

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Haycraft (Haycroft) W8904 Margaret Haycraft f56VA

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State of Kentucky Hardin Circuit Sct. June Term 1820

Ordered that the following declaration affidavit and schedule be admitted to record the same having been sworn to in open Court

Original Claim

District of Kentucky Hardin County & Circuit SS

On this 20 day of June 1820 personally appeared in open Court being a Court of record for the said County & district Samuel Haycraft Senior aged sixty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818 and 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820. That he the said Samuel Haycraft Senior enlisted for three years in either the latter part of the winter 1775 or fore part of the year 1776 in the company of Captain James Hook in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel John Gibson and at the end of his term of service was discharged by said Gibson that he never was in any battles but was stationed principally on the Frontiers in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh and that he has no other evidence of his services and discharge having been lost except affidavits of George Brince<sup>1</sup> and Leven Spriggs<sup>2</sup> made part hereof marked (A).

I George Brince do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft Senior at Pittsburgh in the time of the first American revolutionary war and was an enlisted soldier in the 13<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia regiments under the command of Colonel John Gibson and I believe was legally discharged by Gibson at Pittsburgh. Given under my hand this 14 day of December 1819

S/ George Bruice

I Samuel Martin one of the Commonwealth's Justice of the peace in and for the County of Hardin do certify that George Brince personally came before me and made oath that the forgoing certificate is true as stated – is true facts. Given under my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1819

S/ Samuel Martin, JP HC

I Levin Spriggs hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft Senior at Pittsburgh in the time of the old revolutionary war and he was an enlisted soldier in the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Virginia under the command at that time of Colonel John Gibson and have no doubt of his being regularly discharged. Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1819.

S/ Levin Spriggs

I Joseph Stith one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace in and for the County of

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<sup>1</sup> [George Bruce S35791](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Leven Sprigg S14552](#)

Hardin do hereby certify that Levin Spriggs this day before me and made oath that the above Certificate as stated are true facts

S/ Jos Stith, JP HC

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820, I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed viz. Two horses, three cows and calves about twenty head of hogs and eight sheep, he has no family except a wife who is about fifty-nine years of age that they are both illy able to work.

S/ Saml. Haycraft

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Hardin Circuit Sct. March term 1821

This day came Samuel Haycraft Senior and made oath in open court being a court of record within the District of Kentucky that he is the same person named in the annexed copy Certified from the Records of this Court exhibiting his claim against the United States for his services as a Revolutionary soldier, that his place of residence is in Hardin County Kentucky and has been for upwards of 30 years and that the only proof now in his possession in furtherance of the proof already set out in his original claim is the additional affidavit of George Bruce here with accompanied in these words and figures following to wit "I George Bruce of Nelson County State of Kentucky do certify that I was personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft Senior of Hardin County Kentucky in the time of the old Revolution War – that he was an enlisted soldier under Captain James Hook under the command of Colonel John Gibson who was commander of the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and enlisted for the term of 2 years and 6 months and was legally discharged by said Gibson at the expiration of the time of his enlistment at Pittsburgh. Given under my hand 9<sup>th</sup> March 1821

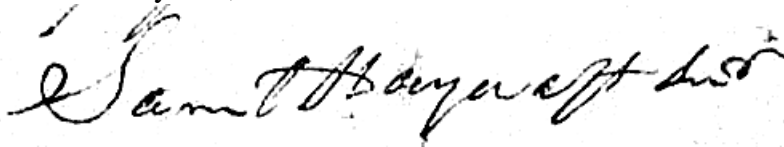
S/ George Bruce ["]

This day came the above named George Bruce Hayden person whose credibility I have no reason to doubt before me the Subscriber a Commonwealth's Circuit Judge in and for the 13<sup>th</sup> judicial District of Kentucky & made oath that the statements contained in the foregoing affidavit are true. Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821.

S/ Paul J Booker

And the said Samuel Haycraft Senior further swears that the facts herein set out are true as well as the facts set out in his original Declaration. Given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1821

S/ Samuel Haycraft, Senior

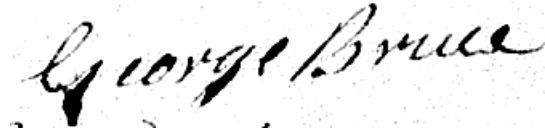
A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Haycraft Senior". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

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I George Bruce of Nelson County State of Kentucky do Certify that I was personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft Senior of Hardin County Kentucky in the time of the Old Revolutionary

War that he was and enlisted Soldier under Captain James Hook under the command of Colonel John Gibson who was Commander of the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment and enlisted for the term of 2 years and 6 months and was legally discharged by said Gibson at the expiration of the time of his said enlistment at Pittsburgh. Given under my hand 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1821

S/ George Bruce

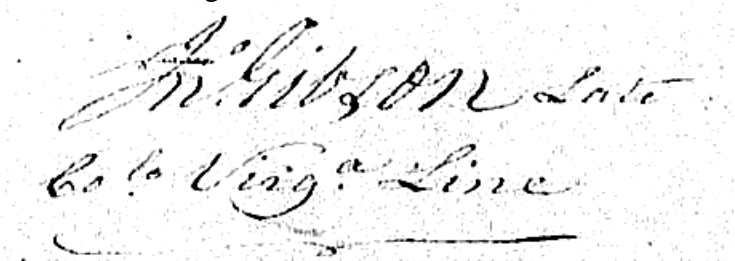
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Bruce".

