

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Esom Hannan [Hannah] W7644 Mary Hannan f35VA
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Virginia

At a Court held at the Courthouse for the County of Botetourt on Monday the 12th day of November 1832 –

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Botetourt County now sitting Esom Hannan a resident of said County of Botetourt and State of Virginia aged 80 years 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

The first tour which he performed was under Captain William McClanahan [William McClenahan] against the Indians on the Holston River, before he arrived there the Americans had an engagement with the Indians near long Island in said River, he recollects seeing the dead bodies of the Indians after they got up, he was drafted for three months and at the expiration of that time he volunteered under Captain McClanahan and marched from the Holston against the Cherokee Towns on Tennessee River, they burnt several of the Towns, General Christie [William Christian] was the Commanding officer, he entered this service in June 1776 and left it November of the same year when he was regularly discharged he has lost his discharge he resided in the County of Botetourt when he entered the service –

In the summer of 1777 or 78 he thinks during harvest time he was again drafted and marched under Captain William McClanahan against the Tories, they were on their way to Ramsour's Mill in North Carolina but were stopped at the lead mines in Virginia for the purpose of guarding them – he was drafted for three months this tour and received a discharge which he has lost, he was living at the same place when drafted this time. In the month of January or February 17__ he was again drafted and marched under Captain William McClanahan to North Carolina a few days before the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], he was in a slight skirmish with the enemy. Colonel William Washington the Commander, he recollects that on that day he saw Captain David May during the engagement ride off and order his men to follow him. May was afterwards broke but he believes reinstated again, he was not in the battle of Guilford but on the day it was fought he was guarding the provision wagons. He was drafted for three months this tour also & received a discharge which he has lost. In the summer of the year __ he was again drafted and marched under Captain Looney to York – Cornwallis was then blockaded in York, he recollects seeing the Marquis Lafayette frequently there before the Surrender he

returned home his term of three months for which he was drafted having expired he was regularly discharged, his place of residence was the same during the whole of the preceding time. He knows no person by whom he can prove his services except William Poage who has signed the following Certificate and he only as to part –

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court

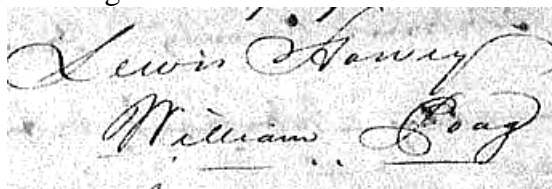
S/ Esom Hannan

We William Poage and Lewis Harvey residing in the County of Botetourt hereby Certify that we are well acquainted with Esom Hannan who has subscribed and sworn to the above Declaration that we believe him to be 80 years of age that he is reputed & believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that Opinion. William Poge [sic] one of the Subscribers hereto knows the service of said Hannah [sic] as stated in his declaration as far as relates to his tour at the lead mines and in North Carolina before the battle of Guilford he was with him in both tours and well recollects to have seen him –

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid

S/Lewis Harvey

S/ William Poag

A photograph of two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature reads "Lewis Harvey" and the bottom signature reads "William Poag".

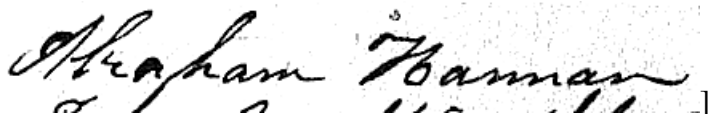
Botetourt County Virginia to wit

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County Esom Hannan who being duly sworn, did depose & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grades: For one year & five months I served as a private soldier & for such service I claim a pension. I hereby relinquish every claim to any other pension than the one under the Act of June 7th 1832

S/ John G Dillon

[p 8: On October 11, 1843 in Roanoke County Virginia, Mary Hannan, aged about 79 years, applied for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Esom Hannan, a revolutionary war pensioner; that her maiden name was Greenlee; that she married Esom Hannan in Botetourt County Virginia on or about the 15th day of September 1783; that her husband died March 20, 1843. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: On October 11, 1843 in Roanoke County Virginia, Abraham Hannan gave a supporting affidavit but his relationship, if any to the veteran and/or his widow is not stated

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive ink that reads "Abraham Hannan".

[p 32: copy of a marriage bond dated September 11, 1783 issued in Botetourt County Virginia to Isam Hannan and William Greenlee conditioned upon the marriage of Hannan to Mary Greenlee daughter of William Greenlee of the parish of Botetourt.]

[Facts in file: The widow was the daughter of William Greenlee of Botetourt; the name of her mother is not shown; there is no data in this file regarding the children, if any, of the veteran and his widow.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 17 months in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]