

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hedger S32314

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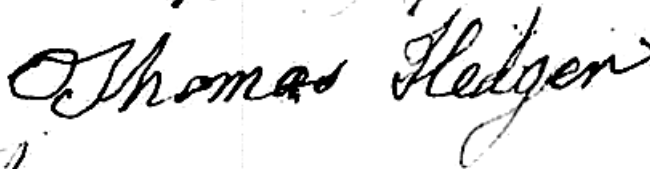
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State of Kentucky Mercer County viz.

This day Thomas Hedger a Revolutionary Soldier and a Resident of Mercer County and State of Kentucky came into open court it being the County Court of Mercer and a court of Record and made oath to the following statements for the purpose of obtaining a Pension under the late act of Congress passed the 7th day of June 1832 (viz.) I Thomas Hedger now in the 87th year of my age and now a resident citizen of Mercer County Kentucky being first sworn according to law states that in the fall of the year 1780 I employed a man by the name of John Willis for three months in the militia of the State of Virginia Culpeper County and the said Willis served the full time for me and was honorably discharged at the end of three months which he served in the war (I am not able to give the names of the officers) and again in the spring of the year 1781 I was drafted in the militia service of the State of Virginia and County of Culpeper in the company of Captain James Thomas of Colonel Slaughter's Regiment and marched from said County to Falmouth and was stationed at that point during the time for which I was drafted which was three months and was honorably discharged and returned home and again early in the summer of the year 1781 in said County of Culpeper and State of Virginia I was drafted for three months in the militia service in Captain Ben. Lillard's [Benjamin Lillard's] company of Colonel Slaughter's Regiment and General Edward Stephens [Edward Stevens] Brigade and we marched from Culpeper Virginia to Mobbin Hills [Malvern Hills] below Richmond where we were stationed about two weeks and from thence we marched to Richmond and joined the main Army at Richmond and from thence to King William County towards where Lord Cornwallis lay and a short time before his defeat I was then honorably discharged in said County having served 3 months in this tower [tour] having faithfully performed six months actual service myself in all in the Army of the Revolution and three months by Substitute making in all nine months. I further declare that I was born on the 25th day of March 1747 in the State of New Jersey and County of Somerset and moved from said County and State sometime before the war to the County of Culpeper Virginia where I was living when the revolutionary war commenced and about 8 years after the war closed I moved to Fayette County Kentucky (I moved to Kentucky in the fall of the year 1790) and after living 5 years in Fayette County Kentucky I moved to Mercer County Kentucky where I now live and I further state that I have no documentary evidence by which I can prove my services nor I know of no man now living by whom I can prove anything in relation to my Services except William Hedger and I hereby relinquish all claim that I have to any pension or annuity which I may be entitled except the present. Witness my hand this 7th day of October 1833

S/ Thomas Hedger

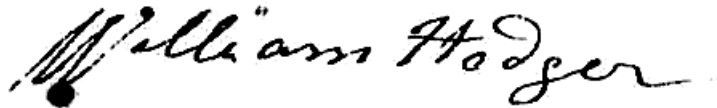


[Martin C Duncan, a clergyman, Robert McAfee and James Holman gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky Mercer County Sct.:

This day William Hedger came before me a Justice of the peace and Judge of the Mercer County court and made oath to the following statements (viz.) I William Hedger the undersigned state upon oath that I am well acquainted with Thomas Hedger and believe that he served in the Army of the revolution as he has stated for I well remember that he was drafted in the County of Culpeper Virginia to serve in the Army of the revolutionary War and he went on the tower [tour] for which he was drafted I recollect distinctly of his return home from the Army and my Recollection is that Thomas Hedger served in the Army of the Revolutionary War six months (but I can't recollect as to dates). I recollect that he went out in the Army under General Edward Stevens this Stevens was a Merchant & lived in the County seat of Culpeper County with whom I was well acquainted but do not remember any of the other officers names whom Thomas Hedger served under. I remember that Thomas Hedger moved to Kentucky in the year 1791 as I moved with him to Kentucky and as I have dates to show that fact and that I believe him to be of the age that he has stated as I have been acquainted with him about 58 years and believe him to be a good citizen and a man of truth. As witness my hand and seal this September 28th 1833.

S/William Hedger



[p 14: On October 22nd, 1840 in Park County Indiana, the veteran applied for the transfer of his pension benefit to the Indiana agency saying that he has moved there to be with his children; that he has been in the state of Indiana for the last 5 years, it being his intention to return to Kentucky until recently he has become too infirm to return to Kentucky.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]