

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hastings S34384

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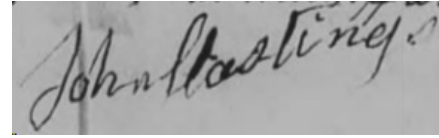
Before me Thomas Armstrong one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, Appeared John Hastings who being sworn deposes and says that he served against the common enemy as a private Soldier in the Army of the continental Establishment that he was enlisted as a soldier by Capt'n Samuel Hayes at Carlisle [sic: Carlisle], Penna. to serve in the company he commanded, which company was attached to the 7th reg't. Pennsylvania Line, that he came with said company and another company of the same reg't. commanded by Capt'n. [Robert] Wilson to Philadelphia where they joined the reg't. after which he marched with said reg't. to New York where they were reviewed by Gen'l. Washington and then proceeded on to Canada, under the command of Gen'l. [John] Sullivan – to a place called the Three Rivers [Trois Rivieres, 8 Jun 1776], where they had an engagement with the British in which the Americans were defeated and his reg't. had to retreat to a place called Mount Independence [near present Orwell VT] where they remained some time – from thence returned to Germantown and then to Philadelphia. while at Mount Independence his term (one year) of enlistment expired and he again enlisted in the same company and reg't. as above mentioned. That at Mount Independence Gen'l. [Anthony] Wayne took command of the said reg't. from Philadelphia he with his said reg't. and the whole Brigade under Gen'l. Wayne marched to Trenton where they had engagement and captured several hundred Hessians [26 Dec 1776] – from thence went to Quibble Town [Quibbltown in present New Market NJ] and to different parts of the country which he does not remember and was with his said reg't. at the Battle of Brandywine [11 Sep 1777] – the evening after said Battle while laying at a short distance from Swedes Fort [sic: Swedes Ford at present Swedesburg PA] his said reg't. were surprised by the British and among others he received a wound by a Bayonet being run in his right side and was with many others taken prisoner and brought to Philadelphia where he was detained all winter and was marched out of the City to Rising Sun [Tavern between Germantown and Philadelphia] to be exchanged in the month of June or July following – from thence proceeded to Valley Forge to join his regiment which at that time lay there – from thence returned to Philadelphia with his said reg't. while the British were leaving the City [18 Jun 1778] the Americans made several [illegible word] at this time – from thence proceeded on to Monmouth where another severe action between the Americans & British took place [28 Jun 1778] in which he with his said reg't. were engaged – from thence to different places not recollected but remembers going to Elizabeth Town and from there to Staten Island in the winter and returned to Elizabeth Town and marched with his company commanded by Lt. Brison [Bryson] to New Ark [Newark] where he with his company were again taken prisoners and marched to New York where was kept in the Sugar House about 1 Months and then was exchanged and then proceeded to join his reg't. at Smiths Grove [sic: Smiths Clove] near West point – and proceeded to Morris Town [Morristown] where they remained in winter quarters and from thence to Lancaster and thence to the Schuylkill opposite Philadelphia where they rec'd. pay & clothing and from thence to Little York Town, Virginia, where he with his said reg't. had another action [siege of Yorktown, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781] with the British in which Lord Cornwallis [sic: Cornwallis] & his army were made prisoners – was then with his reg't ordered to proceed on to the South to reinforce Gen'l. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] and joined him at the high Hills of Santee [in South Carolina] – thence with his said reg't. went on to Charleston & Savannah, thence returned to Jacksonborough [Jacksonboro] where they remained until the peace in 1783 – thence with part of a company to Philadelphia where he was regularly discharged the service having served in the revolutionary war 6 years & nine Months.

That by reason of his being in reduced and indigent circumstances he is in need of assistance from his country for support – that he has never received or been allowed a Pension by the United States, that he is a resident citizen of the United States, that owing to the great length of time which has elapsed since he

was in the service and other unfortunate circumstances his discharge has been lost. It appears, the applicant is now upwards of 67 years old & he could procure the Testimony of Capt John Alexander, Captn. William Alexander & Captn. Parker to support his statement, if they were in the War of the Revolution at the time, but they live at Carlisle a distance of 120 miles off and he is not able to go there & obtain their testimonies.

