chief by whom he was ransomed from the Indians who had condemned him to be burnt alive. That from thence he was taken to Detroit in the charge of one Elliott another white chief to whose care he had been delivered by the said McKee. That he remained in Detroit as a prisoner until sometime about the first of May next following – when he was put on board a vessel and conveyed down to the Falls of Niagara, where he was landed and traveled around the falls on foot, then was re-embarked on Lake Ontario and carried down it and then down the St. Lawrence to a place near Montréal, where he remained still a prisoner of war until he was exchanged and sent home to United States and was landed at the city of New York about Christmas 1781 and within about one month afterwards he again reached home in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania – making in all from the time he first volunteered into the above service in July 1780 to the time of arriving at home in

¹ There is an excellent account of the engagement known as Lochry's defeat posted at <http://boards.ancestry.com/topics.Military.amerrev.general/803/mb.ashx>

January 1782 – about a period of 18 months and upwards – That he believes his age was put down by his father in the family Bible, but his father having married a second wife by whom he had some younger children the said Bible fell into their hands in consequence of which he is not able to produce any record of his age, but from the best information received from his parents he verily believes his age to be he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service as aforesaid having never received any discharge. He states that after the close of the Revolutionary War he continued to live four years in Westmoreland County Pennsylvania after which he removed to Fayette County Kentucky where he lived about thirty years and from there about fifteen years ago he removed to Washington County Indiana where he at this time resides.

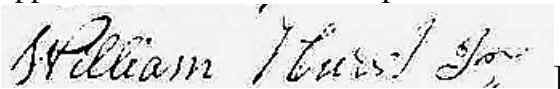
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year aforesaid.

S/ William Hurst, X his mark

[Joel Coombs and Henry Dawalt gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: application dated February 27, 1835 filed in Edgar County Illinois by the veteran for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Illinois agency where he intends to remain in order to reside with his son William Hurst. William Hurst, Junior, filed an affidavit in support of his father's application for transfer of his pension benefit

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[Facts in file: Veteran died December 7th, 1835, place not shown; there is no additional family data in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 months service as a private in the Pennsylvania militia.]