

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hansford S36004

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State of Kentucky Pulaski Circuit Court Sct. April Term 1818

William Hansford Aged about sixty-eight years came into court & made Oath that he enlisted as a Regular Soldier in the Continental Establishment in the year 1777 at Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania under Captain Henry Heath [Henry Heth], the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson, at the first of his service the brigade was commanded by General Haun [probably General Edward Hand] & that his said Hansford's Engagement was for during the War, which tour or Term he served out fully & completely & was discharged at Pittsburgh in the month of July in the year 1783, the above statements of said Hansford was further supported by the Oath of John James & the said Hansford states further that he is now unable to labor & is really poor which Ordered to be certified to the Secretary of the Department of War.

And it is further ordered that it be certified to the Secretary of the War Department of the United States that the proof taken & recorded respecting the enlistment, service etc. of William Hansford was so done with a view to his being placed on the pension list in conformity to the act of Congress to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval Services of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th of March 1818 & that such was the Desire of the Applicant aforesaid.

[Attested October 30, 1818 by William Fox, clerk of court for Pulaski County Kentucky]

State of Kentucky Sct.

On this day Thomas Hansford, over 56 years old, after being sworn before me, stated that William Hansford an applicant for a Pension who services &c is stated on this sheet, his brother of the said Thomas, that he knows that the said William was absent from the family about 6 years at the time mentioned in his statement; that it was said in the family at the time that he had enlisted as a regular soldier; and the affiant was several months at Pittsburgh about the year 1778 or 1779 & during the whole time saw the said William Hansford among the regular soldiers there parading with them & performing duty as such in the uniform of a soldier. He stated also that the said William now lives in Pulaski County, Kentucky. Given under my hand as one of the Judges of the Circuit courts of the State of Kentucky this 6th day of August A.D. 1819

S/Thomas Montgomery

State of Kentucky Sct.

On this day James Girdler¹ to whom a pension has been allowed made oath before me that William Hansford who made his declaration before the Circuit Court for Pulaski County at the April term A.D. 1818, in order to be placed on the Pension list, was in the Army as stated by him when he the said James Girdler entered the Army and remained in service until he was discharged as stated by him in his affidavit or declaration. I do certify further that I fully believe the statements made by William Hansford & those who support him. Given under my hand as one of the Judges of the Circuit Courts of the state aforesaid, and Presiding Judge of the circuit Court of Pulaski County this 6th day of August A.D. 1819

S/ Thomas Montgomery

The Commonwealth of Kentucky Pulaski County Court Sct. February Term 1821

Schedule

Pulaski County Court, Sct.

On this 26 day of February 1821, Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County established by the Constitution and Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and having power to fine and imprison and proceeding according to the course of the Common law, William Hansford of said County aged more than 70 years, resident in said County who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath Declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, that upon the 10th day of October 1777 he enlisted in the Regular Service of the United States upon the Continental establishment for and during the Term of the War aforesaid which said Term he fully and completely served out & was discharged in 1783 at Pittsburgh that he enlisted in the Company commanded by Captain Henry Heath, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson and also produced his Certificate for Pension No. 16 259 dated the 14 December 1819. 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 whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision 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.

No land, no personal property. 2 children, one son about 38 years of age married & living separate and apart, One Daughter about 35 years of age, married and living Separate and apart, he has no wife living with him, he is very infirm and not able to labor scarcely any he is a daily laborer by profession.

S/ W Hansfordm

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing October 30, 1818, for service as a private for 6 years in the Virginia Continental line.]

¹ FPA S35994