

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Hensel S6990

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State of Virginia Frederick County SS

On this 2nd day of April 1833 personally appeared before the Court of the County aforesaid George Hensel a resident of Frederick County in State of Virginia aged seventy-four years 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 enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1776 in the month of December with Captain William Morgan in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thurston in the Virginia line under the following named officers Lieutenant Edward Lucas, Ensign Edward Pettinger. That he enlisted in Berkeley County now Jefferson. That he marched from Shepherdstown in Jefferson County to Philadelphia through Frederick town, York & Lancaster & afterwards to Brunswick that he was in an action [June 22, 1777] near Brunswick New Jersey & was discharged at Quibble Town in New Jersey in the beginning of April 1777 having served upwards of three months. That he was marched in the militia in April 1781 in Berkeley County Virginia in the company commanded by Captain Vestal that he marched from Shepherdstown to Fredericksburg from thence to Richmond and from thence returned to Raccoon Ford – then marched to near Yorktown, and was there until his time was out and then returned home after being discharged in the beginning of August in the same year having served a full tour of 3 months. General Muhlenburg [Peter Muhlenberg] commanded.

And the said George Hensel in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the regulation of the War Department

To the first: He was born in Berks County Pennsylvania in the year 1758.

To the second. A record was made of his age in his father's Bible which was left in Pennsylvania.

To the third. When called into service he lived near Shepherdstown in Jefferson County Virginia. After the Revolution he lived in Alexandria District of Columbia and now lives in Frederick County Virginia.

To the fourth. He was a volunteer the first tour. The second tour he was drafted.

To the fifth. He does not recollect the names of any regular officers. The Regiment was commanded by Colonel Stricken [?] which is all he recollects. He has stated all the circumstances in his declaration.

To the sixth. He received a discharge from Captain Morgan and has lost it.

To the seventh. William Wood, Adam Hart, James Wheat, Gabriel H Davis

S/ George Hensel, X his mark

[Joseph Dolby, a clergyman, and Gabriel H Davis gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Virginia Frederick County to wit:

On this 6th day of February 1833 before me a justice of the peace for the County aforesaid George Riely aged seventy-nine years personally appeared, and being first duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that George Hensel who is an applicant for a pension from the United States, was in a volunteer Company of Militia commanded by Captain William Morgan of Berkeley County in Virginia that this deponent was also a member of the said Company, and well remembers that the said George Hensel was in said Company – that the said Hensel marched in the said Company from Shepherdstown in the said County in the second week in December 1776 to Philadelphia through Frederick town, York and Lancaster; and afterwards to Brunswick – that they were in an action together near Brunswick New Jersey and were discharged at Quibbletown in New Jersey in the beginning of April 1777 – that he knows the said George Hensel served a full tour of three months at that time. Given under my hand the day and year first above written

S/ Ch. H. Clark

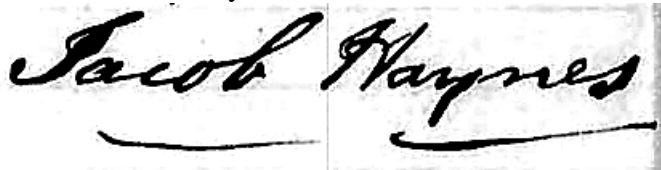
Sir[?] George Hensill [sic] called on me to procure my name for the purpose of proving that he was engaged in the revolution. I can only say that I was engaged in one tour under Captain Westle Lieutenant Thomas Hart and second Lieutenant Robert Buckles. We left Shepherdstown Berkeley County Virginia under command of Colonel Willis [Robert Carter Willis] Mr. George Hensill [sic] remarks to me that he was engaged in the same tour and under the same officers. Mr. Hensill being a stranger to me at that time I cannot positively recollect him But from circumstances which Mr. Hensill very minutely relates, I am convinced that he was with us until a short time after the we engaged in the service when Mr. Hensill attached him self to a Rifle Company after which time we were separated = But from the very my new circumstances which Mr. Hensill relates respecting our Tour I am Brought to believe and can say to the best of my knowledge that Mr. George Hensill was engaged in the Revolution.

As witness my hand this 11th day of February 1833

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S/ G. W. Shute

S/ Jacob Haynes



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]