

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Knight S7124

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North Carolina Rockingham County

On this 29th day of August 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions now sitting Henry Knight a resident of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina aged seventy-three years the 15th day of February last, who being first 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated, that he entered the service in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia under Captain Laurence Smith sometime in the year 1780 in the spring as well as he now recollects, the month not remembered at this time, that he does not recollect the name of his Lieutenant or Ensign, that Colonel David Mason & Colonel Lewis Burrell commanded his Regiment that he entered the service as a drafted militia man for the term of six months, that he together with his company marched directly for South Carolina, that they crossed the Roanoke [River], at Halifax in North Carolina, that they passed through Camden, crossed the Congaree [River] at Colonel Thompson's [probably a reference to South Carolina Colonel William Thomson]; that he joined the troops under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] at a place called the long causeway in the neighborhood of Stono, that he continued in that vicinity until some few days after the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] when he and all his Regiment was discharged, they having served out there tour to wit six months, that he well recollects that he was on guard on the morning of the battle, at the foot of the long causeway, that the battle was fought on Sunday, that the firing commenced a little after daybreak, that he well remembers that the company of guards to which he was attached was to have been relieved at 8 o'clock but that the relief did not come that day that he served six months during this tour, he remembers General Lincoln and one Major Moore who was said to be a Yankee, that he well recollects that Major Moore [one or more indecipherable words], that he was not permitted to have the charge of a couple of field pieces which he wished to have placed against the enemy as they crossed the bridge; that he again entered the service in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia under Captain Lawrence Smith as a drafted militia man, for the term of six weeks, that his Colonel was named Merryweathers [probably Thomas Meriwether], that his Major was a Frenchman by the name of DeCloman [probably Christian Charles de Klauman] as well as he recollects, that they marched to a place called Babs Old field [Babb's old field], that they remained in that neighborhood which is not far from Portsmouth in the State of Virginia until his six weeks had expired, that when the men came from his County to relieve them, there were three men lacking,

that he with one Nicholas Prince and William Pate served six weeks longer to supply their place which made two tours, when he was discharged, having served three months, that he received no written discharge, that as well as he now recollects this service was performed in the year 1781, that he is not certain as to the year; that he again entered the service in the County of Sussex and state of Virginia under Captain Lawrence Smith about one month before the capture of Cornwallis at Yorktown, that he entered the service at this time for no definite period, that he served not less than one month at this time, that he was at the taking of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], that he was discharged a few days after his surrender, that his Regiment was commanded by Colonel Benjamin Blount and Major Robert Mabary [Robert Mabry], that he recollects seeing General Washington at Yorktown, that the service was performed in 1781.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove any part of his service except Hartwell Barham of the County of Stokes and Elizabeth Knight of the County of Rockingham whose attendance at court he is unable to procure, as they are all infirm that they both lived in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia during the revolution near neighbors to this applicant, that he hereby relinquishes every claim 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.

In answer to the first question he states that he was born in the year 1760 in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia.

In answer to the 2nd question – he states that he has no record of his age.

In reply to the 3rd question he states that he was living in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia when called into service, that he continued to reside in said County until about the year 1803 or 1804, when he removed to the County of Rockingham & State of North Carolina where he resided about 3 years when he removed to the adjoining County of Guilford where he resided about 20 years when he removed to the County of Rockingham again, where he has resided ever since. In answer to the 4 question he states that he was a drafted militia man. In answer to the 5th question he states that he has been mentioned in the body of his declaration the names of such officers as he now recollects. In answer to the 6th question; he states that he never received any commission nor did he ever receive a written discharge. In reply to the 7th question, he states that he is well known to John Winchester, Moses Taylor, Blake W Brant & many others who can and will testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He further states that there is a clergyman by the name of Henry Tatum in his neighborhood to whom he has been well known for more than twenty years & who will also testify as to his character for veracity and his belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution, he states that he is unable to procure the attendance of said clergyman at this court on account of his engagements in preaching.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Henry Knight, X his mark

[John Winchester & Moses Taylor gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

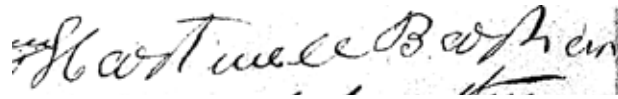
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North Carolina Stokes County: Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions March Term 1834

This day personally appeared in open court Hartwell Barham and made oath that he is well acquainted with Henry Knight an applicant for a pension; that during the war of the revolution he lived a neighbor to him in the County of Sussex and State of Virginia, that he well recollects of his return from the Army. Henry Knight applied to this affiant for the loan of his knapsack,

stating that he was then going on to the service as a militia man, that he went out under Colonel David Mason, that he was gone 6 months or more, when he returned, this affiant states that he believes the said night served at this tour six months.

S/ Hartwell Barham¹

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hartwell Barham". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[p 16: Elizabeth Knight of Guilford County North Carolina gave testimony that the applicant was gone on 3 separate tours of duty during the revolutionary war, the first four six months, the 2nd time for twelve weeks and the 3rd time for four weeks or upwards. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 24: On September 10, 1833, Henry Tatum, a clergyman, gave a standard supporting affidavit. The affidavit was given in Guilford County North Carolina.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$28 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private 8 months and 12 days in the Virginia Troops.]

¹ probably the same man as [Hartwell Barham S41418](#)