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# William Hancock's Declaration

State of Kentucky

Adair County

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the Adair County Court now sitting William Hancock a resident of Adair County & State of Kentucky, aged 58 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832

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

He states that he entered the Service of the United States on February 1780 under Capt John Hoffig who was Commanded by Gen. Mullenburg, Col. Parker & Major Deelman & marched to Dismal Swamp by way of Petersburg and also at Suffolk where he got his discharge at Dismal Swamp and returned home.

The War was about three months.

He resided in Bedford County Virginia at the time he entered the Service. Four or five weeks after his return from Dismal Swamp he received orders from Col. Lynch of Bedford County Virginia that if he with others would take and bring down Tories and Deserters and bring them to trial. He states that he was engaged in the business of taking Tories & Deserters

by 80 and the duration of Commission in  
which was in October 1787 about 16 months  
In his tour to Annual Swamp he was drafted  
In the business of taking Taxes he was ordered by  
the officers & willingly engaged in the business  
He states that he has no documentary evidence  
by which he is enabled to prove his service -

He hereby relinquishes every 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 -

Sworn to & subscribed, the day & year aforesaid  
William Hancock

We Nathan Gauthier a ~~blonde~~ residing in  
the County of Adair and Daniel Struble  
residing ~~for~~ (the same) hereby certify that we are  
well acquainted with William Hancock who  
has subscribed & sworn to the above declaration,  
that we believe him to be 83 years of age; that he  
is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood  
where he resides, to have been a soldier of the  
revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid -

Nathan Gauthier

Daniel Struble

And the said court do hereby ~~certify~~ declare  
their affirmance, after the investigation of the matter  
and after putting the interrogatories prescribed  
by the War Department, that the above named  
applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and  
served as he states -

**BRIEF in the case of** *Wm. Hancock*  
**in the State of** *Kentucky*  
*County of Adair*  
 (Act 7th June, 1832.)

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Just*

2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?

3. How old is he? *83*

4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

| Period.                | Duration of Service. |            |              | Rank.           | Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.                                       |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                        | Years.               | Months.    | Days.        |                 |                                                                                                 |
| <i>entered</i> In 1780 | <i>about</i> 3       |            |              | <i>private.</i> | <i>Gen. Muhlenberg</i><br><i>Capt. Trigg, Col. Parker Major</i><br><i>Deaton and Col. Lynch</i> |
|                        | <i>1</i>             | <i>1/2</i> | <i>about</i> | "               |                                                                                                 |

5. In what battles was he engaged? *None*

6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Bedford County, Va.*

7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *traditionary two witnesses*

8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect? *def. in form no clergyman*

I **Certify** that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Chas. Forrest*  
 Examining Clerk.

In reply to your request of \_\_\_\_\_, received \_\_\_\_\_  
 for a statement of the military history of William Hancock,  
 a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired  
 information as contained in his (~~or his books~~) application for pen-  
 sion on file in this Bureau. P. 4552

| DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT. | LENGTH OF SERVICE. | RANK.     | OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED. |          | STATE. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|----------|--------|
|                                     |                    |           | CAPTAIN.                                  | COLONEL. |        |
| July 1780                           | 3 mos.             | 2d Sergt. | John Trigg                                | Parker   | Va.    |
| May 1780                            | to Oct. 1781       | Private   | Captains of independent<br>companies.     | Regent   |        |
|                                     |                    |           |                                           |          |        |
|                                     |                    |           |                                           |          |        |

Battles engaged in, none stated

Residence of soldier at enlistment, Bidford Co., Va.

Date of application for pension, Aug. 23, 1832.

Residence at date of application, Adair Co., Kentucky.

Age at date of application, 62 yrs Oct. 20, 1749 in Chesterfield Co. Va.

Remarks: he died in 1837 in Adair Co., Ky. Two children survived him in 1887, Oliver H. & John P. Hancock.

The claim was rejected on the ground that he did not perform any more military service in a duly organized corps - this agreement to "take up arms" not being provided for by the Act of June 7, 1832 under which he applied.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.