

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hamner W10081

Mary Hamner

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State of Indiana SS County of Johnson

On this 10th day of November 1834 personally appeared in open Court before Israel Watts sole judge of the Probate Court of Johnson County now sitting, John Hamner a resident of said County and state aged 73 years 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 Command of Captain Stephen Marberry, Major Green and Colonel Burrell about the last of June 1778 as a draft. That at the time of entering the service as above he was a resident of Macklenburgh [Mecklenburg] County Virginia in which County he was drafted as above: That from the point of enlistment after entering the service he marched eastward through the counties of Lunenburg & Brunswick to Dinwiddie C. H. [Courthouse] where with the company to which he belonged he was stationed, and remained about three months, when he was discharged and returned home.

That afterwards in December 1779 as a volunteer under the command of Major James Anderson he entered the service of the United States. That said Anderson was the only commissioned officer belonging to the Company 40 in number. That during this term of service he was engaged in guarding a military magazine situated in Mecklenburg County near the Roanoke River; in which service he was employed about three months when he was honorably discharged.

That afterwards in February 1781 as a draft he entered the service of the United States under the command of Captain Robert Smith Major Skippus [probably a mistaken attempt to identify Major Henry Skipwith who is known to have been at the battle of Guilford Courthouse] and Colonel Robert Manford [Robert Munford] of the Virginia militia: That from Mecklenburg County the place of enlistment he marched southwardly into North Carolina until the detachment to which he belonged formed a junction with the force under the command of General Green [Nathanael Greene], at which place for the time being the headquarters of the Army was established. At said place also General Lawson [Robert Lawson] took command of the Brigade to which this applicant belonged, he being Commandant of the Virginia troops then there present: That shortly after the junction aforesaid, the whole American force were present under the command of General Green marched to Guilford Court House, where an engagement [March 15, 1781] was had with the British troops under the command of Lord Cornwallis: That after the engagement. This applicant, together with the unscattered American force retreated to a place then called "the Iron Works" some 14 miles from Guilford C. H. After the Battle Cornwallis

marched down Deep River & thence in the direction of the lower parts of Virginia; and General Green with the detachment under his command (among whom was this applicant) pursued for some distance – unknown to this applicant: That afterwards the detachment was marched to Hillsboro N. C. where this applicant after having served about four months was discharged.

That all of the discharges by this applicant received were given verbally. That the whole length of time by him employed in the service of the United States as a soldier during the war of the revolution was not less than nine months. That at the battle of Guilford C H there was a General Parsons [?]¹ a Commandant of North Carolina Militia; as also a General Stevens [Edward Stevens] and Colonel Washington [William Washington] in said engagement whom it is believed were Regular officers. That after the battle of Guilford from sickness Colonel Manford resigned his command & his place was afterwards filled by Colonel Hallcum [perhaps a mistaken attempt to identify Colonel John Holcombe] of Va.

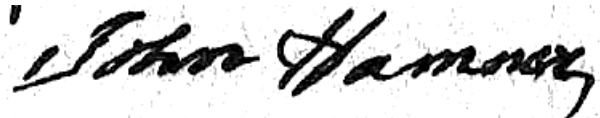
That he has no documentary evidence of his service nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify thereto.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Agency of any state or territory.

And in answer to the interrogatories of the said court here now propounded unto him the said Applicant saith

1. That he was born in the year 1761 in Mecklenburg County Virginia
2. That he has no record of his age.
3. That was called into the service of the United States he was a resident of Mecklenburg County Virginia; where he resided until 1801 whence he removed to Mercer County Kentucky and subsequently in 1823 he became a resident of Johnson County Indiana.
4. That he was slightly acquainted with Generals Greene, Stevens and Colonel Washington who were with the troops with whom this applicant served at the battle of Guilford. He does not now recollect the names of any of the Continental regiments with whom he served.
7. That he is known by William Norris and John Reese whose affidavits of his veracity & their belief of his services are hereto annexed.

S/ John Hamner



[John Reese, a clergyman, and William Norris gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Indiana to wit Johnson County

Before the Subscriber Notary Public resident at Franklin in said County personally came John Hamner, applicant (No. 33619) under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 for a pension from the United States as a revolutionary Soldier; who being sworn upon his oath, in amendment and addition to his declaration heretofore made saith, That the term of service by him performed as a soldier of the United States during the war of the revolution in the year 1778 was not less than two months and twenty days, a more complete account whereof is given in his said declaration. That the services by him rendered as aforesaid during the year 1779 – 80 was

¹ Parsons

not less in duration than three months which is more fully described in his said declaration.

