

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hamilton R4521

Susan Hamilton

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State of Tennessee Getson [sic, Gibson] County: SS County Court December Term 1832

On this 19th day of December A.D. 1832 personally appeared in the Court of Pleas & quarter Sessions now holding for the County of Gibson David Hamilton a resident of said County and aged about Seventy Seven years on the 3rd of February next according to the best of his belief (he having no Record of his age) who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This declarant was born in the State of North Carolina County of Guilford on the 3rd day of February A.D. 1856 (the February after Braddock's defeat as he has been told by his parents) where he continued to reside until the close of the Revolutionary war.

This declarant entered the service of the United States and served under the following named Officers as herein stated.

This declarant states that sometime in the summer of the year 1779 he was drafted to go into South Carolina against the British, who were daily expected to make an attack on Charleston. The Captain who commanded the company to which this declarant belonged was by the name of Jonas Frost, the Colonel in command of the Regiment was by the name of Andrew Hampton. This declarant states that they were marched from Guilford County North Carolina to Salisbury (same state) where they remained perhaps a week or two, when they were directed by the commanding officers to return home, and hold themselves in readiness to march southward at a moment's warning, This declarant states that sometime in the fall of this year, they received orders to go to the defense of Charleston South Carolina 300 miles distant. They were again marched to Salisbury under the command of his last mentioned officers: From this place the Companies proceeded on southward; This declarant not wishing to walk the distance remained some days & hired a horse and shortly after followed the company on horseback as far as Nelsons ferry on the Santee [River], and there left his horse and proceeded on foot to Charleston. When he arrived here he reported himself to his Captain (Jonas Frost) was enrolled & went on duty = He was also under command of General Lillington [John Alexander Lillington], and was attached to his Brigade. Here the declarant states they lay three months incessantly engaged in throwing up Breastworks, making Fortifications &c. the British Fleet were at this time lying in the harbor, and the British Army was encamped on the opposite side of the Ashley River erecting their Batteries, and fortifications = This declarant states that while lying here General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] of the Continental Army was in the command. Major Sharp & Major Nelson Brigade Inspector were the only Continental officers whom he saw. = This Declarant

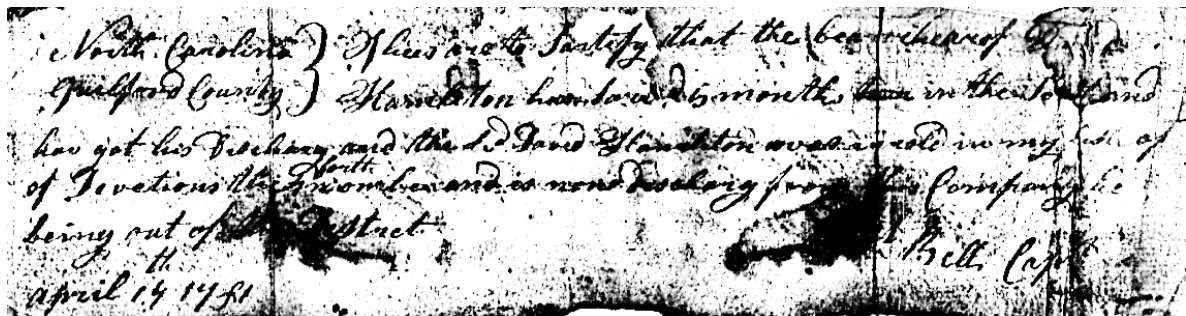
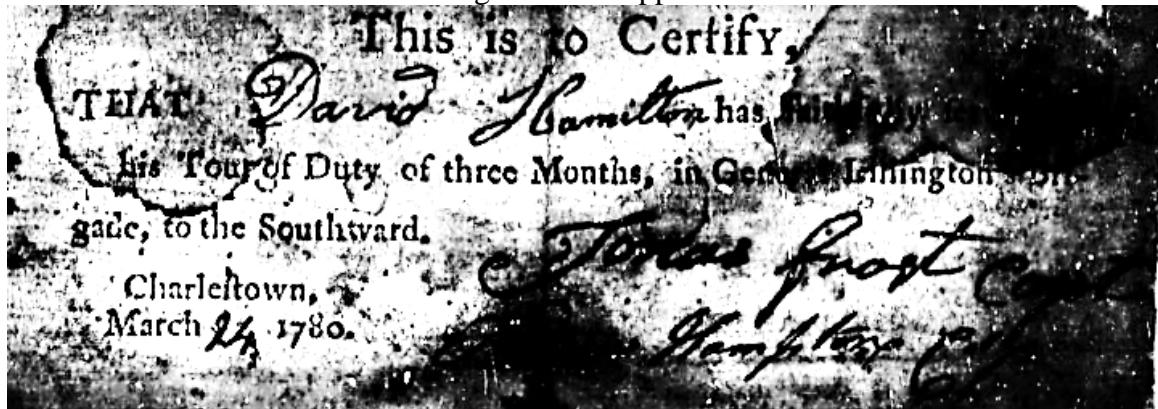
states that after his term of service was out, he received a regular discharge signed by his Captain, Jonas Frost, and his Colonel Andrew Hampton, which is hereunto affixed and forwarded with his declaration also a certificate of discharge from Captain Robert Bell. = After being discharged he returned home having been out for five months. = This declarant states that sometime after he returned home, he volunteered to go against the Tories in North Carolina. They were marched up to Moravian Town, under the command of Colonel Paselee [John Paisley], where they remained about a week & then returned home. They were shortly afterwards again marched up to the Yadkin [River] against the Tories and from thence into Rowan County in search of Tories, but states that they found none embodied; they were out about three weeks and then returned home. = This declarant states that he was engaged in scouting in Guilford County North Carolina during the time Cornwallis was lying there; but does not recollect how long. = After the battle of Guilford [March 15, 1781], Cornwallis marched into Virginia, when soon after the war closed. = This declarant remained in North Carolina for a considerable time, not now recollected, when he removed to the County of Davidson, State aforesaid, where he resided 5 or 6 years when he removed to Robertson County State of Tennessee, where he lived 10 years, and removed to Williamson County (same State) & lived 6 years, and then removed to Maury County, & remained 16 years, from thence to this County where he has since continued to reside. = He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. Sworn to & subscribed in open Court.

