

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hargrave S32297

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State of Illinois, Union County

On this 20th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Hon. Tho. C. Browne, Judge of the circuit court of Union County now sitting, John Hargrave resident of said County & State, aged 77 years on the 23rd Nov. next being born in 1755, having now no record of his age, who, being sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of an Act of Congress dated June 7th 1832.

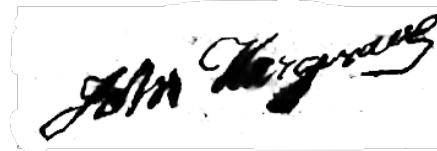
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated: This applicant states that he was born in South Carolina near the state line of N & S Carolina in 1755 where he lived until he volunteered in the service of his country in '75. That sometime in the summer of 1775 when the Tories arose in the back part of the state there was a call for men & that he volunteered under one Capt. Dennis Hankins [Dennis Hawkins] & one [Lt.] Col. Daniel Horry, & stood in readiness for service at a minute's warning, being called minute men. That sometime in the following summer '76 he was ordered to march to Wilmington but before they reached Wilmington they met an army under the command of Gen. Lee [Charles Lee] marching southward which, when they had joined it, received an express to turn its course immediately for Charleston as it was expected that the British Fleet would attempt to land, that when he arrived at Charleston the fleet of the enemy was anchored in what was then called the five fathom hole. That he was one of 500 volunteers placed on Sullivan's Island or Fort Moultrie, to watch the British & prevent them from landing.¹ That after the British left he was discharged & was about returning home, when some man offered him the usual wages to take his place which he accepted & served something like a month, having served before but about 6 or 7 weeks. That after this he did no more service until the year '80 except having removed to the frontier part of the state he & others had to defend themselves against Indians, Cherokees. He further states that in June of the year '80 he again volunteered under one Capt. Thomas Hemphill & Col. Francis Lock [sic, Francis Locke], for the purpose of fighting the Tories who were very numerous. That having got together about 400 they heard that the Tories had taken Maj. (then) Edward Hampton & John Russell Lieut. & had condemned them to be hanged, but that they, having determined to rescue them, met the Tories 1400 or 1500 in number at a place called Ramsour's Mill² & defeating them took all their baggage & made something like 100 of them prisoners as well as he recollects. That he continued in this kind of service off & on til '81 probably in the month of April when he again volunteered under one Francis Boikin [sic, Francis Boykin] as Capt. [sic, Francis Ross was captain of the company to which Hargrave belonged] & Col. Charles Middleton for ten months as horsemen or mounted men. That he marched under

¹ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

² https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

these officers to Fort Granby³ on the Congaree River which they took from the British Tories. That in this manner he was engaged for some time in taking several other Forts on the same river such as Fort Mott [Fort Motte]⁴ on the same river & Orange Fort⁵ on the Edisto River. In this manner were they employed through the summer until September probably the 9th [sic, 8th] he was at the battle of the Eutaw Springs⁶ Gen. Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] being the chief commander. That they drove the British from their camp about three quarters of a mile when they were met by a reinforcement when they turned the game upon us & we were in turn forced to retreat & they again occupied the original battle ground. That after this battle was over sometime in the October following after having been in this service about six months, he hired a substitute, obtained a discharge & returned home. He further states this to have been the last of his service. That he continued to live in N & S Carolina until the year '97 when he removed to Kentucky, Logan County where he lived until 1809 when he came to Union County, Illinois where he has resided ever since & now resides. That before he left South Carolina his house was burned, he rather thinks by a Tory & all his discharges were thus destroyed. He further states that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State.

S/ John Hargrave

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hargrave", enclosed in a rectangular border.

Sworn to the day & year aforesaid.

