

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Cyrus DeHart S5426

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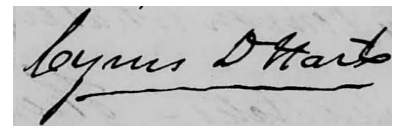
State of New York

To the Honorable Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New York & one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas called the Mayors Court of the city of New York which is a Court of Record in the State of New York.

The Declaration under Oath of Cyrus DHart formerly and officer engaged in the service of the United States during the revolutionary war, now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the City of New York Respectfully sheweth that the said Cyrus DHart sometime in Nov 1775 was appointed an Ensign in the first Reg't. of Jersey then raising for the service of the then United Colonies commanded by the Earl of Sterling [sic: William Alexander, Lord Stirling] – as Colo of the said Reg and subsequently by Colo Mathias Ogden [Matthias Ogden]. he rec'd the several promotions of 2^d and first Lieut in said Reg't. he was promoted to a Captaincy in the early part of the year 1781 and transfer'd to the Second Reg of Jersey on the continental establishment Commanded by Colo. Israel Shreeve [sic: Israel Shreve]. Subsequently thereto by Colo Francis Barber & Cummings [sic: John Noble Cumming] – he was then appointed to the command of a Comp'y of Infantry in said Regt and served in the first Reg't of Infantry commanded by Colo F. Barber under the Marquis Lafaiettee [sic: Marquis de Lafayette] in Virginia. that he was in the regular service of the United States in the several grades specified from Nov 1775 till the dissolution of the army in 1783 and honorably discharged from service

And the declaration further represents that the said Cyrus DHart now a Citizen of the United States resides in the City of New York, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance from his Country for support and that he never has rec'd. or been allowed any pension whatever, by the Laws of the United States. Therefore the said Cyrus DHart conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the act of congress of the United States, entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war and approved the 18th March 1818 and request your honor will examine into the truth of the matters afs'd certify and transmit the testimony in this case of the proceedings, had thereon, to the Honb'l the Secretary of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the promises, as is by law in such cases provided.

And in support of the facts above set forth the said Cyrus DHart refers to the oath of himself, and of Leonard Bleecker hereafter set forth
New York 28 March 1818



NEW-YORK MAYOR'S COURT

In the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, held at the City-Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court, of July term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty

PRESENT the Honorable Peter A. Jay Recorder

City of New-York, SS. Be it Remembered, That on the twenty ninth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the city of New-York, according to the charter of the said city and the laws of the state of New-York, Cyrus DeHart aged sixty three years, resident in the City of New York who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: that he entered the Army under the Command of Gen'l. Washington in September 1775 as an Ensign in the first Regiment of New Jersey under the Command of Lord Sterling then Colonel of that Regiment. in May 1776 he served with the same Regiment commanded at the time by Col [William] Winds in Canada,

was at the action of three Rivers [Trois Rivières, 8 - 14 Jun 1776] after which he returned to Ticonderoga and served in the Garrison under command of Gen [Horatio] Gates where he remained until Dec 1776. In January 1777 he was appointed a second Lieutenant in said Regiment under the Command of Col Mathias Ogden and in the same year he was at Richmond Hill Staten Island at the taking of Col Lawrence & Regt [22 Aug 1777]. In the month of June he was at the action of Short hills in New Jersey under Lord Sterling [26 Jun 1777]. the fall of the same year was appointed to the command of a Company of Fusilliers. In 1778 [Jun 28] he was at the Battle of Monmouth was in the actions of Springfield. In 1779 he served in the west of New York under the Command of General [John] Sullivan against the Savages was in the action beyond the Allegany against the savages. In the fall of 1780 he was transferred to the command of a Company of Infantry and served in Virginia under the Command of Marquis De Lafayette, was at the action of Hot Water under Col McPherson [26 Jun 1781] and also at Jamestown [Green Springs Plantation, 6 Jul 1781], afterwards he served at the reduction of Lord Cornwallis [19 Oct 1781] which closed the contest and was disbanded with the army after service of seven years & ten months. and that his original declaration is dated the twenty eighth day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No. 2029

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, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: 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, to wit:

Real estate none. personal Estate as follows except necessary clothing and Bedding.

