

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of John Hartshorn W4393                      Agness Williams                      MD  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

State of Maryland }  
Cecil County Ss }

Be it remembered that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Forty two before me William Torbert one of the Justices of the Orphans Court of Cecil County aforesaid Personally appeared Agnes Williams a resident of said County aged seventy four years (whom I attended at her own house she being unable from ill health and bodily Infirmities to appear in Court) who being duly Sworn according to Law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Provision made by the acts of Congress Passed July 7, 1838 and August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1842 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War That she was the widow of John Hartshorn who did enter the service in 1778 as appears from the records of the Land Office of Maryland at Annapolis for the Term of during the War and served as an Adjutant or Lieutenant in the Regiment No 4 under the Command of Colonel Josias Carvill Hall [sic: Josias Carvel Hall] of the Maryland Line and that he continued in the Service aforesaid until the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1783. That he resided in Cecil County aforesaid when he entered said service. That she does not know whether he was draughted, was a volunteer or a substitute, but believes that he was a volunteer. That she does not know in what battles he was engaged, that he was in the South and marched through the Carolinas. That she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim except the original Commission of the said John Hartshorn as Lieutenant as aforesaid an order Issued by W. Smallwood [Gen. William Smallwood] from Annapolis on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1782 both of which accompany this affidavit and such other evidence as the papers on file and the records in the Land Office of the State of Maryland and in the War department at Washington may afford and that she does not at this day know any living witnesses by whom she can prove his services. She says that her maiden name was Miller. That she was married to the said John Hartshorn on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1788 by the Rev'd James Monroe, that her husband the said John Hartshorn departed this life on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1798 that she afterward was married on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1800 to Thomas Williams who died on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1830 and that she has remained a widow ever since

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first herein                      Agness Williams  
[Certified by John M. Miller, 69, and Deborah Miller, 62.]

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED

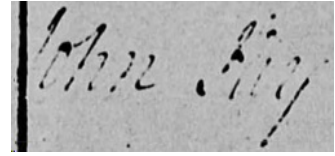
To John Hartshorn Gentleman Greeting. We, Reposing especial trust and confidence in your Patriotism, Valour, Conduct and Fidelity DO by these presents constitute and appoint you to be a Lieutenant in the fourth Maryland Regiment in the Army of the United States to take rank as such from the 21 day of May AD 1779 You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Lieutenant by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And we do Strictly charge and require all Officers and Soldier, under your command, to be obedient to your orders, as Lieutenant And you are to observe and follow such orders and directions, from time to time, as you shall receive from this and future Congress of the United States, or Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, a Committee of the States, or Commander in chief for the time being of the Army of the United States, or any other your superior Officer, according to the rules and discipline of War, in pursuance of the trust reposed in you. This Commission to continue in force until revoked by this, or a future Congress, the Committee of Congress beforementioned, or a Committee of the States.

Entered in the War Office  
and examined by the Board  
Attest

Witness his Excellency John Jay Esq'r President of  
the Congress of the United States of America,  
at Philadelphia the first day of June 1779, and in the

P. Fuller Secretary of the Board of War

third year of our Independence.



Public Service

Lieut. John Hartshorne

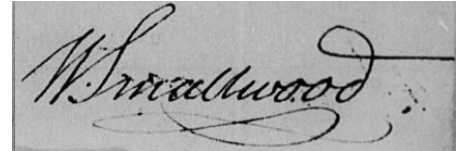
third Maryland Regim't.

W. Smallwood Cecil County

[other side] Annapolis September 29<sup>th</sup> 1782

Sir In consequence of a letter received from General Washington a detachment will march from this place to join the Northern Army, in the space of five or six days you will therefore immediately repair to this Station to march with the same, as your recruiting account must be settled before you leave the State it will be necessary to be as expeditious as possible, you'l use your endeavors to forward all the recruits, deserters, and Soldiers on furlough which you can meet with or give notice to, in order that they may join this detachment, Officers waiters who may be fit for active duty ought also to be sent in.

I am Sir/ Your Obed't. Hble Serv't.



Land Office, Annapolis/ 17<sup>th</sup> February 1846

I hereby Certify, That it appears by the muster Rolls of the Revolution remaining in this office, That John Hartshorn, was appointed an Adjutant, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Maryland Regiment, on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 1778, and was a Lieutenant, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1779. George G. Brewer/ Reg'r Land Off Md.

NOTE: The file contains a record of a marriage license issued in Cecil County MD on 15 April 1788 for the marriage of John Hartshorn and Agnes Miller. Also in the file is a copy of the last will and testament of John Hartshorn dated 4 April 1794, witnessed by Joshua Hartshorn, William Miller, and Mary Milligan, and probated on 27 Feb 1798. John Hartshorn left all his property to his wife, Agness Hartshorn, and specified that "no spiritous liquors be used at [his] funeral.