That the services by him rendered as aforesaid in the year 1781 were performed as a draft as stated; and that on further reflection this deponent believes were commenced in January of that year and continued for space of time not less than three months and a half. That after the battle of Guilford in his said declaration mentioned this deponent and the Regiment where to he belonged was commanded by Colonel Philip Halcum, owing to the ill health of Colonel Manford as in his said declaration mentioned. That from this term of service he was discharged in Hillsboro North Carolina which term this deponent is positive was not less than the period last aforesaid. And further this deponent saith not.

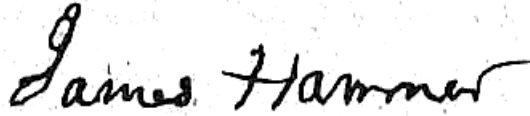
S/ John Hamner

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State of Indiana Johnson County: SS

On this the 19th day of January 1843 Personally appeared before us William H Henderson, Robert W McKinney & John R Kerr acting Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Johnson State of Indiana Mr. James Hamner a resident of said County of Johnson, and who is a gentleman of high standing, and who after being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain an allowance for the amount due his deceased mother by virtue of the act of Congress passed the 7th day of July 1838 Entitled "An act granting half pay and pensions to certain widows" to wit. That he declarant is the son of John Hamner deceased late of Johnson County Indiana and who died on the 28th day of October 1836, and that he died leaving Mary Hamner his widow, who died on the 14th day of November 1842. Declarant further states that he is the son of the said John and the said Mary and he was fifty years of age on the 25th day of January last 1843, as appears from an entry made by his Father in his own hand write [sic] on a leaf of a ciphering book and which leaf is herewith filed & which contains other entries relative to the birth of said John & Mary and some others of their children, all of which is in his own hand writing. Declarant would also state that he has heard his Father and mother state that they had an older child than declarant & which died shortly after its birth. Declarant further states that his said Father and mother were married as he has understood & verily believes in the year 1790. Declarant further states that his said Father was a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States under the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 at the rate of \$30 per annum & the certificate which issued to him as evidence of his right to the same is in the possession of declarant and is now by him herein filed. Declarant further saith that his said mother died leaving many children and intestate, and that John Hamner is now the administrator of her estate, and residing in said County of Johnson State of Indiana & the said children are named as follows James Hamner (myself) now a resident of Johnston County Indiana, Ann Noel also a resident of Johnson County Indiana and is the wife of Liberty Noel, Rebecca Coffett now the wife of Jacob Coffett and residents also of Johnson County aforesaid, Sarah Done now a widow & formally the wife of William Done deceased, Elizabeth Coffett now the wife of Thomas R Coffett, & am also residence of Johnson County aforesaid, Polly Rodgers now the wife of John A. Rodgers also of said County of Johnson, William Hamner also of said County of Johnson and George Hamner also of said County of Johnson. Declarant further states that his said mother Mary was married to his aforesaid father John Hamner in the year 1790 as he verily believes that she was not married before the last period of the service of his said Father in the war of the Revolution terminated but the marriage took place previous to the first of January 1794 (viz.) at the time above stated.

S/ James Hamner

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Hamner". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letter of each name being significantly larger and more decorative.

[p 11: family register:

John Hamner was Born January 2nd 1761

Mary Hamner was born August 4th in year 1770

James Hamner Of John Hamner and Mary His Wife Was Born January 25, 1793

Ann Hamner was born November 28, 1795

Robert A. Hamner was born July 28th 1797

Sarah Hamner was born February 14th, 1799

John Hamner was born
January 2nd 1761
Mary Hamner was
born August 4th 1760
James Hamner son of John
Hamner and Mary his wife
was born January 25 1793
Anna Hamner was born
November 27th 1795
Abigail Hamner was
born July 28th 1797
Sarah Hamner was born
February 14th 1799

[p 29: On November 9, 1843 in Boyle County Kentucky, Mr. Henry Hamner, 84, gave a supporting affidavit in which he states he is the brother of John Hamner deceased; that he was present at the marriage of John and Mary and that they were married in the year 1790 or thereabouts perhaps the year previous and that their son James is now upwards of 50 years of age. He signed his affidavit with his mark.]

[p 40: On November 9, 1843 in Boyle County Kentucky, Mrs. Sarah Hamner, aged above 83, gave a supporting testimony stating that she was present at the marriage of John and Mary; that they were married about the year 1790 she knows because they were married before the

deponent's child Henry was born January 10, 1790, her next child was born September 13 1792 and her next child was born December first 1794; that Mary and John's first child was Nancy and second child James; that James was born about the same time as the deponent's daughter Lucy was born September 13, 1792. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 9 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]