

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hart S32300

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State of Illinois Coles County: SS A.D. 1833

On this 6th day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable William Wilson Judge of the Circuit Court of Coles County now sitting and constitutes the circuit court for the County & State aforesaid, John Hart a Resident of the United States of America in the County of Coles and State of Illinois aged seventy-four years the 5th day of next June 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1776 under Major Morgan who was sent by government to protect the frontiers of Virginia from the incursions of the Indians that he was in Captain Masons [sic] company for the term of three months as a private was then placed under the command of Colonel Williamson at Wheeling Virginia and was by him made a spy in the aforementioned service for the Term of three months was then left at Wheeling in Garrison for the term of eighteen months but cannot state all the officers whom he was under during that Period as there was frequent changes it is impossible for him owing to his advanced age and bodily infirmities to state all but as well as his recollection now serves him the principal part of his time he was commanded by Ebenezer Zenis [Ebenezer Zane] (but does not now recollect the title he bore). He was frequently while in Garrison employed in scouting parties and was in frequent skirmishes with the Indians in the protection of the frontiers, he then states that upon information the General Clark [George Rogers Clark] called for troops and volunteers, that he joined the troops and went down the River & joined General Clark as a volunteer and was employed by him (General Clark) as a spy during the term of two summers seasons and was quartered at the station during the winter. That he then joined General Clark in his campaign in 1780 (he thinks about the first of August) and he (John Hart) was before they marched elected and commissioned a Captain in said Service under Colonel Linn [probably [William Linn VAS936](#)] which commission was Burnt by fire with his other effects House &c in the year of 1783. Said commission was given according to the best of his recollection by the then [indecipherable word]¹ Governor of Virginia In which aforesaid campaign he served as Captain for the term of two months. That he was in the Battle of the

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Pickaway [Piqua] Towns of the Indians upon Mad River under General Clark. Colonel Linn Adjutant Prater – (Captain himself) and Andy House [Andrew House] Lieutenant. Was in many skirmishes. That after his return to the Station at the Falls of Ohio he was frequently sent by General Clark on scouting parties both on the North & South side of the Ohio River through the countries of the Miamis, Mad River &c that he remained in the Service until peace was declared. That he received no discharge from the Service which he supposes was in consequence of Colonel Linn being killed by the Indians a short time before peace was made he then being his superior Officer. That he has no documentary Evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Service. That the only Record of his Age is in his Father's Family Bible which was the last time he saw it in the possession of his Brother Joseph Hart who resides in the State of Ohio. He was born the 5th day of June in the year 1759 in Bartley County [Berkeley County] Virginia where he resided until he entered the service of the United States and upon quitting the service he settled near the Falls of Ohio now Kentucky at which place he resided in Hardin County Kentucky until the year 1822 at which time he moved to Lawrence County Illinois and at present resides in Coles County Illinois and has for the three years last past. He states he is acquainted with John Parker clergyman & Ambrose Yocumb Sheriff who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and of their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier. He does not at present recollect the names of any of the Regular Officers except one: Slaughter that he thinks was a Colonel, 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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Hart, X his mark

[John Parker, a clergyman, and Ambrose Yocom, Sheriff, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[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 militia.]