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I do Certify that during the Revolutionary War, a man of the name of Samuel Haycraft served as a Soldier in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment Commanded by me for the term of three years and was then discharged by me.

Given under my hand at Vincennes in Indiana Territory October 7<sup>th</sup>, 1802

S/ Jno. Gibson, Late  
Colo. Virga. Line

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jno. Gibson Late Colo. Virga. Line".

[p 46: letter dated Elizabethtown 29 November 1820 in the hand writing of Samuel Haycraft in which he states among other things that he has failed in getting Major Jack Harrows and Major James Taylor's evidence in support of his claim there being away from there home and Colonel Gibson being dead – that all of them could have stated "my fatigues and hunger at Fort Laurance" [Fort Laurens]. This letter was addressed to the Honorable Ben Hardin in Washington City.]

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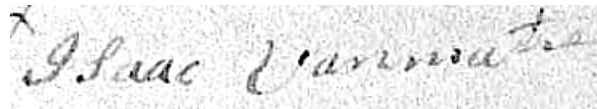
I Isaac Vanmetre<sup>3</sup> of Hardin County Kentucky do hereby certify that I have been personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft for upwards of 40 years and in the spring of the year 1780 we descended down the River Ohio to the falls of Ohio and I am fully convinced that said Haycraft has never been to the eastward States since he first came to Kentucky and that he was shortly discharged from the Service of the United States before he descended down the River and I believe he was stationed on the tuskaraway [Tuscarawas River] River at Fort Laurance [Fort Laurens] in the latter part of the year 1778 and of the year 1779 and I have frequently heard him speak of the hunger and hardships he suffered at that post and that he never had received his arrearages of pay for his services and clothing and back rations.

Given under my hand at Elizabeth town

S/ Isaac Vanmetre

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<sup>3</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Isaac Van Matre \(Vanmatre, Vanmeter\)](#)



[Attested November 28, 1820 in Elizabethtown, Hardin County Kentucky]

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I George Bruce of Nelson County Kentucky do hereby certify that I was personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft in the time of the Old Revolutionary War and he was an enlisted Soldier in the Virginia line in the 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment under the command of Colonel John Gibson and to my knowledge was stationed on the tuskaraway River at Fort Lawrence [Fort Laurens] in the latter part of the year 1778 and part of the year 1779 that he was in Captain Thomas Mores [Thomas Moore's?]<sup>4</sup> company of Light Infantry also that we was reduced almost the whole of the winter on half allowance of flour and meet and for a considerable time surrounded by a large company of Indians who prevented us from getting a supply of provisions and as I have heretofore certified that he was legally discharged by Colonel Gibson at Pittsburgh. Given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1820

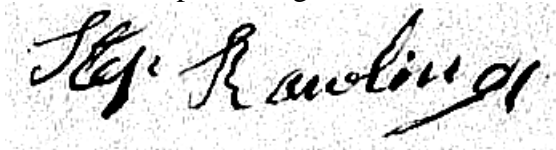
S/ George Bruce

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I Stephen Rawlings of Hardin County Kentucky do hereby certify that I have been personally acquainted with Samuel Haycraft of said County for upwards of forty years and has since that time not lived more than one half mile apart we in company descended down the Ohio River in the spring of the year 1780 to the falls of Ohio and to my certain knowledge the said Haycraft has never been to the Eastward States since he first came to Kentucky I was also acquainted with said Haycraft while he was an enlisted Soldier in the time of the Old revolutionary war when he was engaged in the boating service in escorting provisions to Pittsburgh for the use of the troops at that Station.

Given under my hand at Elizabeth town

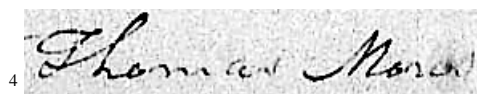
S/ Step Rawlings



[p 8: On October 21, 1839 in Hardin County Kentucky, Margaret Haycraft, 78, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Haycraft, late a pensioner of the United States on the roll of the Kentucky agency; that she married him September 9, 1778; that her husband died October 15, 1823; that she was married to him at of Fort called Bark fort in the State of Pennsylvania (County not recollected); that they were married by a Baptist preacher by the name of John Corbly. She signed her application with her mark.]

