

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Francis Hawley W163

Sarah Hawley

f41VA

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State of Tennessee, Sullivan County: September Term 1832

On this 25th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Edward Scott, Judge of the Circuit Court of Law & Equity for said county now sitting Francis Hawley a resident of Sullivan County & State of Tennessee, aged seventy ____ years who being duly sworn according to law doth and on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed Jan 7th 1832.

That in the year 1779 he was a resident of Stafford County Virginia & substituted for three months Tour in the place of Abraham Breedwell and enrolled under Capt Pelcher [?] as well as recollected. Joined Colonel Garrard's Regiment in said County Lieutenant Colonel Phillips & Maj Armistead was then marched to the northern neck of Virginia, from there to Falmouth from there to Hunters Forge, from there to Fredrickburgh then back near the Raccoon ford on the Rappahannock River where Lord Cornwallis' army was crossing which had crossed previous to the arrival of the American troops at that place, where this declarant was verbally discharged by what particular officer he does not now recollect. After having served three months as above stated, he states that he was under General Wedon or Wheaton [George Weedon] during said tour he states that he was discharged as above with positive instructions to be ready at a minutes warning. Shortly after he returned home from said three months tour, he was drafted in the County of Stafford in the state of Virginia to serve a three months Tour he was placed under the same officers as before Stated and marched to the mouth of Potomac creek to prevent the British from landing, their Fleet being in view. When he served out his term of enrollment, was verbally discharged and returned home after having served full three months as aforesaid. He states that in the fall of 1780 as well as now recollected he substituted in the said County of Stafford for the term of three months in the place of Henry Basset, enrolled under Capt. Wells. Was put to opening & clearing out a road for General Washington's army & the French army to pass with their artillery when marching to the south against Lord Cornwallis & continued in the aforesaid service for the full term of three months when he was verbally discharged by his said Capt. Wells. He states that shortly after he returned from said last tour he again was drafted in the said County of Stafford Virginia & enrolled under Capt. Barnes for a three months tour, was attached to (Colonel) General Weedon's Brigade. Colonel Garrard's regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Phillips & Maj Armistead, was marched to Fredericksburg to guard said place against the British & Tories where he remained for the full Term of three months, was verbally discharged by His said Capt. Barnes and returned home to Stafford County Va. He states that in the latter part of the fall or winter of 1781 as well as recollected he was again drafted in the said county of Stafford enrolled under Capt. Brim or Prim was marched near Fredericksburg under Capt. Brim or Prim & Lieutenant Brooks, where he was put to guard the prisoners taken at York at Lord Cornwallis' surrender, to Winchester in Va which duty he performed dismissed or verbally discharged by the said Capt. Brim or Prim with orders to be in readiness to again march at one minutes warning. He was never again called into service he states that he believes he

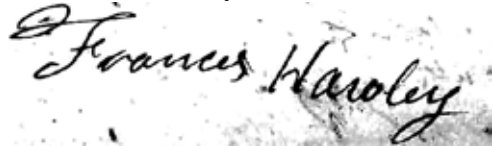
served in all in the war of the Revolution, fifteen months & he and others served as substitute for twelve months in addition to his said fifteen months service as above stated. He has no documentary evidence of his service, that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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.

W. Anderson Clerk

Francis Hawley



[David Adams, a clergyman, and William Deery gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On December 2, 1844 in Sullivan County Tennessee, William Hawley, 49, administrator of the estate of Sarah Hawley deceased file for the pension due her under the 1842 act as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; that affiant is the son and one of the lawful heirs of Francis Hawley deceased a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$50 per annum; that his father died in Sullivan County Tennessee February 21, 1840 survived by his widow Sarah, the mother of the affiant; that his mother remained a widow until her death in Sullivan County on the night of the 26th of January 1844; that his parents were married in Stafford County Virginia he believes about the year 1780; that he knows of no evidence of their marriage other than the births of their children as recorded in the family were register in the hand writing of his father; that the family register remained in his father's possession until his death at which time it passed to affiant's mother who in May 1843 gave it to the affiant's sister Pencey who has continued in possession of it until the present day; that his mother died survived by the following children: Francis H Hawley, William A Hawley, John B Hawley, Thomas C Hawley, Matilda Hawley now Matilda Foust, Patterson Hawley and Pencey Hawley now Pency [sic] Hancock.



[p 12: family register:

[Note: because of the poor quality of the image of the original family record, the following is made from the typed summary made in 1934:

James, son of Francis and Sarah born August 11, 1781

Anney Hawley born June 10th, 1783

Francis Hedgmin Hawley born April 22, 1785

William Elza Hawley born February 18, 1787

Millinda Hawley born November 9, 1789

Sanford Rodney Hawley born February 1, 1791

William Augustus Hawley born December 20, 1794, living in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1844

John Burbin Hawley born November 17, 1796

Thomas Carrell Hawley born October 16, 1798

Mattilda Hawley born April 27, 1801

Addison Hawley born April 7, 1803

Pencey Hawley born March 22, 1805:

Francis Hawley was born December 19th 1782
Sarah Hawley was born April 11th day - 1783
James Son of Francis and Sarah was born August 1st 1784
Orsney Hawley was born June 10 day - 1785
Francis Hedgcock Hawley was born Apr 24th 1786
William & Lydia Hawley was born in February 19th 1787
Mildred Hawley was born November 9th 1787
Richard Rodney Hawley was born February 1 day 1791
William Augustus Hawley was born December 2nd day 1791
John Burbin Hawley was born November 17 day 1796
Thomas Carrall Hawley born October 16 day 1800
Mildred Hawley was born Apr 27 day 1801
Addison Hawley was born Apr 11 day 1802
Pencey Hawley was born March 22 day 1805
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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 15 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount ending January 26, 1844 when she died]