

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hillary (Hilery) Hendricks S7000

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The State of Alabama, Lawrence County: SS: Circuit Court or Lawrence County September Term 1832

In on this 2nd day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable John White Judge of the 4th Judicial circuit of said State now sitting for the County of Lawrence, Hilery Hendricks a resident of said County aged seventy-eight years who being first duly sworn in open Court doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832. To wit: That he does not recollect what year he first entered the service, but he was a resident of Chatham County State of North Carolina when he first entered the service in a company of Cavalry commanded by Captain Joseph Stewart of said County & State, the company met at Chatham Court house as a place of rendezvous, and were what was in those days termed minute man, or those who were to be at all times prepared for a call in active service, they frequently made excursions to different parts of the State for the purpose of keeping the Tories from organizing themselves or doing any mischief, there being many who were disaffected to the cause of the United States, the most violent of those were the Scotch settlers below Deep River who with the others were always on the alert to burn the houses, killed the inhabitants who were Whigs, and despoil them of their property, in many instances they were known to have disfigured and mutilated the bodies of their victims in a manner which would well become the most ferocious & barbarous savage; he was in the service under the command of Captain Stewart on the first tour for three months.

After he was discharged from the service under Captain Stewart, (whose discharge he has lost) he again volunteered under the command of Captain Joseph Rosser and Major Roger Griffith, who were engaged in the same service that Captain Stewart had been previously engaged, while under their command, they had frequent skirmishes with the Tories who were never at rest, but were always on the watch and seeking whom (of the Whigs) they might devour, in all which they drove them from their strongholds and dispersed them. He was under this command three months and has now in court the discharge given him by them and signed by both Captain Rosser & Major Griffith and dated the 11th of April 1782.

Previous to his service under Major Griffith he served a tour of duty against the Tories under Captain Cage [William Cage] who afterwards became a Major, he was under his command three months, he had several skirmishes with the Tories and a few of the Tories were slain and some few of the Whig Americans were wounded. He has here in open court his discharge from this tour of service signed by Major W. Cage and dated the 25th of March 1781; he was principally under the command of Colonel Luttrell [John Luttrell].

Immediately after this he volunteered in the same service under the command of Captain Gholson [Charles Gholson or Goldston] which in its general features very much resembles the two preceding tours. This tour was likewise for three months, and he received a discharge but

has lost or mislaid it.

Shortly after this he volunteered under Captain William Richardson in like service and frequently routed the Tories in skirmishes they had with them. Under Captain Richardson he likewise served three months, and received a discharge which he has lost or mislaid.

The last term of three months which he served during the war he volunteered under Captain Matthew Ramsey, when he was likewise engaged against the Tories. This service expired a short time before the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]; he received a discharge from Captain Richardson [William Richardson], but has lost or mislaid that likewise.

He served in all fifteen months, and in the year 1784 he removed from Chatham County North Carolina to Elbert County in the State of Georgia. The times being somewhat troublesome where he removed, and there having been many Tories in the part of the country from which he emigrated, he determined to place his patriotism and services beyond question with the strangers among whom he was about to reside, and for the this purpose he obtained from the Justices of the peace for Chatham County a certificate that he was a true Whig and only intended to advance himself in an honest manner in life; this certificate is dated the 11th day of November 1783 and is here produced to the Court.

He was born in Edgecombe County, North Carolina, at an early age he was taken to Chatham County, thence in the year 1784 he removed to Elbert County Georgia, from which place he removed to this County in 1825 where he now resides. There was a register of his age in a family Bible of his father's but it has been lost. He can prove by William Jones a clergyman and David G. Ligon two of his neighbors, that he maintains a fair character for veracity and that he is reputed a revolutionary soldier, but knows of no person now living in this Country by whom he can prove his services.

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.

S/ Hillary Hendricks, X his mark

[William Jones, a clergyman, and David G. Ligon gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[In 1840, veteran was a resident of Yalobusha County, Mississippi; he had a son named Jeremiah.]

