

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of George Hahn S8683

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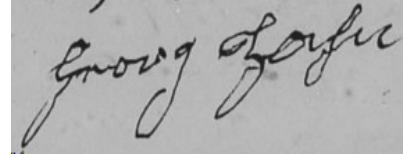
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State of Maryland County of Frederick Sct

On this 31st day of July 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Frederick County now sitting George Hahn a resident of Frederick County near Mechanics Town in Frederick County State of Maryland aged nearly eighty years as well as he recollects 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 was drafted in December 1776 in the militia company commanded by Capt. Michael McGuire in Taney Town [Taneytown] Frederick County aforesaid – Col Norman Bruce being colonel of the regiment started in about two weeks thereafter through York Lancaster & Philadelphia at which last place we halted snow being very deep, marched to Baskinridge [sic: Basking Ridge] New Jersey, where we remained for some time – returned to Frederick County after being absent on this tour two months. September 1777 we were called on to rendezvous at Erb's mill about 7 or 8 miles from Westminster Frederick County – the aforesaid Capt. Maguire here addressed us at length, & we volunteered our services. Here also this petitioner was duly constituted & appointed first lieutenant in said volunteer company commanded by said capt. Maguire: the commission was written & signed by him [see endnote] & was kept by this affiant from that time to April 11th 1788 when the house of this petitioner situate about six miles from Westminster in said county, containing said commission, & all his other papers & property was consumed by fire. As first lieutenant of the company aforesaid, he started soon after through York & Lancaster & finally to German Town in Octo'r 1777 where he fought [Battle of Germantown PA, 4 Oct 1777] as first lieutenant under Capt McGuire & was struck by a spent cannon ball on his left arm, which although it did not break any bone nevertheless rendered him very lame & sore in that region for a long time, & this affiant to this day feels the effects of that ball not being hardly able sometimes to put on his cloathes. Several of McGuires company were killed & he himself wounded in the arm as well as he remembers. He cannot remember exactly how long it was before his discharge after this battle, but he is perfectly positive that he served two months at least before he returned to Frederick County again. Affiant was not again called out into service until July 1781 when he was summoned once more & appearing again at Erbs mill was enrolled in the company commanded by Capt George Winchester as a private, the first lieutenant was Thomas Durbin – marched from Taney Town to Fredericktown & was with others sworn in before Dr. Philip Thomas to serve until December 10 1781. He gave us certificates to this effect. We marched to Anapolis [sic: Annapolis] & were inspected by Col Smallwood afterwards Gen Smallwood [sic: William Smallwood, Brigadier General since 1776] – remained here about four weeks – thence to George Town [Georgetown] tarried here about one week – thence through Alexandria, Colchester, Dumfries, Fredericksburgh, Williamsburgh [sic: Fredericksburg and Williamsburg], to York where he remained with our army until after the surrender of Cornwallis [at Yorktown, 19 Oct 1781]. After this event, affiant was marched back to Anapolis, delivered up his arms & was discharged by Major Williams – the discharge aforesaid was burnt up with other papers as herein before detailed – so that the period of this affiants service were as follows. Two months as a private drafted under Capt McGuire in 1776 & 1777 as before detailed – second two months as a first lieutenant of McGuires volunteer company in the latter part of 1777 – third nearly four months under Capt Winchester in 1781 it being about three weeks before Christmas of that year when affiant reached home. Affiant was born near Hanover Pennsylvania between 70 & 80 years since (the record thereof being burnt as aforesaid) was brought in very early childhood to Frederick County Maryland where he has lived ever since with the aforesaid exceptions – that the commission of first lieutenant of McGuires volunteer company was signed by said McGuire himself & that it was consumed in the fire aforesaid – that he is well known to Stephen Hoefflich & Henry McHenry of Frederick County especially to the former who was a fellow soldier under Winchester these persons can testify as to the character of affeant for veracity

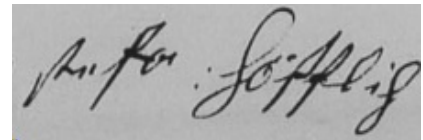
& their belief of his services as a soldier & lieutenant in McGuire's company in the Revolutionary War. He has now no documentary evidence by reason of the aforesaid casualty to sustain the facts here stated nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service nor any clergyman except the affidavit of said Stephen Hoefflich hereto annexed & which he prays may be received as full proof thereof. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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.

[signed in German] Georg Hahn



At the same time personally appears in open court now sitting Stephen Hoefflich who being duly sworn according to law, deposes & saith that he has this day heard the aforesaid petition of George Hahn distinctly read to him: that he believes the same true in all respects from a variety of sources: that he was present when George Hahn enrolled himself as a volunteer in Capt McGuire's company at Erbs Mill as detailed in said petition that he knew McGuire & heard him address the men on that day – affiant was then between 16 & 17 years old. that he heard McGuire tell Hahn & the company that Hahn should be first lieutenant so long as he McGuire was Captain – he thinks this public declaration was made at Taney Town but is not positive – he recollects that Hahn's house was burnt forty six years ago on the 11th of April that he remembers it from this circumstance that his second son was born in March prior to this event. Affiant farther saith that he was himself sworn in by Dr. Thomas on the same day with Hahn & marched with him as stated in his declaration with this difference that affiant belonged to the 4th Hahn to the third regiment – saw him repeatedly at York Town during the siege & remembers perfectly that Hahn's hand being wounded accidentally with a bayonet he was not placed on the lines but stood guard & that he once gave this affiant half a loaf of bread to stand guard in his place. Affiant saith that Hahn was counted the smartest man in McGuire's company & of high spirit – he never heard that McGuire recalled his appointment of Hahn as lieutenant as above detailed, nor did he ever hear or understand otherwise [undeciphered word] that Hahn discharged his duty. This affiant now upwards of seventy three, has known the petitioner for more than fifty odd years & declares that he never at any time heard his character impeached in any respect & that for veracity & honesty no one can be more unexceptionable. Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

[signed in German] stefa hofflich



NOTES: Captains were not authorized to issue commissions. Hahn's pension was consequently for eight months service as a Private.