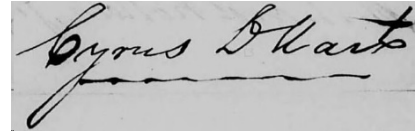
one old Carpet	\$9.—
one old piece do	3.—
one Doz Chairs half worn & ten very old	8.—
one pair Venetian Blinds	2.—
one Dining table	5.—
one tea do	2.50
three looking glasses small	3.—
one old side board	5.—
one Case of Drawers	4.—
one writing stand	2.—
few tumblers about 10	1.—
lot of necessary pots, kettles, Gridiron, Pail }	
andirons[?], shovel & tongs, some small }	
articles not worth enumerating }	10.—
spoons Knives & forks	3.—
sundry small articles	8.—

And I do further Certify that my family consists of my wife named Mary aged sixty two years, one son named Ogden DeHart twelve years old, one daughter named Jane Duel aged twenty eight years and her child with her, one daughter named Mary aged eighteen years and that my wife and children are not in a capacity to contribute to their own support. And further that I have no occupation or profession and have no other income than what I obtain from the government on my pension and have nothing else to depend on

Cyrus DHart

New Jersey } Ss
Borough of Elizabeth }

On this sixth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty six. Before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the Borough of Elizabeth, personally appeared Cyrus DeHart who on his oath declares that he is the same person formerly a Captain in the regiment commanded by Colonel Shrieves in the service of the United States; that his name was placed on the pension roll of the State of New York from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of New Jersey where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be here payable in future; and that his reasons for removing to the State of New Jersey was to lessen the expenses of his family.



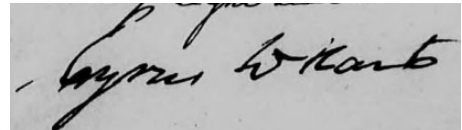
Revolutionary Claims

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution, approved on the 15th May 1828 I Cyrus DeHart of Elizabeth Town in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental line of the Army of the Revolution and served as such to the end of the war, at which time I was a Captain in the second Regiment of the New Jersey line commanded by Shreve Barber &c. And I also declare that I afterwards received certificates (commonly called commutation certificates) for a [undeciphered word] to the amount of five years full pay; which sum was offered by the resolve of Congress of the 22^d March 1783 instead of half pay for life, to which I was entitled under the resolve of the 21st of October 1780.

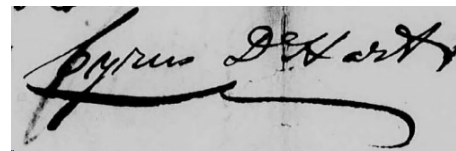
And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner since the 3^d day of March 1826, four hundred and eighty dollars paid me by the agent for paying pension in the State of New Jersey.

Witness my hand this ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

[Witnessed by Jacob DeHart and Luther Halsey.]



[The above was sent with a letter to the Secretary of War written by Cyrus DeHart as signed as shown:]



Ogden's Regiment

Return of the Officers of the First Jersey Regiment in service the 6th day of January 1781 with the sums due to each on account of the depreciation of their pay agreeably to an Act of the Legislature passed January 6, 1781.

[An extract from a table has the following information:]

Cyrus Dehart	Lieut.	Feb 1 1777 to Aug 1 1780	Pay pr month £10.2.6	Depreciation £350.2.6
D[itt]o	Pay Master	Ap 1 1778 to Ap 1 1779	Pay pr month £11.5.	Depreciation £112.0.7
	State Stores	£8	Clothing £40.0.1	Cash from Commissary £7.10.0
				Balance £406.13.0

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NOTES:

The file contains several letters written by Cyrus DeHart.

A document from the War Department states that William C. DeHart and Mary E. DeHart, the only surviving children of Cyrus DeHart, received his final pension payment up to his death on 8 Sep 1831. On 7 July 1843 Mary E. DeHart applied for an increase in her father's pension on the grounds that he had also served as Paymaster.