

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of William Hastin W3986 Amey Hastin VA
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State of North Carolina } Court of pleas & quarter sessions
Rutherford County } July Sessions 1833

On this 8th day of July AD 1833 personally appeared before the justices of County Court of pleas & quarter sessions now sitting William Hastin a resident of Rutherford County North Carolina aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers & served as herein stated.

That he entered service in the year 1779 in June of said year under Capt James Hestor[?], in the County of Mecklenburg in Virginia as a drafted Militia man for three months & started for Portsmouth but after having marched about 90 miles he was dismissed in consequence of the enemy having left Portsmouth having served something over a week. [See endnote.] He entered the service again in the year 1780 in June he believes on the 18th in Mecklenburg County, Virginia as a substitute under Capt Richard Swepston, in the 4th Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. [James] Lucas, Major [Nathaniel Garsden] Morris General Stephens [sic: Edward Stevens] in the army of Genl [Horatio] Gates in and Marched through North Carolina to Camden South Ca where he was in the Battle of Gates defeat near Camden [Battle of Camden, 16 Aug 1780]. he rejoined the army again at Guilford Courthouse North Carolina & there remained until he was discharged in the Fall of the same year by Major Jones[?] – having served a five months tour. That he entered the service again in the year 1781 on the 10th of January in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia as a substitute under Capt Oliver in the Regiment of Col Flemmons Major Jones – under Gen'l. Mullenburg [sic: Peter Muhlenberg] & marched to Portsmouth Virginia and there remained until he was discharged in April having served three months. That he entered the service again in May 1781 as a drafted Militia man under Capt Richard Epison [Richard Epperson?] in Mecklenburg Virginia for three months and after having remained in the service for 8 or 10 days was sent home on Furlow by Col John Murray in consequence of Ill health and remained unwell until the time for which he last entered the service had expired — That he was born in Amelia County in the State of Virginia in the year 1759. That he has no record of his age & only knows his age from the information of his parents. That he was living in Mecklenburg Virginia when he entered the service, that he continued to live there for 16 years after the close of the Revolution. when he removed to Rutherford County North Carolina, where he has lived ever since & where he now lives. That he was called into service twice as a drafted militia man and twice entered as a substitute. that he substituted for five months in the place of Stephen Jones and for Samuel Parier[?] for the Term of three months. That he was acquainted with Genl [William] Smallwood, Gen'l. Gates, Col. [John] Glenn, Col. [Ralph] Falkner, Col. Richardson [Holt Richeson]. That he was in the Battle of Gates Defeat. That he received a written discharge for his five months service from Major Jones. that he received no written discharge for any other service. The written discharge that he did receive has been since lost. that he is acquainted with Frederick Grigg & Abram Martin in his present neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and give their belief as to his services as a soldier of the revolution. that the time that he was in actual service was eight months and a half. The time for which he entered the service including the time he was taken sick & the part of the three months service for which he was dismissed was 14 months. That there is no Clergyman residing in his neighbourhood, neither is there any one in his county with whom he has an intimate acquaintance, that he has no documentary evidence of his service neither does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services — 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.

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The following interrogatories were put to the Court

Where and in what year were you born? Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute. And if a substitute for whom? State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service? Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? State the names of some persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

NOTES:

Hastin's first tour was probably in response to the amphibious raid by Commodore George Collier and Gen. Edward Mathew, 9 - 24 May 1779.

On 24 Jan 1848 in Cleveland County NC Amey Hastin, 82, applied for a pension stating that she married William Hastin in Amelia County in 1785, that they had six children, and he died 4 Mar 1847. In the file is a copy of a bond signed by William Hastin and Sutton Hastin in Amelia County on 26 Oct 1786 for the marriage of William Hastin to Amey Hastin.