

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Motte BLWt629-400

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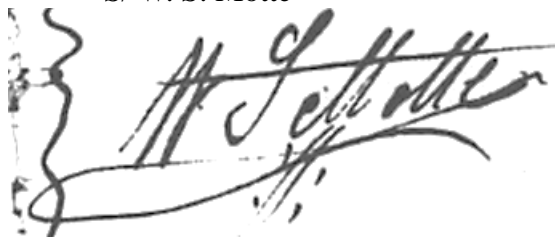
State of South Carolina Richland District }

Personally appeared before me William S. Motte,¹ and made oath that he is the only son of Major Charles Motte who fell at the lines of Savannah in our Revolutionary War in the year 1779 and that neither himself nor any other of his Father's heirs or Representatives have ever obtained a Land Warrant in right of his said Father's Services.

Sworn to before made this 24th of July 1813

S/ James T. Goodwyn, JP

S/ W. S. Motte

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. S. Motte". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent flourish at the end.

State of South Carolina Lexington District

I John Hart² of the State & District aforesaid depose, that I was a Captain in the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment; that Charles Motte was a Major in the same Regiment when the French & American Troops assailed the lines before Savannah in the Revolutionary War.³ That, from my infancy, I was acquainted with the whole of the Motte family: That, I knew of sd applicant for a military Warrant (W. S. Motte) when an infant. Have seen him at his father's house & firmly believe he is the only [indecipherable word] of his father's family & whose father the Major I saw been killed in assailing the line before Savannah.

Sworn to before made the first day of July A.D. 1813

S/ James T. Goodwyn, JP

S/ J. Hart, formerly
a Capt. in the 2nd SC
Continl. Regiment

¹ This man's name MAY have been William J. Motte (it is difficult to discern his middle initial as written).

² [John Hart W3805](#)

³ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

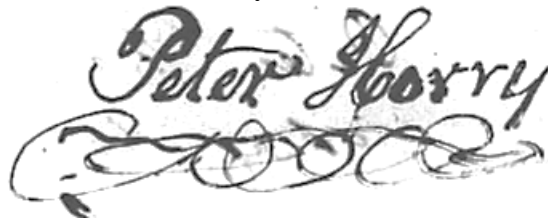
2 } *W. Motte family*
} a Capt. in the 2^d S.C.
} Contin^t. Regiment

State of South Carolina Richland District

Before me personally appeared Peter Horry and made oath that [indecipherable word] by grade in the general line agreeable to the laws of Congress & established was promoted from the majority of the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment to the Lieutenant Colonelcy [sic, Colonelcy] in the 5th Regiment of the aforesaid State, that by the order of General Lincoln he was attached to the Light Corps commanded by Colonel Laurence [John Laurens] that when the attack was made on the lines of Savannah this Corps was broken shortly after the attack commenced, that this Deponent in endeavoring to rally the Corps which was broken came to the spot where Major Charles Motte lay slain before the Abettes [sic, abattis], that he served in the same Regiment with Major Motte as Captains previous to his promotion, this Deponent further swears he has no reason to doubt but believes William S. Motte the applicant for a Military Warrant to be the son of Major Charles Motte above mentioned.

Sworn to before made this first July 1813

S/ Peter Horry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Horry". The signature is written in dark ink and features a decorative flourish at the bottom.

S James T. Goodwyn, JP