

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hartsfield (Hartesfield) W4482

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[Note: Pages are scrambled as posted on Footnote.com]

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State of North Carolina Greene County: SS

On the 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable J J Daniel Judge of the Superior Court of Law County of Greene now sitting, John Hartsfield of said County, who will be seventy-five years of age on the 11th day of June next 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 passed June 7th, 1832. That he volunteered in a company of militia in love nor County (then Dobbs) in the fall of the year 1777 and was attached to a company commanded by Captain John Kennedy which company belonged to the 2nd Regiment of the North Carolina Militia under command of Colonel William Caswell. From Dobbs [County] he marched through North Carolina to within ten miles of Charleston where we exchanged arms and remained a few days, thence to a place on Savannah River called the Two Sisters [Two Sisters Ferry], thence to within three miles of Augusta where we crossed the River. Thence to Brier Creek, where he was engaged in the battle of that place under command of General Ash [John Ashe]. The battle was fought within about one mile of the Creek over which the British had recently been destroyed by the British. After the defeat of at Brier Creek, the company to which he belonged again assembled at a large marsh 6 or 8 miles from Savannah River, the name of which however he does not remember. Thence he marched to a place called Purrysburg and was there encamped about a fortnight. From thence he as an invalid on to Wilmington North Carolina with others under the charge of John Poynter whose discharge is hereto annexed and was there discharged after a period of six months, as by reference to within discharge will fully appear. Subsequently he served three months in a company of militia as the substitute of his father immediately after Gates defeat in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Abram Shepperd and was marched to a place then called pine tree, now Camden, from Camden

he returned to Dobbs [County] where he became a substitute and was discharged after a service of 3 months –

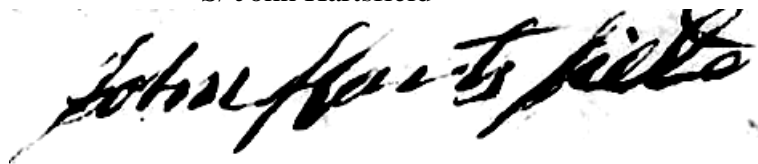
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He subsequently became the substitute of Wm Iler who was drafted a Term of three months and as his substitute marched to Wilmington from Wilmington he returned to New River Onslow County where he was discharged after a service of 3 months having served in all 12 months, the 2 latter discharges being lost as they were thought to be of no value.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid.

S/ John Hartsfield



[Levi Braxton, a clergyman, & William Sutton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Where were you born? In Dobbs County North Carolina, in what year? Answer 1758. To. Have you any record of your age? I have in my Bible at home – Where were you living when called into service? On Wheat Swamp Dobbs County North Carolina. Where have you lived since the revolutionary war? Near Wheat Swamp Dobbs County. Where do you now live? At the same place. How were you called into service? In the first place I became a volunteer and served 6 months. In the 2nd place I became the substitute of David Hartsfield and served 3 months. In the 3rd place I became the substitute of William Iler and served 3 months. Who are some of the regular officers that you served under? General Ashe, William Caswell & Abram Shepperd, though I do not know whether they were Continental or militia officers. Did you ever receive a discharge? I did one from John Poynter which is hereto enclosed, one other from Thomas Gallin which I have lost and another from a man whose name I have forgotten & lost.

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State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Levi Braxton, William Sutton, John Gray, Jacob Parrott, John Kennedy, Jesse Kennedy, James Brown, Benjamin Parrott.

S/ John Hartsfield

[fn p. 13: Copy of a marriage bond dated August 9, 1790 issued Lenoir County to John Hartesfield and William Tucker to secure the marriage of Hartsfield to Miss Peggy Mooris [sic] of said County.]

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Wilmington April the 9 1779 this is to Certify that Jno Hartsfield Soldier of Captain Jno Kanaday [?] Company in the 2nd North Carolina Ridgment of Militia Com'd'd by Collo. W. Caswell has Served Out his time as a good and faithfull Soldier and has ? monts [months] pay Due and five Days apy allowed him to March Home in and ? from the Said Ridgment By me

S/ John Poynter

Wilmington April the 9 1779 this is to certify
that John Hartsfield Soldier of Capt. John Hart
in the 2^d North Carolina Regiment of Militia - born
By Col^l W Caswell has served out his time as a
true faithful Soldier, and has 4 months pay due
and five day^s ^{pay} allowed him to march home in and is
from the said Regiment Beyond
of John Pymter

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State of North Carolina: Richard Caswell Esquire Governor & Commander in Chief of the said State

To call Whom It May Concern These are to Certify that the Bearer John Hartsfield is an inhabitant of Dobbs County in the State and the Men of property and reputed, as such and as a Faithful Subject of the State it is requested he be permitted to pass to South Carolina and returned without Interruption.

Given under my hand & seal at Kinston the 20th day of July 1779

S/ Rd Caswell

State of North Carolina
Richard Sewell Esq
Lieut. Colonel in Chief
of the said State

I do hereby certify that the Recd. of
Hartefield is an inhabitant of North Carolina
and a Revolutionary War Pensioner
and as such, and as a faithful
subject of the State, it is requested he
be permitted to pass to North Carolina
and return without Interruption

Given under my hand & Seal, at
Kinston, this 28th day of July
1779.

R. Sewell

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[fn p. 7: On February 12, 1844 in Greene County North Carolina, Peggy Hartesfield [sic], 74, filed for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of John Hartesfield, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$40 per annum; that she married him August 9, 1779; that he died in Lenoir County North Carolina September 28, 1838; and that she remains his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]