

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hurt ¹ W27878 Mary S. Hurt f53VA
Transcribed by Will Graves 5/25/14

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[Note: For reasons unknown to me, this application does not appear in the person of the pension records posted on HeritageQuest.com. The images of some of the file documents posted on Fold3.com. is very poor and renders them indecipherable or illegible as posted. Consequently, there may be documents in this file which are not transcribed below but which would warrant transcription if they were legible as posted online. If anyone has transcriptions of any of those documents which they are willing to share with us, we would like to post of in this database.]

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State of Virginia Caroline County SS

On this 14 day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Caroline County, now sitting, Benjamin Hurt a resident of the said County of Caroline and State of Virginia, Aged Seventy Four Years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He marched from the said County of Caroline sometime in the spring of 1779 (the day nor month not now recollected) under Captain David Jamison (who was the commander of his Company) to Williamsburg and from thence he was kept marching back and forwards to a place called Trebells, to prevent the Enemy from landing, at these places he remained in service three months and was discharged, the field Officers at this time were Colonel Mathews and Major Armistead.

He marched again from the White Chimneys in said County sometime during the same year, under Captain William Sutton, to Richmond, and from thence he was marched back, and marched through the County of Culpeper, and joined the Army commanded by General Wayne [Anthony Wayne]², at a place called the Rackoon ford [Raccoon Ford] in said County, and from there they marched back to Richmond, and from there to old James Town, when they had an engagement after which he was discharged; In this tour he thinks he served rather more than three months but only claims for that time, it being the length of his draft. He was again called out in 1780 and marched to Williamsburg under Captain Fitzhugh from which place he was kept marching backwards and forwards to Trebells to prevent the enemy from landing. Though he says the Enemy did land, and got into Williamsburg and that Colonel Mathews, and Major Armistead who were still acting as field officers, took about one hundred prisoners and killed

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² Wayne did not come to Virginia under 1781.

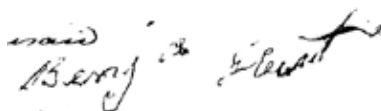
several men. This was in the evening or night and the next morning Colonel Mathews gave orders for them to march to Richmond, as the Enemy was expected at that place – he accordingly marched to Richmond where he remained in Garrison until the expiration of his draft which was Three months. He was again called out in 1781, and marched under Captain George Tyler, to Gloucester Town and remained in service there until the surrender of Lord Cornwallis [October 19, 1781] at the Siege of York, and saw Sinko [probably John Graves Simcoe] and Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] surrender. In this Tour he served three months.

In his first tour he belonged to the 30th Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel ___ Thornton as well as he now recollects. In his second tour he does not recollect the number of the Regiment or the commander. In his third tour he was attached to the 3rd Virginia Regiment, and in his fourth Tour, he does not recollect to what Regiment he belonged. He remembers of his having marched through the Counties of Hanover, Caroline, Spotsylvania, Culpepper, Louisa, Hanover, Henrico, and the several counties between Richmond and Gloucester Town &c. He was never in but one engagement, and that was at old Jamestown as before stated. He resided in the County of Caroline when called into service, and has remained in the said County ever since with the exception of a few years. He does not recollect any of the regiments with which he served except those already mentioned but well recollects the names of the following Officers who were with the troops where he served, in whom he knew, Colonel Mathews, Major Armistead, Major Page, Colonel Ennis [perhaps James Innes], Colonel P. Beckworth, and General Weeden [probably George Weedon], all of whom he thinks belonged to the regular Service. He does not recollect by whom his discharges were given or what has become of them. He was born in 1759, had a record of his age in his house, was living in Caroline when called into service. He has no documentary evidence of his services, but offers the subjoined certificates & affidavits in support of his claim, and is known he says by the following persons in his neighborhood, who can testify, to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the revolution, viz. John Bates, Hiram Hord, Charles Phillips and ___

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

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Benja. Hurt



[Philip Long, a clergyman, and John Oliver gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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The affidavit of Edmund Gatewood a resident of Caroline County and State of Virginia aged Seventy One Years, who being first duly sworn deposeseth and saith upon oath, that he is well acquainted with Benjamin Hurt of the said County & State, That the said Hurt served For Tours of Three months each in the revolutionary War under Captain Jamison, Sutton, Fitzhugh & others at Williamsburg and other places in the Year 1779, 80 & 81, and that he believes the said Hurt to be Seventy-four years old, and further this affiant saith not.

