

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Drury Hearn W3548 ¹

Keren (Karen, Keron) Hearn

f49NC

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State of South Carolina Edgefield District}

On this __day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 Personally appeared in open court before may Richard Gantt one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the said State now sitting in and for the District aforesaid Drury Hearn a resident of the District and State aforesaid aged seventy seven years and two months 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 the 7th 1832.

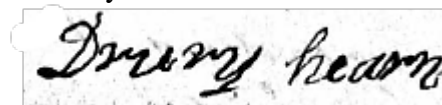
That he entered the service of the United States the 15th of May 1776 as a private commanded by Captain James Emmitt of the North Carolina line which said company was attached to the 3rd Regiment commanded by Colonel Jethro Sumner of which Brigadier General Francis Nash was commander. That this deponent was in the battle at Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777], Monmouth Court House [June 28, 1778], and afterwards in the Siege at Charleston South Carolina² and was discharged the 10th of November 1778, making in all two years and six months actual service. After the battle of Monmouth he marched through New York into Connecticut thence to Fredericksburg then engaged in the militia under the command of Nat. Christmas [Nathaniel Christmas] was taken prisoner at the Siege of Charleston and was paroled –

This deponent has lost his original discharges but he produces the certificate of William Hill Secretary of State of North Carolina stating that he served as a regular soldier in the 3rd Regiment of the North Carolina line & received his discharge. He knows of no surviving witness who can corroborate his statement of his services. This deponent 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 to in open Court

S/ J. Richardson, CCP

S/ Drury Hearn



[Harwood Burt, a clergyman, David Richardson & Godfrey Friday gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ BLWt17888-160-55

² Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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State of North Carolina Secretary of State Office [illegible date]

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that it appears from the musterroll in this Office that Drury Hearn served as a regular Soldier in the North Carolina line in the revolutionary war in the 3rd Regiment in Emitts Company and was regularly discharged on the 10th of November 1778 from said service.

Given under my hand at Office in Raleigh the date above.

S/ Wm Hill, Secretary of State

[p 12: On May 16, 1853 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Karen Hearn filed for a widow's pension stating that she is the widow of Drury Hearn, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the revolution; that her husband died October 14, 1840 at his residence on Sleepy Creek in Edgefield District South Carolina; that she married him in Edgefield District on May 17, 1814; that they were married by John Bulger, a Minister of the Gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Karen Bledsoe; and that she remains his widow. In connection with her application, she states that some years ago a man came to her house and cut the leaf from the Bible containing the record of her birth and marriage. This was done in an attempt to get a pension for her mother [who was Sarah Bledsoe, widow of John Bledsoe].³

³ See [John Bledsoe R939](#) for the family record. The Bible record reads as follows:

[pp 7-9: family record. See the Bledsoe transcript for images of the family record]

Deaths

Mary Bledsoe the wife of William Bledsoe died December the 8, 1825

Martha Bledsoe the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe died July the 26, 1827

John Bledsoe died November the 24, 1829

Cassandra Bledsoe the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe died October the 19, 1835

Births

John Bledsoe and Sarah his wife were married September 9th 1788

Keren happuch the daughter of John & Sarah Bledsoe was born November 12th in the year of our Lord 1789

William the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord March 4th 1791

Heathy the daughter of John and Sarah was born in the year of our Lord October 6, 1792

Julius the son of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord December 22nd, 1793

Artemisia the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord April 19th 1796

Marth [sic], the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord February 27 [year illegibly faint]

[name illegibly faint] daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord September 2nd 1799

Emily the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord February 28 1801

Bud the son of John and Sarah was born in the year of our Lord January 13th 1803

Mahala the daughter of John and Sarah Bledsoe was born in the year of our Lord September the 30, 1804

Births

Drury Hearn and Keren happuch his wife was married in the year of our Lord May 17th 1814

Abner the son of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord February 22nd 1815

John the son of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord February 11th 1816

Sarah the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord March 23rd 1817

See You Hearn]

[On March 21, 1853 in Edgefield District South Carolina Mrs. Sarah Bledsoe gave testimony that she was at the wedding of Drury Hearn and Karon Hearn on May 17, 1814; that they lived together as man and wife until Drury Hearn died on October 14, 1840. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 15: On April 24, 1855 in Edgefield District South Carolina, Karen Hearn, aged 66, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Drury Hearn. This document she signed with her mark.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service in the North Carolina Continental line as a private.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Drury Hearn pp7
Audited Account No. 3492C

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The Petition of Mrs. Keron H. Hearn praying a pension from the State for Revolutionary Services of her deceased husband
Holland
Pen

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To the Honorable Senate and house of representatives of South Carolina, your humble petitioners desire to bring to your notice the situation of Keron H. Hearn the widow of Drury Hearn a respectable revolutionary Soldier that served some over 3 years as a regular in the war of the

Oliver the son of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord August 22nd 1818

Emiline the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord December 30th 1819

Edaline the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord February 4th, 1821

Tollever the son of jewelry and Keren happuch Hearn was born in the year of our Lord April 11th 1822

Jerusha the daughter of Drury Hearn and Keren happuch Hearn was born the 16th of July the year of our Lord 1823

Elizabeth Hearn the daughter of Drury and Keren happuch Hearn his wife was born May 26 in the year of our Lord 1825

Maryann and Sarah Hearn was born December the 25, 1826

Edmond Hearn was born January 16th 1829

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Revolution in the prime of his life and who departed this life in October 1840, she is near sixty years of age in quite feeble health and was in Comfortable Circumstances with a family of six daughters her oldest Children was sons, two of whom have left this State the other two have married and have families to support. She could have raised Educated and supported her daughters with the property she was left in possession at her husband's death if she could have held it, But unfortunately there was a Judgment against the Estate and the land on which she lived has been sold by the sheriff to satisfy the debt whereby she has been reduced to indigence & dependence. She has since made arrangement to save a part of the land where on the houses stands for a home for herself and daughters & in consequence of adverse providence is unable to pay the Money for the land as the only slave that was able to work died sometime last year, they are a prudent respectable and Industrious family of females as perhaps has ever been brought to your notice. Your sympathies toward them will ever be acknowledged by them and in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

October 15, 1845

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[Note: The prayer of the petition was not granted for reasons not stated in the documents in this file.]