

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of West Hurt (Hurtt) S38067

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Virginia, to wit

This day personally appeared before me William Brockenbrough one of the judges of the General Court of Virginia, West Hurtt [sic], late of the County of King William, but now of the City of Richmond, in said State, and made Oath that he enlisted as a private Soldier in the Company of Captain Holt Richeson (afterwards Colonel Richeson) in the early part of the American Revolution; the company aforesaid was part of the 7th Virginia Regiment on Continental Establishment. The Regiment was at first commanded by Colonel Daingerfield [William Daingerfield] (he believes) & William Nelson, the Major: that the affiant faults as a Soldier in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], then German-town [Germantown, October 4, 1777], & served two years in the said Regiment: that the Affiant, then enlisted, whilst in Pennsylvania in a Troop of light Dragoons, commanded by Captain John Belfield from the Northern Neck of Virginia, & served in that Troop three years – It was the 6th Troop, first Regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded at that time by Colonel Theodorick Bland. With this Troop he joined the southern Army in South Carolina &c. The Command of that Regiment devolved on Colonel Anthony Walton White. This affiant was honorably discharged at Halifax in North Carolina, by Captain Belfield or Colonel White (he does not recollect which) after having served as aforesaid, I years in all. This Discharge is worn out.

The Affiant further declares that after his discharge he served as a Volunteer in the affair at James Town, & acted as assistant to the French Quarter Master General, when the French Troops passed on through King & Queen County to Williamsburg.

All of which is sworn to – Given under my hand at Richmond this 13th day of April in the year 1818.

S/ William Brockenbrough

[p 4: There is a schedule filed by the affiant on April 23, 1821 but the image of this document is so compromised that the substance of it cannot be read in either the version posted on Fold3.com. or HeritageQuest.com. If anyone has a transcript of this document which they are willing to share with us, we would be glad to post it in the database.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing April 13th, 1818, for service as a private in the Virginia Continental line.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

I do Certify that West Hurt Enlisted in the first Regiment Light Dragoons the 22nd day of December 1777, for 3 years which time he served faithfully & honestly as a private Soldier & that he has received no Pay from the first of February 1780 except 100 paper Dollars the day he was Discharged. Given under my hand this 18th day of June 1783

S/ J. Belfield
Major. L. Dragoons



[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

August 20th, 1835

To the Executive of Virginia

The undersigned begs leave very respectfully to say to your Hon: Body, that his brother John Bagby, & himself, or the Agents of the only heir of West Hurt who was a soldier in the Revolution – That John Bagby filed within the last few days a Memorial asking a Reconsideration of the case for land bounty on the half of the Heir of said West Hurt, & that this application to your Hon: body was also rejected. The undersigned under the firm believe that this case will be considered just a rehearing, asks it; and begs that the following facts may be particularly averted to –

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and as well as it is now recollected. That when the case was first filed and acted on, there was only one certificate of the first Auditor in relation to the case & that was the £27 certificate, That when the case was more fully examined, it was found that West Hurt was also on the Army Register as a Cavalry Soldier & receiving £67 or £68 in Depreciated Pay C first Auditors Certificate – now it is most manifest that there were to sums made on account larger than would have been the pay of West Hurt for three years service. It will be remembered that this money paid him was in Certificates which was equivalent to gold or silver & paid him as such. The undersigned does not for one moment believe but that the case will be allowed if your Hon: body will do him the

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This is to Certify, That it appears from a List in this Office of such Officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental Line, during the Revolutionary War, as settled their Accounts, and received Certificates for the balance of their Full Pay, according to an Act of Assembly, passed the November Session 1781, that a Certificate issued on the 19th day of February 1782, in the name of West Hurt, as a Soldier of Infantry for £27.4.0, which Certificate appears to have been delivered to himself and was given for services prior to the 1st January 1782.

Given under my hand, at the Auditor's Office, Richmond, this
29th day of July 1835.

S/Adam Smith, first clerk, Acting Auditor

The affidavit of Leonard Shackelford of the County of King & Queen and State of Virginia
This affiant being first duly sworn according to law states upon his oath that he was well
acquainted with West Hurt late of the County of King William and State of Virginia, and that the
said Hurt enlisted in Captain Holt Richeson Company of King William in the Revolutionary War
as a private for 2 years, in the 7th Virginia Regiment upon state establishment which Regiment
the said Richeson commanded he having by this time gotten to be a Colonel that the said Hurt
enlisted for the above named [one or more words too faint to discern] time in the year 76 or 77
and when his 2 years expired, he again enlisted in Colonel Bland's Troop of horse in the
Continental line for 3 years which time the said Hurt served faithfully out and this affiant further
states that the said Hurt acted as Sergeant in the said Horse troop of horse. And further this
affiant saith not.

S/ Leonard Shackelford¹

Sworn and subscribed this 9th day of April 1834

[p 14: A copy of the last will and testament of West Hurtt dated July 10, 1821 in which he
describes himself as a resident of King William County, Parish of Saint David; he makes
reference to his wife "Hanner Hurtt" [probably 'Hannah Hurtt']; son, Edwin Hurtt to whom he
gives a little Negro girl named Martha now at Mr. Jacks Smith's in King & Queen County;
Daughter Salley Smith; Patsey Simpson (relationship not indicated); and son George Hurtt. The
will was probated in King William County on Monday February 25, 1822.]

¹ [Leonard Shackelford S6085](#)