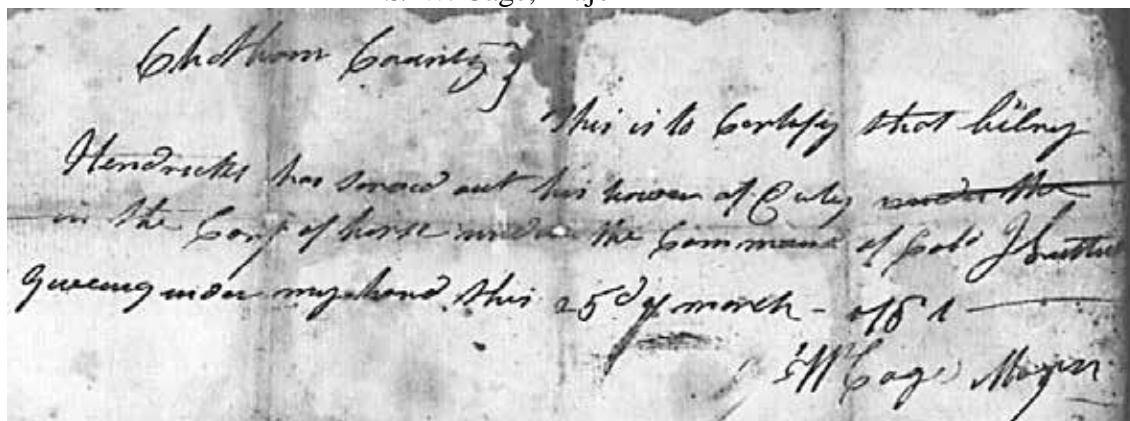
[p 3, 33-page file]

“Chatham County

This is to Certify that hilry Hendricks has served out his tour of Duty in the Corp of horse under the Command of Col. J. Luttrell.

Giving under my hand this 25 of march 1781

S/ W. Cage, Major”



Chatham County } This is to Certify that Hillary
Hendricks has served out his tour of Duty under the
in the Corp of horse under the Command of Col. J. Luttrell
Giving under my hand this 25 of march - 1781
W. Cage Major

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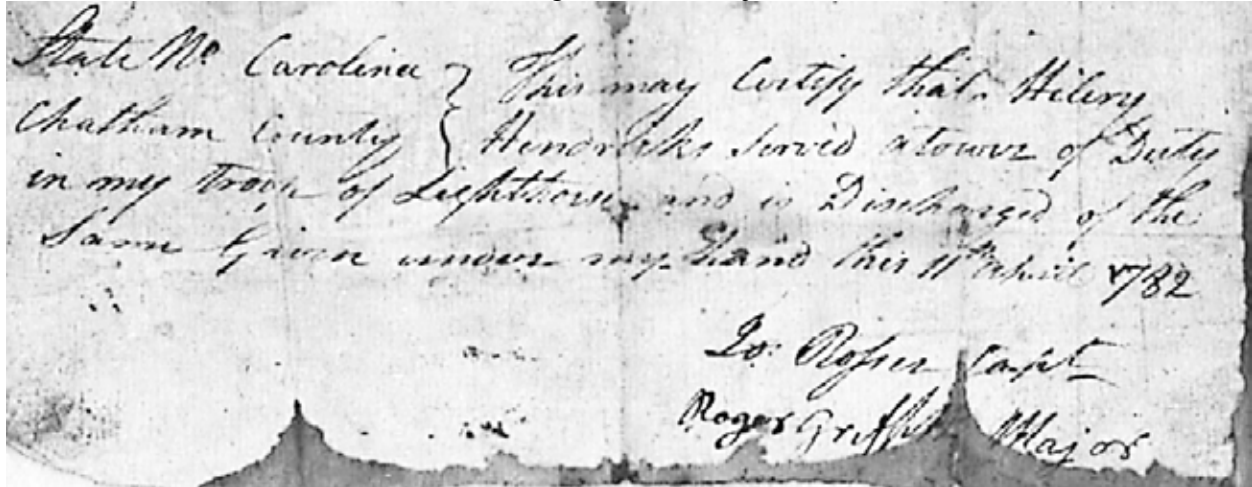
“State of No Carolina

Chatham County

This may Certify that Hilery Hendricks Served a tower of Duty in my Troop of Lighthorse and is Discharged of the Same Given under my hand this 11th April 1782.

