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Pension Application of Peter Hartless S5470

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State of Virginia Amherst County to witt

On this first day of November 1832 Personally appeared before the undersigned David S. Garland one of the Justices of the peace within the County aforesaid and within the State of Virginia, Peter Hartless a Citizen of the County and State aforesaid aged Eighty years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 –

That he was Born in the County of Caroline in the state aforesaid and continued there and was enroled in the Militia of that County in the year 1779 or 1780. He was drafted into the Militia Service of the State in the War of the Revolution. He marched under the Command of Philip Buckner as Captain and David Turner as Lieutenants. they joined the army at the City of Richmond where they remained some days, when they were marched from there under the command of Majors McGill and Cluman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman], they crossed James River below the Mawbin Hills [sic: Malvern Hill in Henrico County] and continued in a direction for Cabbin point [sic: Cabin Point in Surry County] until they reached Macceis or Mackeys Mill [in Southampton County], where we found some of our troops stationed. We continued our march into Surry County where we found a portion of the Continental Army under the command of Colo. Thomas Merrewether [sic: Thomas Meriwether], who then took us under his command and marched us to the Town of Petersburg in Virginia where we were discharged after having performed a tour of duty of Three months. He then returned to the County of Caroline the place of his nativity, where he remained untill the next year 1781. in the early part of the year He was again drafted and marched under the command of Peyton Starn [sic: Peyton Sterns] a Captain, Charles Woodfork [sic: Charles Woolfolk] as Lieutenant, and Francis Woodfork [Francis Woolfolk] as Ensign. We again joined a portion of the Army at the City of Richmond, and was marched from there to Maubin Hills on James River under the Command of Colo. or General Thomas Matthews [Col. Thomas Mathews] from there we were marched and Counter-marched through several of the lower Countys between James & York River. We were allarmed at a place called 4 Mile Creek [in Henrico County] and retreated from there to the County of Fluvanna in the state aforesaid where we joined the Continental Army and was there discharged after having performed a tour of duty for three months – He again returned to the County of Caroline where he remained but a few weeks before he was again drafted from the aforesaid County of Caroline, and in the month of July or August he marched from the said County under the command of David Simmons as Captain, and joined the Army in King and Queen or Middlesex County The Regiments there was commanded by Colo. Samuel Temple and Colo. Thomas Lomea[?], which was placed under the command of General Thomas Matthews who marched us from there to the Hickory Nut Church [8 mi NW of Williamsburg], where was stationed a short time. from that we were march across the Rappahannock and again returned and when our term of service was out we discharged in the County of King William after having perform a tour of duty of three months. On my Return Home I met General Washington and his aids he was then on his way to York Town, the siege of which commenced within a few days thereafter [on 28 Sep 1781] which terminated in the capture of Lord Cornwallis and his Army [19 Oct] which put an end to the war

After leaving the Army he returned to the County of Carroline and remained there untill 1787. He then Removed to the County of Amherst, and has resided there since that time and is still living there – In 1793 or 4 He was drafted to perform a tour of duty against the Insurgents in the Western part of Pennsylvania [Whiskey Rebellion, late 1794]. He marched from the County of Amherst under the command of Daniel Tucker a Captain, John Taliaferro as Lieutenant & Henry Ballenger as Ensign. He was

marched to Winchester in the State of Virginia and there marched under the command of General Matthews. After performing a tour of duty of three months he was discharged. He has no Record or Documentary evidence of his age. He was always discharged verbally. He always went into service when required, and performed his regular quota of Militia service as a drafted soldier. His memory is imperfect, and he has no distinct recollection of many of the General Officers that he might have seen in the Army.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State or of that of the United States.

That he is acquainted with John Hall and Thomas Allen they are his neighbours and can testify as to his character for Veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. The following interrogatory was propounded.

1st Where and in what year were you Born.

Answer. I was Born in the County of Carroline in the State of Virginia, but have no Record of my age therefore cannot speak with certainty as to the year.

2nd Have you any Record of your Age, if so where is it.

answer I have none.

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Answer. When called into the service in the Revolutionary War I resided in the County of Caroline State of Virginia, and continued there untill 1787. I then Removed to the County of Amherst where I have lived since that time, and am now living.

4th How were you called into service. Were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer. I was drafted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services.

Answer. I have an imperfect recollection of the General Officers. I have stated in my declaration all that I now recollect on that subject.

6th Did you ever Receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Answer. I have never Received any written discharge. they were all Verbal.

7th State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood who can testify as to your character for varacity and there belief of your service as a Soldier of the Revolution

Answer. I have been acquainted with John Hall and Thomas Allen for upwards of forty years and they can testify as to my Varacity and their belief as to my service in the Revolutionary War and as to my age

Signed Pete Hartless

NOTE: In the 1830 federal census for Amherst County VA Peter Hartless is listed as a "Free Colored Person."