

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Alexander Hatch S8648

fn17NC

Transcribed by Will Graves

4/24/11

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading fails to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this 1st day of March A.D. 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid, now sitting, Alexander Hatch, a resident of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina, aged sixty-eight years on the 15th day of November A.D. 1832, 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 7th 1832. –

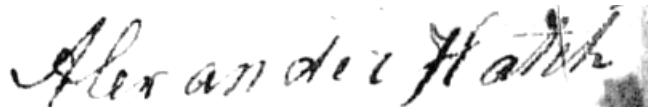
That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

This declarant, late in the Fall or in the winter of the year 1780, when he was in the seventeenth year of his age, as well as he recollects, became a substitute in the militia in the State of Virginia, for a tour of three months service, in the place of one Freeman Short, who had been drafted as a private in the County of Dinwiddie of that State, for that term of service. The declarant resided at that time in Dinwiddie County in said State. – The Company, to which he was attached, was commanded by Captain Peterson Goodwin – & Peter Epps, Lieutenant: Colonel Faulkner was the Field Officer. The declarant's company rendezvoused at "Long Ordinary", near the Town of Petersburg & was organized. Thence he was marched some thirty miles below Petersburg for the purpose as he understood of meeting the Enemy – & his company fell in with several Companies of other Militia, and were on their march to Petersburg to defend it against an expected attack on it by the British, as this declarant understood; whereupon the Company, to which the declarant belonged, returned to Petersburg. In the Town of Petersburg, the declarant was in the engagement with the enemy, which immediately ensued on his return – & resulted in the defeat of our men. – After the engagement & defeat of our forces, the declarant & others convened at Chesterfield Church, & thence were marched to the "Cole-pits" in the vicinity – & thence, by night, to the City of Richmond, Virginia. From Richmond, after a stay of a day or so, he was marched across James River, to "Fish-pond House" in the vicinity. Thence,

he was marched a few miles to the East or North of said River, where he was stationed until the expiration of his three months tour. The declarant received a written discharge from this tour of service – but he has lost it. – In the Spring of 1781, as he recollects, he was hired as a substitute in the place of one Meredith Portress, for the term of twelve months as a private in the militia of North Carolina, and joined the Army at the Town of Halifax in North Carolina immediately. The declarant still resided in Dinwiddie, Virginia, and the aforesaid Portress was of Brunswick Virginia, and had been previously in the militia of North Carolina as a private & had run away from the Battle of Guilford, as the declarant understood. – The Company to which declarant was attached at Halifax was commanded by Captain Lyttle [probably William Lytle] – Colonel Dixon [Henry Dixon] was the Field Officer. He was frequently shifted in the course of this tour & had different officers whose names he does not recollect. From Halifax, declarant was marched to Tarborough; thence to Washington North Carolina, thence to Cross Creek, now Fayetteville; thence to "Pine Tree," now Camden, in South Carolina; and thence to the "High Hills" of Santee, where he joined General Green's Army [Nathanael Greene]. From the High Hills of Santee, he was marched with General Greene's Army to Thompson's's Fort [Thomson's Fort] – and thence, as he thinks, to the "Round O" – when the declarant reached "Round O", the Enemy lay in Charleston – and a Company of volunteers from our ranks, was called for, to reconnoiter the enemy, and occupy the section of Country between "Round O" and Charleston. In this Company, the declarant volunteered, & was in the service for which it was destined, until intelligence of the surrender of Cornwallis arrived – when he joined the main Army. From "Round O", or Moncks Corner, declarant was marched to Bacon's Bridge, South Carolina where he remained until orders were received for the discharge of the twelve months men. From Bacon's Bridge, those who were to be discharged returned together with and Officer to Guilford Court House, North Carolina where he received a written discharge – & thence to Dinwiddie Virginia. His discharge is lost. – The declarant was born in Dinwiddie County in Virginia, on the 15th of November A.D. 1764. He has no record of his age. A few years after the close of the Revolution, declarant removed to Chatham County North Carolina & have since resided in North Carolina, a part of the time in Chatham; a part in Randolph County, and balance of the time in Orange County. He has resided about forty years in Orange County, where he now lives. The declarant is known to John Caruthers & Lysias Durham who reside in Orange, N.C.

He has no documentary evidence of his service. He hath endeavored but has failed to procure a clergyman to testify to his character & cannot conveniently get one, and knows of no witness, whose evidence he can procure, by whom he can prove his services, except her but Lewis, whose Affidavit accompanies this declaration, and speaks as to a part of declarant's services. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the Agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Alexander Hatch

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

[John Caruthers & Lysias Durham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify, that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that Alexander Hack a private Soldier and Captain Carter's Company of the 10th Regiment, enlisted on the 15th

day of April 1781, for the term of twelve months and that his time was out on the 10th of April 1782.

Given under my hand this 28th day of February 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

I have no doubt the name all to have been enrolled Alexander Hatch and not Alexander Hack.

Given under my hand this 28th February 1833.

S/ Wm Hill

North Carolina Orange County: SS

On this the 31st day of May 1833, personally appeared in open Court, Alexander Hatch, resident of the County & State aforesaid, and after having first been duly sworn, doth on his oath, make the following statement by way of amendment & explanation of his Declaration heretofore made before the Court aforesaid viz. at its February sessions A.D. 1833, & on the first day of March A.D. 1833, for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1833.

That he was in actual service as a private for twelve months in the War of the Revolution under the engagement mentioned in his said former declaration, by declarant's becoming the substitute for Meredith Portress. The history of his services during that campaign is given in his former declaration, to which he asked a reference. The Regiment to which he belonged in said Tour, this declarant cannot recollect. In his former declaration, he stated that in his said tour of duty of twelve months, he was frequently shifted & placed under different officers, whose names he did not recollect. He now states, that he hath a recollection of the names of two other officers under whom he was placed in the course of said tour, viz.: Captain Carter and Captain Donoho – In addition to the proof of service heretofore offered by declarant, he now has in his power to furnish the accompanying Certificate of William Hill Esquire Secretary of State for North Carolina; & he here states, that he is satisfied that he is the identical soldier whose name was enrolled, erroneously, "Alexander Hach." By reference to declarant's former declaration, it will appear that he served as a private in the militia of Virginia in the year 1780, a tour of duty, of three months, as a substitute for Freeman Short, who had been drafted. This service is proven by the affidavit of Herber Lewis [Herbert Lewis] of Chatham County, N.C. – And declarant submits further the accompanying Certificate of the Secretary of State for North Carolina is not [sic] proof of his services for 12 months, which declarant avers he performed, as set forth in his former declaration.

Sworn to & subscribed

S/ J. Taylor, Clk

S/ Alexander Hatch

State of North Carolina

This day came before me J. W. Bynum one of the Acting Justices of the peace for the County of Chatham Herbert Lewis¹ of said County and made oath that he is well acquainted with Alexander Hatch of the County of Orange in the State aforesaid, that he was in the service of the United States as a Militia man in the year 1780 that they both served a tour of three months under the command of Peterson Goodwin as Captain and Peter Epps as Lieutenant, that the said Hatch was a Substitute in place of Freeman Short of Dinwiddie County State of Virginia.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 4th day of October A.D. 1832.

S/ J. W. Bynum

S/ Herbert Lewis

¹ FPA S4529

Harbert Lewis

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months service as a private in the Virginia militia and North Carolina Continental line.]