

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Hurt S38850

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District of West Tennessee

On this 20th day of December 1819 before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court for the said district, Personally appeared James Hurt aged Seventy years resident in West Tennessee Maury County, who, being by me first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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]". That he the said James Hurt enlisted for the Term of Eighteen months on the 30 day of July 1780 in Bedford County Liberty Town Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Boyer [probably Thomas Bowyer] of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Camal [probably Richard Campbell] in the line of the State of Virginia on the Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until 30 of December 1781 when he was discharged from service near Charlestown [Charleston] State of South Carolina, that he was in the Battles of Guilford [Guilford County Courthouse, March 15, 1781], Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781], Campden [probably a reference to the Second Battle of Camden also known as the Battle of Hobkirk Hill, April 25, 1781] & Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781].

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. And that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said Service.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid

S/ Parry W Humphreys, Judge

James Hurt, X his mark

State of Tennessee Maury County: Circuit Court

On this 21st day of June 1821 Personally appeared in open Court being a Court of Record for the County aforesaid in the 6th Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee James Hurt aged seventy-two years and in his seventy third year 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, namely, in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Boyer in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell in the Virginia Line of Continental Troops during the Revolutionary War, that he did on the 20th of December 1819 petitioned his government for a Pension which petition he supposes is in the office of the War Department to which he prays reference may be had, upon which he obtained a pension Certificate dated the 2nd day of June 1820 not otherwise numbered than on the back, viz. 17,35[last digit too faint to discern]

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

Schedule of the Property of James Hurt the above Declarant

I am by profession a tiller of the earth and am in the 73rd year of my age – have lost in a great degree my eyesight, and am otherwise [word too faint to discern] so that I cannot by my labor support myself, & my family consist of my wife who is near my own age, and unable to assist – A Daughter about 25 years of age who has a small child [if this point, the text becomes too faint to discern except for occasional words – the faint text includes a listing of the property of the veteran and his execution by his mark at the end thereof.]¹
[The court valued the property scheduled by the veteran at \$60.]

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District of West Tennessee Maury County

On this 28th day of January 1822 James Hurt personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of pleas & quarter Sessions for said County being a Court of Record as declared by an act of General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. Said Hurt being seventy-two years of age Resident in Maury County in said District of West Tennessee who being first duly sworn doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary war, that he enlisted under Captain Moon in Bedford County Virginia, he then marched under Captain William Terry to Hillsborough State of North Carolina where he joined Captain Thomas Bowyer's Company of the 2nd Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel Campbell, Sometime before the Battle of Guilford & was in said Battle & State, Remained in the same Company until the Battle of Ninety Six & Camden, Eutaw Springs where Colonel Campbell was killed in which he continued until he received an Honorable Discharge at the Round O in the State of South Carolina by Colonel Perkins 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 (viz.) Excepting my necessary Clothing I have one mare 12 years old, one Cow & yearling, five head of hogs about 12 or 15 Chickens, 6 knives & forks, 6 plates, one small pot & oven 7 chairs, one Cotton Wheel & cards, one looking glass, one Razor and Strop, one ax & that he owes Eighteen Dollars also he owns one man's Saddle & Bridle & Saddle bags also some water vessels

S/ James Hurt, X his mark

And he the said Hurt further states that he lives on the land of James Hurt, Junior his Son (rent free) he has a wife upwards of 70 years old who is very Infirm & he is very much afflicted himself & nearly lost his Eyesight, he has been placed on the pension list already by Certificate

¹ In a typed summary of some of the data in this file there is reference to a son by the name of James Hurt, Junior

issued by the Honorable JC Calhoun dated the 2nd of June 1820 which being heard & by the court understood it is considered by the Court that the total amount in value of said property Exhibited in the said Schedule is not worth more than \$80.

S/ James Holland, JP
S/ Robert Wortham, JP
S/ John Gordon, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing December 20, 1819 for service as a private for 16 months in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that it appears by the Books in this Office that a certificate issued in the name of James Hurt on the 7th day of June 1782 for thirty-six pounds for the balance of his full pay as a Soldier in the Virginia line on Continental establishment. Given under my hand in the Auditor's Office this 18th day of December 1807

S/ S. Lipscomb, Clerk

No military Bounty Warrant appears to have issued to James Hurt as a private in the Continental line.

S/ William Price, Register
December 18, 1807