

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Carter Hudspeth S7058

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State of North Carolina Surry County: On this 23rd day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, Personally appeared before me Josiah Cowles a Justice of the Peace and a member of the County Court of Surry State of North Carolina Carter Hudspeth a resident of said County aged eighty-four years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That end or about the month of October in the year 1778 -- he was drafted into the Company of North Carolina Militia commanded by Captain James Sheppard, Lieutenant John Dunlap Ensign Aaron Lisby, that under their command he marched to the rendezvous at Salisbury North Carolina thence under the command of General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] they marched on to Purrysburg on the Savannah River. This Army moved by the route of Camden South Carolina, on by Dorchester, Smokey Camps at which place our Army was called on for volunteers to go under Colonel Lytle & Major Nelson of the Continental line. We were called on for two days. I made one of the number who volunteered and instead of two days was gone two months and our tour had a fatal Termination at the Battle of Briar Creek where the Americans were most shockingly massacred but I had the Fortune to escape by swimming the River with the loss of all my ammunition & clothing, except his hat. I then joined General Rutherford. Our term of 5 months was soon out but by particular request we volunteered to our relief should come which was one month conger[?] making in all six months; he was marched back to North Carolina & there I was verbally discharged, not thinking it necessary to have a written one, having faithfully served his time. The next tour was in the summer of 1781 when he volunteered as a Ranger under Captain Cloud Lieutenant Blalock, we were severely [?] employed in keeping down the Tories, we took several and dispersed them in many places. He performed this tour & returned home he did apply for a discharge. The Tories were very troublesome and kept us very busy. This tour was for 3 months. Shortly after this, soon after the Battle at Guilford C. H. he served 3 months under Captain Banks of the Militia, the following answers are made to the Queries as propounded by the Magistrate the same as set down in the directions

1. I was born in Granville County North Carolina in the year 1747

2nd None but in a family record of my grandfather's which is now destroyed

3rd I lived in Surry County North Carolina & have since lived in Surry

4th I was drafted to go to Purrysburg, was a volunteer at all other times 5th, as to the Regular Officers I recollect General Lincoln, General Elbert, General Williamson, General Bryant, Bryant was in the Battle at Bryer Creek [Briar Creek]

6th -- I have no recollection of receiving but one discharge, it was for 3 months signed by Robert Burton & is lost. I have no documentary evidence

7th To prove his character for veracity and belief as to his service &c he refers to Thomas Wright, Zachariah Petty & others

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 any Agency in any State or Territory.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ J. Cowles, JP & M. C. C.

S/ Carter Hudspeth



[John Angel, a clergyman, and Thomas Wright gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State North Carolina Surry County: This day came Robert Horn¹ before me Josiah Cowles a Justice of the Peace for said County and made oath in due form of law, that he was in the Army of the revolution and was in Captain Shepperd's company of North Carolina Militia and that Carter Hudspeth who has signed the preceding declaration was in the same company and they served the whole tour through together. The draft was for 5 months but they stayed 6 months as stated in the declaration. That they returned home together and that Hudspeth did performed the whole tour with Honor & that he thinks Hudspeth was discharged at the same time as himself but has forgotten it.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & date as above written

S/ Josiah Cowles, JP

S/ Robert Horn



North Carolina Surry County

John Reavis Senior² swears that he was in the Campaign to Purrysburg and that he concurs in the above affidavit of Robert Born as to the Service of Carter Hudspeth.

Sworn to as above

S/ J. Cowley, JP

S/John Reavis Senior



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum for one-year service as a private in the North Carolina Continental line.]

¹ [Robert Horn S7023](#)

² [John Reavis S7380](#)