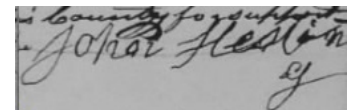
Sworn and subscribed before me April 22^d 1818

Thos. Armstrong



County of Philadelphia }
State of Pennsylvania ss }

Be it remembered that on the 30th day of October Anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighteen Before me William Moulder Esquire one of the Associate judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the City & County of Philadelphia personally came John Hastings who being by me duly sworn upon his Oath saith that he enlisted in the service of the United States on the Continental establishment at Carlisle Township County of Cumberland state Pennsylvania on or about the first day of January AD 1776 for one year that deponent went from Carlisle aforesaid to Canada under the command of General [Benedict] Arnold – that deponents company was called the 2^d Company of the seventh Regiment of Penna Line – that deponent after the expiration of his one years enlistment afforesaid – enlisted again in the same Company which was Commanded by Capt Samuel Hays for three years or during the war – that deponent was engaged at the Battle of three rivers in Canada about the month May AD 1776 that deponet was next engaged at the attack upon the Hessians at Trenton N. Jersey about the month of December AD 1776 that deponent was at the Battle of Brandywine about the 11th day of September AD 1777 – that deponent was taken prisoner at Peora [sic: probably Paoli, 21 Sep 1777] under the Command of Gen'l Wayne 1778 that deponent was exchanged that deponent was then called to the Battle of mounmouth about the month of June AD 1778 – that deponent was at the taken of Stony Point about the month of January 1781 [sic: 16 Jul 1779] – that after deponent had served the full term of his Enlistment which was for three years or during the war he was Honerably Discharged at Philladelphia that deponent worn out his discharge by carrying it in his pocket – that deponent has not, nor does he ever expect any Pension or Emolument from his Country unless by application under the late act of Congress, and that he is a poor Man and [undeciphered word] in need of assistance from his Country for support



At a District Court of the United States for the New Jersey District holden at Newark in Essex County in s'd District

District of New Jersey Ss.

On the thirteenth day of July AD 1820 personally appeared in open Court (being a Court of record for the said district) John Hastings aged sixty eight years two months and [blank] days, resident in Rahway in the County of Essex and within the said district of New Jersey, who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his Oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows to wit One year under Captain Samuel Hays in Colonel Irvings [sic: William Irvine's] Regiment of the Pennsylvania line – after that term expired he again enlisted in the same Company for three years or during the war and served under Captain Samuel Montgomery who took the Command on the promotion of Captain Hays to a Major – that he remained attached to the same company untill the close of the war when he was honorably discharged or furloughed at the City of Philadelphia that he has received a pension under the act of March 1818 on a certificate from the war department numbered 3743 drawable from the twenty second day of April AD 1818

And 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. John Hastings

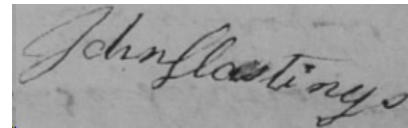
Schedule

One old fashioned Gum Bureau
one low Corner Cupboard
one old Table
half dozen Black Chairs
three or four flour Barrels
one shoat about one hundred weight
two spinning Wheels, on large and one Small
one Small Iron Kettle
one Iron Tea Kettle
half dozen Cups & Saucers & a few Plates Spoons &
one Spade one Hoe & one old ax
one Gridle one Spider – And Irons & Tongs
3 knives & forks & few other articles of trifling Value

And I further declare that I have no mechanical trade but have laboured through life at days Labour but by reason of my age and the Infirmities of Nature (being assured by Physicians that I have the Symptoms of a fixed consumption upon me) I can do but little to procure a bodily support. The other members of my family are my wife aged fifty one years who is inclined to the dropsy, and one daughter aged fourteen. I rent one room in a small tenement at the rate of 25 dollars per annum having a small garden attached to it and with all the Industry care & economy we are capable of are barely able to procure the necessaries which nature require to subsist upon John Hastings

New Jersey }
County of Essex }

On the eleventh day of November 1820 before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the said County of Essex personally appeared John Hastings who being duly sworn on his oath declares, that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the company commanded by Captn. Samuel Montgomery in the Reg’t. commanded first by Coln. Irving and afterwards by Coln. [Richard] Butler in the service of the United States. that his name was placed on the pension Roll of the State of Pennsylvania from whence he has removed; that he now resides in the State of New Jersey where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future.



NOTE: On 24 Oct 1818 John Noe, pension application S43087, certified that he had served with John Hastings. On 30 Oct 1818 James Hastings certified that John Hastings was impoverished.