S/ W. Doure, Clerk

[Jeremiah Brown and John S Hacker gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

A declaration or affidavit of John Hargrave Supplementary to an affidavit or declaration of said Hargrave made & taken before the Honorable Thomas C Browne Judge of the Circuit Court of Union County Illinois on the 20th of October 1832 and also the answers to certain interrogatories prescribed to be put to the applicant by the War Department in matters of an application for pensions. This the 22nd day of May 1833.

State of Illinois Union County: Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace John Hargrave, who duly sworn, deposed & saith, that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – in 1776 in all two months & a week & in 1780 for ten months. In 1781 – For six months when I hired a substitute by the name of Samuel Sorrels (as he thinks) who served in his place the other for of 10 months for which he volunteered. I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension. Interrogatories.

Where & in what year were you born? Ans. In South Carolina November 1755. Have you any record of your age, & if so where is it? Ans. I have not my Bible being burned 1782 which contained it. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live? I was living in South Carolina when I first

³ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ramseurs_mill.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fort_motte.html

⁵ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburch_2.html

⁶ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

entered the service & have since lived in North Carolina & in Kentucky & in Illinois where I now live. How were you called into service: were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute. Ans. I always volunteered & never had a ticket drawn for me in the world. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served: such Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services. Ans. General Sumter & General Green & General Marion he knew also, and general circumstances I have already stated in the Declaration to which this is Supplementary. Did you ever receive a discharge from the Service & if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it? Ans. I did one in 1776 from Colonel Horry in 80 I got known in 81 from Colonel Middleton all of which had been lost by fire.

Sworn to & subscribed 22nd May in the year 1833

S/ John Hargrave



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28.22 commencing March 4th, 1831, for eight months and 14 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to John Hargrave

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Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3323

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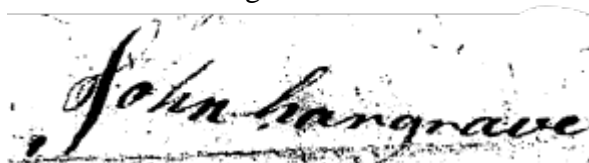
[p 2]

Know all men by these presents that I John Hargrave [sic] Do bargain and Sell unto Jeremiah Lewis My bounty which I was to have a Likely Negro betwixt fifteen and thirty years of age as it being for my Services as a Light Dragoon ten Months in the State of South Carolina under the command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter].

Given under my hand this 2nd Day of March year 1782

S/ Samson Harry

S/ John Hargrave



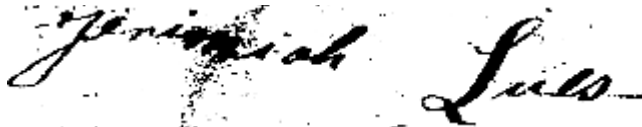
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I do assign all my right and title of the within obligation To Joshua Murrah for value received of him as witness my hand and seal this 7th day of March year 1791

Witness present

S/ Rosana hand

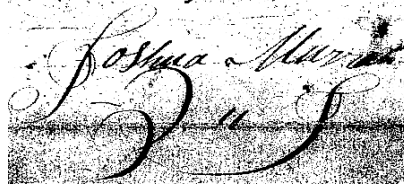
S/ Jeriamiah Lues



Gentlemen appointed to settle with the Late State brigade of South Carolina under the Command

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

of General Sumter please to pay to John Sumter or his order the within Bounty and this my order shall be your receipt for the same given under my hand this 18th day of March year 1791
Witness present S/ Joh owings
S/ Joshua Murrah

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joshua Murrah". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent "J" at the beginning and a large "M" in the middle. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 398 Book M dated first of October 1784 “delivered to Mr. John Hargrove [sic] late Private in Ross’s [Isaac Ross’] Troop, Myddleton’s [Lt. Col. Charles S. Myddelton’s] Regiment Sumpter’s [Thomas Sumter’s] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the Eleventh March last.”]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing the endorsements of Peter Bocquet, Commissioner of the South Carolina treasury, Thomas Sumter, and Thomas Sumter Junior. How these men acquired an interest in this Indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]