

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hartsfield W39853

Mary

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State of North Carolina Wake County

The Declaration of Mary Hartsfield made to obtain a Pension under the Acts of Congress in such cases made and provided doth Declare on oath, that she is the widow and relic of John Hartsfield deceased, who departed this life in the year 1821: that her deceased Husband the aforesaid whom she now represents, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War in the North Carolina line of the Continental Army: that he served three three-month tours or terms of service under Captain Lewis Bledsoe of the Light Horse or Cavalry under the command of General Butler [John Butler]; and that the proofs she herewith submits, she is advised and believes is sufficient to entitle her to such Pension as the General Government allows in such cases, where the Husband has died and left a widow him surviving. She further more declares, that her husband the aforesaid and herself always resided in the County of Wake and State of North Carolina, both before and since their marriage up to the time of his death: that they were married in the year 1790: that her maiden name was Mary Riley: that her said husband John Hartsfield died as before stated aged about eighty years & she further declares that her father's House in said County was the usual Home of the said John Hartsfield, when he was not engaged in the Army as aforesaid – and when she was a grown woman and long before her marriage with him: and also, that she the said Mary Hartsfield is now aged about 87 – years, and still resides in the same County of Wake and State of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed by the said Mary Hartsfield on this the 17th day of February in the year 1844 before me Williamson Page, JP

S/ Mary Hartsfield, X her Mark

[fn p. 5: marriage bond dated February 22, 1790, issued in Wake County North Carolina to John Hartsfield and Thomas Mann to secure the marriage of John Hartsfield to Polly Ryley.]

[fn p. 23: Asa Blake, 52, and William House 58, gave a supporting affidavit as to the reputation of the deceased veteran as a veteran of the revolutionary war.]

[fn p. 25: Sampson King gave an affidavit that he remembers his brother Vinson King who was a soldier of the revolution, say that John Hartsfield was a light horseman in the service under the command of General Butler.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$33.87 commencing March 4th, 1848 for the service of her husband as a private in the North Carolina militia.]