S/ Tho. Fite [?], Clerk

S/ David Hamilton, X his mark

[William P. Seat, JP, Madison McLaurin gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[The two discharges mentioned by the veteran are the documents copied on pp. 19 & 20, I have not tried to transcribed them but images of both appear below.



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Additional Declaration to the Original, by directions from the Pension Office, of the War Department of May 7th 1833
State of Tennessee

Gibson County} SS. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions June Term A.D. 1833

On this 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared before the Worshipful Court of Pleas and quarter sessions now sitting for the County and State aforesaid David Hamilton, aged Seventy Eight years, on the 3rd day of February last past, who being duly sworn according to Law, doth make the following additional Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

He states that in 1779 He was drafted to go into the South Carolina against the British. He was drafted from Captain Robert Bell's Company, and of the 4th division near Guilford Court House, North Carolina. He states that they immediately proceeded from Guilford County NC under Captain Jonas Frost, who commanded the company to which the declarant belonged, to Salisbury (same State) where they remained two weeks, when they were sent home with directions to be ready at a minutes warning to march South. He states that in the fall of the same year (1779) they were marched by his Captain Jonas Frost from Guilford County NC to Salisbury: The troops were marched from thence to South Carolina, and this declarant, states that, he procured a horse and proceeded on after his company, as far as Nelson's Ferry in South Carolina, on the Santee River, when he proceeded on foot & joined his Company in the City of Charleston (SC). His Captain here was still Jonas Frost, his Colonel by the name of Andrew Hampton: all under General __ Lillington; & General __ Lincoln, who, was the Commander in Chief of the Southern Department. This Declarant states that he served here three (3) months, for which he received a discharge, signed by his commanding Officers Captain Jonas Frost and Colonel Andrew Hampton; which discharge is appended to his first application for a pension. In this tour he states he was attached to General Lillington's Brigade. Declarant states that after he was discharged he returned home to Guilford County NC.

This Declarant states that again in the summer of the year 1780 He Volunteered in a mounted Corps to go under Colonel Paselee, in Guilford County NC and served against the Tories. He states that they were marched up to the Moravian towns in Surry County (NC) and was out on this expedition 2 weeks when they returned to Guilford C. H. They then changed their course and proceeded up on the Yadkin River in Rowan County (NC) and from thence into Randolph County, where they were engaged Ranging the Country in search of Tories, and succeeded in making prisoners of some. This declarant states that after being out for the term of (3) weeks on this exact expedition they returned home.

This Declarant has now stated his principal tours of service, which by way of recapitulation, he will again repeat. 1st His first period of service, from the time he was drafted in Guilford County NC in the summer of 1779 to the time he joined the American Army in Charleston, (5) months; 2nd His tour of service of (3) months in Charleston under Captain Jonas Frost and Colonel Andrew Hampton; for which service he received a discharge. 3rd His services as a Volunteer in 1780 under Colonel John Paselee, against the Tories in North Carolina (5) weeks, amounting in all to Nine (9) Months, and (7) days for which he claims a pension.

S/ David Hamilton, X his mark

[William C Love, a clergyman, and William P Seat gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Questions by the Court

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Guilford County North Carolina on the 3rd day of February 1856

2nd Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Ans. States he has none

3rd Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. In Guilford County North Carolina when called into service, and a reference to the original Declaration made by me will show where I have lived since.

4th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. I will state the names of General Lillington, General Lincoln Commander in Chief Major Sharp and Major Nelson, brigade Majors &c of Continental and Militia regiments I saw General Lincoln's Army and the general circumstances of my service will be found embodied in my first Declaration.

5. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

Ans. In my first service I was drafted, and in my 2nd and last I was a volunteer.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Ans. I received a discharge from my Colonel Andrew Hampton, and Captain Jonas Frost, at Charleston, in March 1780 and which is appended to my foregoing Declaration.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

Ans. I can state the names of [document ends here]

[p 10: On July 3, 1853 in Gibson County Tennessee, David P. Hamilton, the son of David Hamilton, a revolutionary war pensioner, filed a claim stating that his father left a widow, Susan Hamilton, who is still living but not in a condition to transact business for herself; that he is fully authorized to transact business for her and is filing this claim to obtain a pension due her as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner.]

[Facts in file: veteran died in Gibson County Tennessee in October 1841, survived by a widow named Susan

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30.55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 9 months & 5 days service as a private in the South Carolina State Troops.]