S/ Jos. Rosser, Capt.

S/ Roger Giffith, Major”



State No Carolina } This may Certify that Hilery
Chatham County } Hendricks served a tower of Duty
in my Troop of Lighthorse and is Discharged of the
Same Given under my hand this 11th April 1782

Jos. Rosser Capt
Roger Giffith Major

“Nov. 1783

This is to Certify that Hilly Hendrick Is an Honest man and In these troubled Times Has Behaved Himself As a Good Whigg And As he's Removing from the County of Chatham is Only to Advance himself in An Honest Manner And to be a Good Sition [sic, Citizen] of the State of Georgia Where he is Intending/

S/ Wm Merritt, JP

S/ Presley George, JP

S/ R. Kennon, JP

S/ W. Douglass, JP

S/ Elisha Cain, JP

S/ Jos Brantly, JP”

[See below]

Nov. 7. 1840

This is to Certify that *John Hendrick* is an Honest
 man and in these Troubles *has* since has Behaved Merely
 as a Good Whigge and *is* his Removing from the
 County of Chatham in *order* to reside himself in an
 Honest Manner and to be a Good Citizen of the State
 of Georgia Where he is *now* Intending

Wm. M. Smith
Profly George
R. Shennon J. P.
W. Douglas J. C.
Elisha Cain J. C.
J. S. Brantley

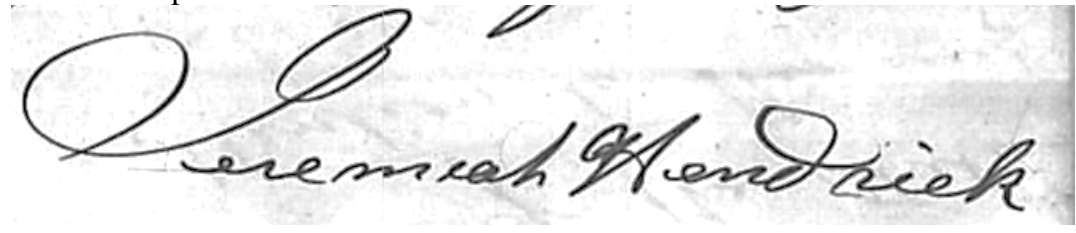
[pp 11 & 14: 33-page file: On November 7, 1840 in Yalobusha County Mississippi, the veteran filed for a transfer of his pension benefit from the Alabama agency to the Mississippi agency stating that he had lived in Yalobusha County Mississippi for the last 5 or 6 years having previously resided in Lawrence County Alabama; he describes himself as the same person who belonged to the command of Captain Charles Gholson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lytrell [sic, John Luttrell]; in this document he states:

"The following are his reasons for removing from the State of Alabama to the State in which he now resides, his friends and relations, a resident in the latter State, and he, being old and decrepit, and requiring help, and not knowing from whom he would so readily receive it as from his children, and others related to him by blood, was desirous of being near, and living with them: His reason for wishing a change from the place where his pension is now made payable, to some, the most convenient, place in the state where he resides is the inconvenience and trouble he is put to and having to go once every year to said place of payment, a distance of near 300 miles, the expense of such trip, being near half the amount annually due him;..."]

[p 15: The application for a transfer of the benefit from Alabama to Mississippi is supported by an affidavit of John Hendrick whose relationship, if any, to the veteran is not stated.

John Hendrick]

[p 29: In a letter dated October 21, 1849 sent from Grenada by Jeremiah Hendrick, Jeremiah refers to the pension due his father.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeremiah Hendrick". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper. The first letter "J" is large and loops back. The name "Hendrick" is written in a similar cursive style. The signature is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$62.50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private in the North Carolina militia as a cavalryman.]