

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Henry Hamner W8912

Sarah Hamner

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State of Kentucky and County of Mercer Sct.

On this 3rd day of November in the year 1835 Personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Court of Mercer County now sitting Henry Hamner a resident of the County of Mercer and State of Kentucky aged seventy-six 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 act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he was drafted and entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he first entered the service in the County of Mecklenburg in the State of Virginia in the latter part of the year 1778 or the beginning of the year 1779 under Captain Richard Swepston and Major James Anderson and was stationed at a place called Banks' Store near Taylor's Ferry on the Roanoke River for the purpose of guarding a public Magazine at that place where he remained about or near two years as one of the guard, but was not all the time in actual service. He was sometimes relieved and permitted to go home, while others of the company guarded and was by regular turns ordered back to the magazine and those who had stood guard in his absence were in like manner relieved and permitted to go home. The precise length of time he was in actual service at the magazine he cannot recollect, but states he kept himself in readiness all the time, and when ordered to return to his post and remained until it came to his turn to be relieved. He believes he was in actual service guarding the magazine about three months and the balance of the time he was at home by permission of his officers as before stated. He further states that about the latter end of the year 1780 the magazine was removed. He then marched under the same Captain as a substitute to a place called the long- Honerey [?: Long Ordinary or Tavern?]¹ about three miles South of Petersburg in the same State and was attached to Colonel Burrell (or Burwell's) Regiment at which place he was stationed and remained until it was ascertained that the enemy had took shipping and left that part of the Country. He does not recollect the precise time he was upon the last mentioned tour, his enlistment or engagement was for three months and he obtained a discharge for three months service, but thinks he was discharged a short time before his term expired. He further states that in the latter part of the winter or early in the spring of the year 1781 he was again drafted and marched under Captain Smith [Robert Smith] to Guilford and was engaged there in the battle of the 15th of March 1751 he was attached at that time attached to Colonel Robert

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Munford's Regiment and General Lawson's [Robert Lawson's] Brigade and under Major General Greene [Nathanael Greene] who commanded the whole. He recollects that at the battle of Guilford among the regular officers who were there was Colonels Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] and Washington [William Washington] who commanded the light horse. After the Battle he pursued the British to Ramsay's mill on Deep River at which place he was again discharged having served in this tour three months. He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person now living by whom he can prove his services. He hereby relinquishes his any 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 or Territory of the United States

S/ Henry Hamner



[James Durham, a clergyman, CJ Burton and JP Mitchell gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of Kentucky and County of Mercer Sct.

On this 5th day of March in the year 1836 personally appeared before the undersigned James P Mitchell a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Mercer Henry Hamner a resident citizen of the County and State aforesaid and being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following amended declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

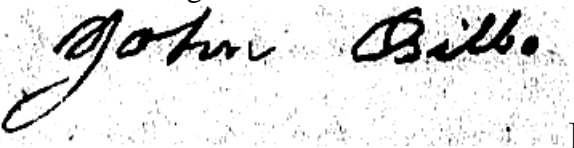
He states by way of amendment to his original declaration, That he has stated in his former declaration the facts of his case as far as he is able to recollect them. That from his age and the great length of time which has elapsed he is unable to give a more minute history of his services than he has already done. That one thing he does recollect perfectly i.e. he risked his life for the Liberty, independence and Honor of his Country. That if the little pittance to which he knows he is entitled under the law is withheld because of the impression made on his memory by time he cannot help it. It must go in the pockets of those whose conscience is more elastic than he is. In answer to the several interrogatories propounded by the war Department (through the Court or Justice) he states that he was born in the County of Mecklenburg and State of Virginia on the 17th day of March in the year 1759. That he has in his own possession a record of his age. That he lived in the said County of Mecklenburg when he was called into service, that he removed from said County to Mercer County Kentucky about the year 1797 where he has resided ever since. The answers to interrogatories 4 & 5 are contained in his original declaration and in answer to the 6th He states that he never received a written discharge from the service at any time that he recollects of. In answer to the 7th he refers to James Harlan member of Congress. He states that he is at this time unable to appear in open Court from age and bodily infirmity. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



[p 10: On February 28, 1844 in Boyle County Kentucky, Sarah Hamner, aged above 83 years, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Henry Hamner deceased late of Boyle County Kentucky, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she was married to him December 26, 1781; that he died January 2, 1844; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but was married prior to his January one 1794; she offered the leaf

of the Bible showing the family register as proof of her marriage. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 11: On February 28, 1844 in Boyle County Kentucky, John Bilbo gave testimony that he is a son in law of the applicant and her deceased husband Henry Hamner; that he has been acquainted with them above 45 years and married their youngest child Rebecca who is near 40 years of age; that the veteran and his wife lived with the affiant for the last 8 years; that the family Bible leaf is in the handwriting of the veteran and was in the veteran's possession at the time of his death.



John Bilbo

[p 13: family register:

Henry Hamner was born 17th day of [paper torn and text missing]

Sarah Decker [could be Dicker] was born 6th day of July 1760

Mary Hamner was born 12th day of September 1782

Ann Hamner was born 8th day of November 1783

William Hamner was born the 11th day of February 1786

James Hamner was born 24th day of September 1787

Henry Hamner was born 10th day of January 1790

Lucy Hamner was born 13th day of September 1792

Sarah Hamner was born 19th day of December 1794

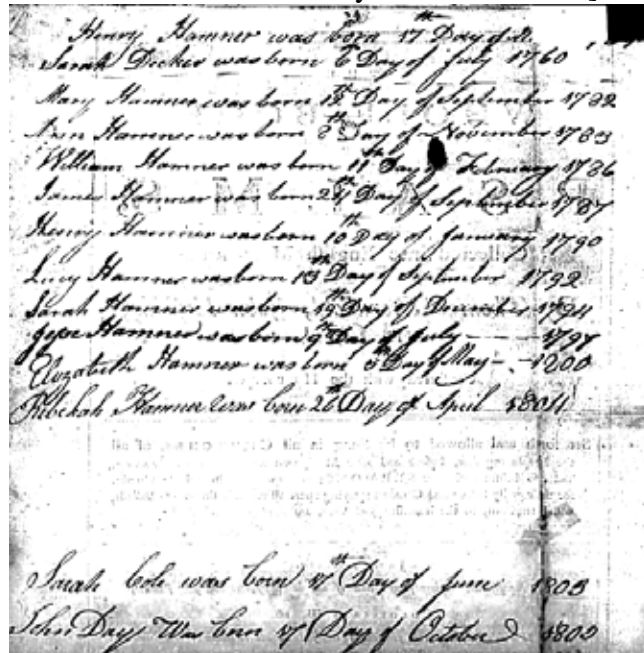
Jesse Hamner was born the 9th day of July 1797

Elizabeth Hamner was born 5th day of May 1800

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[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the Virginia militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]