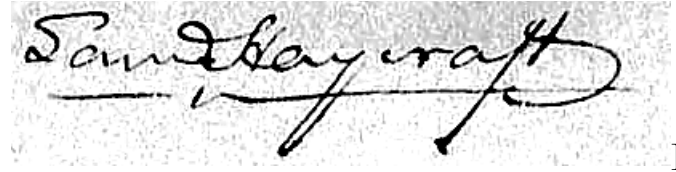
[p 9: On October 21, 1839 in Hardin County Kentucky, Samuel Haycraft, 44, gave testimony that he is the son of Samuel and Margaret Haycraft; that his father died October 15, 1823 and that his

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mother remains his widow; that he has this day been shown the family Bible of his Father's family which notes the following "Samuel Haycraft was married to Peggy Vanmetre the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1778"; that said record is in the hand writing of his father long with the record of the ages of their children; that said record was in the possession of his father for many years and has been in the possession of his mother since his father's death.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel Haycraft". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the word "Haycraft".

[p 10: the Samuel Haycraft whose signature appears above was in October 1839, the clerk of court for Hardin County Kentucky.]

[pp 12-13: family record:

#### Births

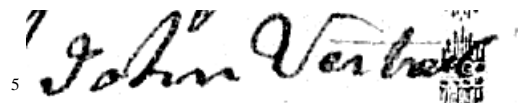
Samuel Haycraft was born in 1752 November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Nancy Haycraft was born the 11<sup>th</sup> September 1782  
John Haycraft was born the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1784  
Letice Haycraft was born December 15<sup>th</sup> 1786  
Amelia Haycraft was born the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1788  
Polly Haycraft was born the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1790  
Betsy Haycraft was born the 16<sup>th</sup> of day of March 1792  
Peggy Haycraft was born December 27<sup>th</sup> 1759  
Rebeka Haycraft was born 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1793  
Peggy Haycraft was born the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1794  
Samuel Haycraft Junior was born the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1795  
Nevell Haycraft was born the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1797  
Gelly Haycraft was born the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1803

#### Marriages

Samuel Haycraft was Marged to Peggy Vanmetre the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 1778  
Nancy Haycraft was Married to John Varbeth [?]<sup>5</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1810  
Betsy Haycraft was married to Isaac Morris in the 19 of July 1812  
Peggy Haycraft was married to Thomas Williams November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1817  
Pressley N. Haycraft was married to Elizabeth Kennedy September 3<sup>rd</sup> 18 [illegible]  
Samuel Haycraft Junior was married to Sarah B. Helm [?] Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 181?

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing June 20, 1820, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line for 2 years and 6 months. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831.]

[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)] this file contains some of the same documents transcribed above.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Varbeth". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name is written in a fluid, connected style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the word "Varbeth". There is a small number "5" written to the left of the signature.

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Kentucky Counties Legislative Petitions

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Virginia  
The Petition of Samuel Haycroft

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner served as a Soldier in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment for the term of two years and six months – that he sent his Discharge to Col. Priestley Noville [sic, Presley Neville] which miscarried & was lost that his remote situation in the Western Country has hitherto prevented him from applying for a settlement of his claim and the Auditor of Public Accounts is not authorized to settle his Account he therefore prays that the Auditor may be directed to Settle his Account and give him a Military Certificate for which is due to him and warrants on the Treasury for the Interest & your Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

[Reverse]

Petition

Samuel Haycroft

11<sup>th</sup> of November 1791

Referred to Claims

Reasonable

Reported 20<sup>th</sup> [indecipherable abbreviation of a month] 91

Mr. Campbell

September the 6<sup>th</sup>, 1793

I do hereby Certify that Samuel Haycroft was Enlisted as a private Soldier in the Thirteenth Virginia Regiment in the Continental Service commanded by Col. William Russell in the Company of Capt. James Hook for the Term of two years & six months & that he served the said two years & six months as a good Soldier and then was Legally Discharged.

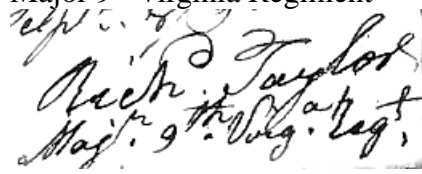
S/ Jno. Harrison, Late Lieut. [John Harrison]  
in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment  
S/ Jas. Sullivan Capt. [James Sullivan]  
in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment

*John Harrison Lieut.  
in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regt.  
Jas. Sullivan Capt.  
in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regt.*

I do hereby Certify that Samuel Haycroft was a Soldier in the Ninth Virginia Regiment commanded by Col. John Gibson the said Regiment being first the Thirteenth commanded by Col. William Russell & that he served out the time for which he was enlisted and was then Discharged by Col. John Gibson given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1793

S/ Rich'd Taylor [Richard Taylor]

Major 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment



Richard Taylor  
Majr 9<sup>th</sup> Virg. Regt

Jefferson Sct.

This day came Samuel Haycraft [sic] before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the peace for this County & being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God says that the Discharge which he received from Col. John Gibson he enclosed in a Letter to Col. Presley Nevil [sic] who had promised to Draw his pay and send it to him but he believes the Letter was lost as Col. Nevil says he never received it. Given under my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 1791

S/ Richard Taylor

It appears by the books in this Office that the within mentioned Samuel Haycraft has not received his pay & depreciation

S/ J. Carter, Clerk

Auditors Office 10 November 91