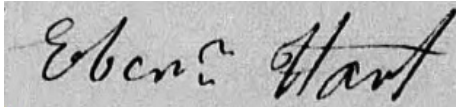


Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Ebenezer Hart W14852 Polly Hart MA
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

Ebenezer Hart of Lynnfield in the County of Essex in Massachusetts yeoman makes on Oath the following Declaration: [4 April 1818]

That in the beginning of the year 1777 he enlisted as a private in Capt. Ebenezer Winship’s Company in Col. Rufus Putnam’s 5th Mass’tts Regim’t. in Gen. [John] Nixon’s Brigade to serve during the War, and did serve six years and till the 12th June A.D. 1783 when he was discharged at Newburg [NY] by Col. [David] Cobb and Maj. [John] Burnham: he has lost by time his written discharge, which was honorable: – that he is 55 years old, and from his reduced circumstances in life stands in need of assistance from his country for support: and that he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension heretofore allowed him by the Laws of the United States.



Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
ESSEX, ss.

At the Circuit Court of Common Pleas of the Middle Circuit, begun and holden at Salem, within and for the County of Essex, on the third Monday of June, A.D. 1820.

Present, Hon. Samuel Dana, Chief Justice./ Hon. William Wetmore, and/ Hon. Stephen Minot, Associate Justices.

In open Court her, being a Court of Record for said Circuit, proceeding according to the course of the common law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings, and having the power of fine and imprisonment, Ebenezer Hart resident in Lynnfield in said Circuit, who is named in Pension Certificate No. 594 now in his possession, of which the following is a true copy, to wit,

“WAR DEPARTMENT...REVOLUTIONARY CLAIM.

“I certify that, in conformity with the Law of the United States, of the 18th March, 1818, Ebenezer Hart late a private in the Army of the Revolution, is inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Massachusetts Agency, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

“Given at the War of Office of the United States, this nineteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. J. C. CALHOUN, Secretary of War,”

appears, and exhibits to the Court here a Schedule, subscribed by him, as follows, to wit,
SCHEDULE,

containing his whole estate and income, his necessary clothing and bedding excepted, to wit,

- Seven acres of tillage and mowing land, with a house, one story high, of wood, out of repair and barn also out of repair. . . \$175.00
- Seventeen acres of unimproved land, being wood-land, worth \$7 pr. acre. 119.00
- Also twenty six acres of unimproved land at \$6.00 pr. acre. . . . 156.00
- A cow & calf \$18 – another cow \$15. 33.00
- Two heifers at \$16 for both – 8 young swine \$15. 31.00
- Old plough \$1. horse traces \$1. shovel \$0.60. 2.60
- Fork 0.50. 2 hoes 0.25. axe 0.50. table 0.75. 2.00
- Crockery and earthen ware. 1.50
- Stone, pewter & tin ware. 1.70
- Two old bbls. 0.50. six chairs 2.50. looking glass 0.50. 3.50

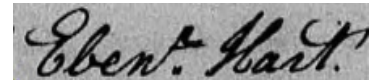
Iron ware 1.50. old fire set 0.50. desk 1.00.....	3.50
Case drawers 1.50. Spinning wheels 1.00. spoon 2.00.	<u>4.50</u>
	532.80

His farm is mortgaged to Dan'l. Needham Esq. by deed made Nov. 22 1804, on which mortgage remains due about	\$100.00	
and he owes divers other persons about	<u>100.00</u>	
	debts	<u>\$200.00</u>
and he is worth		\$232.80

He is in the fifty eighth year of his age. husbandman. now unable to do much work by reason palpitation of his heart, and by bleeding at his stomach in consequence of having strained himself 12 years since.

His family are his wife aged 56, daughter Charlotte 25 – Abigail 19 – Lucy 17 – Endicott 18 – Cassandra 14 – and Adeline 13: several of whom are in slender health.

He served from beginning 1777 till end of the war in Capt. Winship's Company in Col. Putnam's Regiment in the Massachusetts Line.

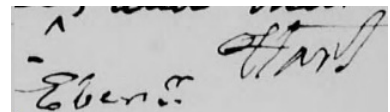


[Further details of Hart's service may be inferred from his statement supporting the pension application of Primus (Primes) Hall (Trask) W751.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I Ebenezer Hart of Lynnfield do testify, depose and declare that I am seventy three years of age, that I have always lived in Lynnfield except when in the service of my country; that I served as a soldier between seven and eight years during the Revolutionary war – that I personally knew Primus Trask, a colored man, who was brought up in the family of Ezra Trask who lived in Danvers, within three miles of where I now live; said Trask had previously lived in Beverly: that I was present in the battle of Oct 7, 1777 [Battle of Freeman's Farm] where Capt. Sam'l. Flint [Samuel Flint], who had been a neighbor of mine, was killed; that during my service I frequently saw Primus Trask and know him as a soldier in the war of the Revolution, but for what period he was engaged I cannot now recollect; that I distinctly recollect said Primus as steward to Col. [Timothy] Pickering in the Quartermaster Department at Yorktown [siege, 28 Sep - 19 Oct 1781]: that I am now receiving pay under the Act of Congress of 15th of May 1828; and that I have heard that said Primus lives in Boston and is sometimes known by the name of Primus Hall; that it is, and has been matter of notoriety that said Primus was engaged in the public service as a soldier; and that his character for truth is good.

Lynnfield Oct. 8th 1835



NOTE: On 20 May 1843 Polly Hart, 76, applied for a pension as the widow of Ebenezer Hart, who she said was a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War. She stated that she married him on 25 Oct 1792, and he died 26 March 1840. The file contains a record of the marriage of Ebenezer Hart and Polly Smith, as well as a record of the death of Ebenezer Hart at age 76. Polly Hart's application was certified by her daughter, Adeline Hart. Endicott Hart certified the death of Ebenezer Hart. Jonathan Smith, 74, stated that he was present at the wedding officiated by Rev. Joseph Motty.