S/ Edmund Gatewood³



³ [Edmund Gatewood S6870](#)

[Attested in Caroline County Virginia October 12, 1833]

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The affidavit of William Gatewood a resident of the County of Caroline & State of Virginia aged sixty-nine Years, This affiant states upon oath that he is well acquainted with Benjamin Hurt of the said County of Caroline & State of Virginia and believes him to be Seventy-four years of age; That the said Hurt served a Tour, with him the said Gatewood at Williamsburg of three months, in the year 1780 and another Tour of three months, the same year, over the Mountains and back to old James Town where they were discharged.

S/ William Gatewood⁴



[Attested October 12, 1833 in Caroline County Virginia]

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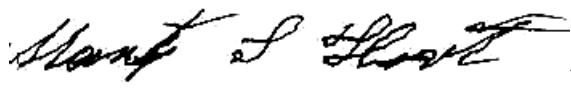
Affidavit of William Southworth of lawful Age who being sworn deposeseth & saith

That he is well acquainted with Benjamin Her who has applied for a pension, that he believes the said Hurt to be about seventy-three years old, he the said Southworth being several years older than Hurt as he believes & that the said Her has lived in Caroline the greater part of his time since I knew him, we having lived not far apart. Myself & Hurt started from Caroline under Captain Jamison & marched to Williamsburg I think about 1779, & the said Hurt then served two months tour & went from Williamsburg to Trebells backwards & forwards to keep the enemy from landing, & the field officers at that time the Field Officers were Colonel Mathews & Major Armistead. And the next tour about the year 1780 Mr. Hurt marched from Caroline under Captain John Fitzhugh & marched to Williamsburg – Colonel Mathews & Major Armistead still continued to act as field officers. We still continued to go from Williamsburg down to Trebells & back, to keep the enemy from landing, though the enemy did land & got into Williamsburg – And Major Armistead took about one hundred men the night the British got into Williamsburg & attacked the British & killed several of them, next morning Colonel Mathews gave orders for us to March to Richmond as it was expected the British were coming to Richmond – We marched up to Richmond at which place Mr. Hurt was discharged his two months having expired. And from my acquaintance with Mr. Hurt think him worthy respectable man & entitled to credit. And further this affiant saith not.

S/ William Southworth,⁵ X his mark

[Attested in Caroline County Virginia June 8, 1833]

[p 8: On May __, 1855 in Haywood County Tennessee, Mary S Hurt, a resident of Haywood County, aged 67, filed for a widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Benjamin Hurt, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him October __ 1815; that her husband died July 27, 1834 and that she remains his widow.



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[p 36: Copy of a marriage bond dated November 13, 1815 issued to Benjamin Hurt and Philip

⁴ [William Gatewood S17968](#)

⁵ [William Southworth W6141](#)

Long in Caroline County Virginia conditioned upon the marriage of Benjamin Hurt and Polly Stuart.]

[p 15: On July 2, 1855 in Haywood County Tennessee, William Y. Hurt gave testimony that he is the son of Mary S Hurt widow of Benjamin Hurt; that in May 1835 his father Benjamin Hurt gave him a power of attorney to collect the pension due his father; that his father died in Caroline County Virginia on or about July 27, 1835; that his mother has not intermarried since the death of his father. The affidavit was attested by a justice of the peace and does not bear the signature of the affiant.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for one-year in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]