

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Huckstep S9596

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State of Virginia

At a Court held for Albemarle County 3rd day of December 1832.

On this 3rd day of December 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Justices of the County Court of Albemarle, now sitting – Charles Huckstep a resident of said County and State, aged seventy years next February, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of an act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the County of Hanover, & State of Virginia & lived there until he was 15 or 16 years old, when he removed to the County of Albemarle, where he has resided or made his home ever since. That about the month of September or October of the year preceding the siege of York, he was drafted as a militia man from the County of Albemarle under Bennett Henderson as Captain: and Robert Sharpe, Lieutenant: that he marched to Richmond where the troops drew arms & was marched down James River and crossed it, marched to Cabin Point, he was stationed ~~there~~ during the ~~tour~~, & afterwards marched to Petersburg & there discharged. He served two months this Tour – he returned home, the precise date is not remembered but he knows there was snow on the ground when he returned home & it was the year before the surrender of Cornwallis. That again in the Spring of 1781, about the month of June, he was drafted in the militia for another tour & marched from Albemarle under Captain Bennett Henderson again, he forgets the name of the other officers under whom he marched – he marched & joined the Army under Marquis Lafayette, near a place called Negro Foot in Hanover County – soon after joining the Army he was commanded by Captain Mask Leake [Mark Leake?]- Captain Henderson, having returned home – the name of his other Company officers, he does not recollect. He was attached to the first Regiment of Militia under Colonel Reuben Lindsay. He continued with the Army under Lafayette through what is known as the Wild Goose Chase, and the troops under General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], joined them at a place called Boswell's ordinary in Louisa County. The route of the Army was from Hanover where he joined it, towards the Rappahannock [River] and crossed the Rapid Dam River [Rapidan River] at the Raccoon Ford, and then returned through Orange & Louisa Counties, on towards Mechenck [Mechanic] Creek – thence down the Country near Williamsburg, & after the battle of James Town [perhaps the Battle of Jamestown Ford, July 6, 1781] marched up to Marvin Hills [Malvern Hills], where he was discharged. He served two months – the time of the Tours being two months, in the militia service. He was again drafted in the Militia, during the month of September, 1781 – and marched again under Captain Ben: Harris [Benjamin Harris] from the

County of Albemarle, & rendezvoused at Williamsburg, at the Old Magazine, and marched from thence in a short time to the town [sic, town] of York, where Cornwallis was besieged – after the Commencement of the Siege, he, as one of a body of two hundred and fifty troops marched to Tree-hill's landing on James River, to unload some vessels with Washington's Troops & provisions & equipment &c. He was stationed at that place during the siege, eight miles from York Town – He again joined his own company at the surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] & marched to Noland's Ferry, and thence to Leesburg where he gave up his arms. He recollects the names of General Lawson [Robert Lawson] & General Mathews [Thomas Mathews]. His inferior officers were frequently changed – and he does not remember their names well enough to swear to them. He served two months this Tour. In the two last tours Richard Johnson, to whose affidavit he refers, served with him.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/ Charles Huckstep

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles Huckstep". To the right of the signature is a small number "1".

Thereupon the Court propounded to the applicant the following interrogatories.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Hanover County, Virginia – in February, 1763.

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. I have a record of my age at home but it is mislaid

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When called into service I lived in Albemarle County Virginia where I have continued to live since the Revolution, & where I now live.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

Ans. I was drafted

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I don't now remember more than I have already stated.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from Captain Mask Leake, for the 2nd Tour, and one from Captain Ben: Harris for the 3rd – both of which I have lost or mislaid.

Albemarle County, to wit: Richard Johnson,² this day personally appeared before me a justice of the peace for said County, and made oath that in the spring of the year 1781, he marched with Charles Huckstep, from this County, under Captain Bennett Henderson & was afterwards commanded by Captain Mask Leake, and served throughout the tour of two months as stated in the said Huckstep's foregoing declaration – That again in the month of September 1781, he marched with him under Captain Benjamin Harris and served throughout this tour with said Huckstep as set forth in his foregoing declaration. They were together during these two Tours in

¹ Not clear to me that this is the actual signature of the veteran

² [Richard Johnson S8766](#)

the same mess.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of November 1832
S/ O. Norris, JP

Albemarle County, to wit: This day Mekins Carr [subsequently referred to as Meekins Carver],³ personally appeared before me James R Watson a Justice of the peace for said County & made oath that he served a tour of two months with Charles Huckstep, during the War of the Revolution, and that the said Huckstep was discharged with him at Petersburg and that Bennett Henderson was his Captain and Robert Sharp, Lieutenant.

Given under my hand this 5th day of November, 1832
S/ James R Watson, JP

[Thornton Rogers, a clergyman, and John Fagg gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Facts in file: the veteran died December 29, 1854, place not stated; the file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia.]

³ [Meekins Carr S8137](#)