

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Howell Hartgrove S8678

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State of North Carolina Stokes County: SS

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before us the justices of the peace for Stokes County now sitting Howell Hartgrove a resident of said County & State, aged sixty-eight or sixty-nine years the 6<sup>th</sup> day of last February, who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as hereinafter stated, the first week in March before the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] in South Carolina he entered the service in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division of the Virginia militia as a private soldier he being a little the rise of sixteen years of age about the first of March aforesaid; under Captain Reuben Vaughn & John Harris Lieutenant & Thomas Thedgitt Ensign in the County of Mecklenburg Virginia under the command of Colonel L. Burwell or Burrell [Lewis Burwell was County Lieutenant of the militia of Mecklenburg County Virginia] & Samuel Larks Sergeant Major, the date he does not recollect, But he was marched with the said Company to Granville Court house in North Carolina & remained there until General Mason arrived there with the other Corps & joined them, then marched to Hillsboro, Salisbury & Charlotte, North Carolina, then to Camden in South Carolina and from thence to Stono River & then joined the headquarters under the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & was taken sick before the Battle of Stono, & returned immediately after said Battle to Camden at which place he was discharged by General Mason sometime in July or August, which discharge he has lost by being Burned in a house that was consumed by fire as he expects – And a 2<sup>nd</sup> service he served as a substitute in the room of his father James Hartgrove from the County of Mecklenburg Virginia, thinks it was in the 7<sup>th</sup> division of Militia & entered the service in behalf of his father in the same month & date of General Gates Defeat [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] (near Camden in South Carolina) at Hillsboro in North Carolina & marched to New Garden in Guilford County North Carolina & from thence to Hogans's Creek & captured Tories and guarded them to Hillsborough & then returned to Hogans's Creek then marched to Guilford Courthouse, all this under the command of Captain B. Jones of Brunswick County Virginia & Ambrose Grissom was Sergeant Major & Colonel Fortner from Virginia & Major Morris & Coneway then marched from Guilford to Hillsborough & there discharged by Major Morris sometime in the beginning of winter after he entered as a Substitute aforesaid, the date he does not recollect only sites that he entered the Service in the month of the memorable Gates defeat, the 3<sup>rd</sup> engagement he states that he entered the Service of the United States at Mecklenburg Courthouse in Virginia in the 4<sup>th</sup>

Division of Militia about planting of corn time in the Spring After he had been discharged as Substitute at Hillsboro aforesaid, and rendezvoused at said Mecklenburg Courthouse under the command of Captain Richard Whitton & marched from thence to Prince Edward Courthouse Virginia & there joined the troops commanded by General Lawson [Robert Lawson] & from thence marched to the point of fork of James River to aid General Steuben where we met him, with his Regular troops; there this applicant assisted in getting over the public stores, when a detachment of the British Army appeared on the opposite side of James River and gave a few shots with their cannon and frigted [sic, frightened?] Genl. Steuben he then marched the troops to Prince Edward, where this deponent was taken sick & after remaining in this service about 6 or 8 weeks he obtained a furlough of Colonel Lawson & returned home to Mecklenburg County & afterwards discharged by Captain Whitton in the fall & remained there some [sic] about 2 years after the Surrender of Cornwallis [October 19, 1781], from thence he removed to the County of Surry in North Carolina which is since been divided & now resides in the part called Stokes County where he has remained ever since, and has not in his power to prove the above services by the testimony of any witness. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency of any State; Sworn to & subscribed the day & year first above written.

S/ Howell Hargrave [sic], X his mark

[Charles Banner and Thomas T Armstrong gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

State of North Carolina Stokes County

Personally appeared before me Charles Banner a Justice of the peace in & for the County aforesaid Howel Hartgrove who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that by reason of old Age and consequent loss of Memory he cannot positively swear 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 Grade: for ten months and a half I served as a private and for such Service I claim a pension. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> January 1833

S/ Howel Hartgrove, X his mark

This applicant further declares that the reason he failed to procure the affidavit of a clergyman to his Declaration was that there was no one convenient – further he states that he was born in Mecklenburg County in Virginia he thinks in the year 1764, but has no record of his Age, but believes he is about 68 years old, he does not recollect the names of any other field officers than those he mentioned in his former declaration, that in the 6<sup>th</sup> question he states that he received 3 discharges for the first service from General David Mason, the second from Major \_\_ Morris & the third from Captain Richard Whitton, the first discharge he believes has been Burned in a house of Arthur Tates in Surry County North Carolina & the two last discharges were sent back to Mecklenburg in Virginia when he emigrated from [Virginia] to North Carolina in order to obtain pay for his services & has never seen them since, as to the 7<sup>th</sup> Question he has already complied with in part by the Certificate of Thomas T Armstrong and Charles Banner as to his character for veracity & good behavior, further he states that there is no person in the County where he resides that can testify as to his services in the Revolutionary War.

S/ Howel Hartgrove, X his mark

Sworn & subscribed the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 1833 before me

S/ C. Banner, JP

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$35 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as

a private for 10 ½ months in the Virginia militia.]