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Applicant  
for  
Patent

Ex Parte  
James Hairston



John Garlington  
at L.S.

On this day twenty seventh of  
March one thousand eight hundred and thirty three,  
personally appeared in open Court, His Honour  
J. Erand one of the Judges of the Court  
of Common Pleas now sitting James Christian  
a resident of Laurens District And State  
above said aged <sup>nearly</sup> fifty eight years, being born in  
Ninety six District South Carolina as well as  
he remembers from having seen the family  
record about the second of March one thousand  
seven hundred and fifty six; and being first  
duly sworn according to Law doth on oath make  
the following declaration in order to obtain the  
benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th  
1832. He entered the service of the United States  
as a volunteer in the fall of 1781 as part of a  
detachment to guard waggons sent to haul corn  
to Colonel Andrew Pickens Black House, under  
the command of Captain John Calhoun  
This term of service continued ten days.

Near the end of the year 1781 he served  
twelve days as near as he remembers under Lieutenant  
Arthur Grays He is confident this last term of  
service could not have been less than 12 days  
and he was engaged at this time also in protecting  
a number of waggons in hauling corn to  
the above said Black House.

On the commencement of the year 1782  
he served a tour under the command of  
Captain John Wilson. This term of service imbrac-  
ed a period of two months during which he  
was stationed at the above said Black House situa-  
ted at Col Reid's Mill on Long Cane Creek  
to prevent the Tories and British from destroying  
the Mills which were of much importance to  
the Country. About the first of March 1782  
or perhaps near the last of this month he was det-  
ached with a company of men under the command  
and of Captain J. Wilson against the Indians  
and Tories, the former in company with the latter,  
having committed some depredations in the whig

settlements. This expedition against the Indians  
and Series continued eight or nine days.

Near the last of April or the first of May  
1782 he was engaged under the Command of  
Captain Theophilus Harwood (Capt Wilson resigned)  
for seven or eight days in an almost unremitted  
pursuit of William Cunningham who had com-  
mitted about this time some outrage amongst  
the inhabitants of ninety six District.

In July 1782 he served a term of three months  
under the Command of Captain John Ervin Col  
Pitkin in Command. During this period of  
his service he was engaged in pursuing the British  
who were retreating from the interior of South  
Carolina towards Charleston.

He is perfectly confident that he served at  
least six months.

He left the service in Oct 1782.  
The whole of his service was within the limits  
of the State of South Carolina except one expedi-  
tion against the Indians aforementioned under  
the Command of Captain John Wilson.

He did not serve in Company with any  
Continental regiments or companies.

He does not know of any documentary  
evidence that would be of any service to him.

He knows of no person except Samuel  
Matthews who can testify as to his service, and  
makes affidavit that he served a term of three  
months with Applicant in 1782 under the Comm-  
and of Capt John Ervin, William Buchanan  
or makes affidavit that he <sup>well</sup> knows Applicant  
during the revolutionary war, and that he  
was a revolutionary soldier. Mr Buchanan  
and Mr Matthews both reside in Abbeville  
District. Mr Buchanan has known Applicant  
of upwards of fifty years and considers him of  
a man of truth.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever  
to a pension or annuity except the present

and declares that his name is not on the pen-  
sion roll of any state the agency of any state  
since the Revolutionary war he has lived  
the greater portion of the time in Abbeville  
District near the place where he was born and  
raised. He now lives in Laurens District where  
he has been resident nearly between five  
and six years. In his neighbourhood at present  
he will mention Joshua Saxon and William  
P. Byrd to whom he is well known and who  
can testify as to his character for veracity.

He never received any regular discharge from  
the Service at least no written one nor did he hold  
any Commission. When discharged from Service  
he was under the command of Capt Geo Ervin.

From the short time which he has been resident  
in his present neighbourhood he knows of no  
person who can certify as to his being reputed a  
soldier of the Revolution - all the testimony he submits  
as to reputation and belief is the Affidavit of Mr Buc-  
hannon and Mr Matthews or in at least in supply  
of it; in the neighbourhood where he formerly resided in  
Abbeville District there are persons who can certify as  
to the traditional knowledge of his Service, but  
he supposes the affidavits of Mr Matthews and  
Mr Buchannon sufficient.

The family records in his possession but the  
leaf on which his age was recorded has been acci-  
dentally torn out.

Wm H. and subscribed James Hairston  
the day and year above

John Garlington of S. Dist.  
We do hereby certify that that we are well  
acquainted with James Hairston who has  
subscribed and sworn to the above declaration,  
that we believe him to be 67 or 8 years of age  
and that we consider him a man of truth.  
We live in Applicant's neighbourhood

Sworn to & subscribed  
this 21<sup>st</sup> March 1833.

John Garlington  
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And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion  
 after the investigation of the matter, and after  
 putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War  
 Department, that the abovesaid Applicant  
 was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he  
 states. And the Court further certifies that it  
 appears to them that William D Byrd  
 and Joshua Saxon who have signed the preceding  
 Certificate reside in Laurens District S.C. that  
 they are credible persons and that their statement  
 is entitled to credit

Josiah J. Evans  
 Judge

I John Garlington Clerk of the Court of Laurens  
 District do hereby certify that the foregoing  
 contains the original proceedings in the matter  
 of the application James Hairston for a pension  
 In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and seal of office this 27<sup>th</sup> March 1833.

Applicant  
 or  
 Pensioner

John Garlington  
 Clk. S. C.

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