

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hanna [Hannah] R4574

Elizabeth Hanna f46SC

Transcribed by Will Graves

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina  
Robert Hanna presents himself to your Honorable body as an old & infirm revolutionary soldier, who is now sixty-six years of age & a large family part of which are young & females and have heretofore reclined upon your petitioner for a support but your petitioner is now so reduced in his circumstances & his infirmity is such that he is unable any longer to support himself & family with his means & labor, therefore prays your Honorable Body to place him on the pension Roll during life. Your Petitioner begs leave to recount to your Honorable body his toilsome duties in the revolutionary war, to wit, he served two tours of duty against the Indians one under Captain Leard [Robert Laird], Colonel Kilgore [Benjamin Kilgore] and the other under Captain Leard & General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] also done duty under Captain William Harris at Edgel's old field & Kittels station, also under Captain Harris at Hayes station,<sup>1</sup> & many scouting expeditions under General Pickens, and was at the Siege of Ninety Six,<sup>2</sup> under Colonel Levi Casey and lost a valuable gilding.

Sworn to November 10th 1826

S/ J. Richardson, JQ

S/ Robert Hanna

South Carolina Laurens District: Before me personally appeared Andrew Burnside<sup>3</sup> & being sworn saith he was personally acquainted with Robert Hanna in the Revolutionary war, about the year 1781 & 2, and knew him in the service of this State as a soldier under Colonel Kilgore & Captain Robert Leard in an expedition against the Indians, also duty under Captain William Harris also duty done for a considerable time under Colonel Hays [Joseph Hayes] he was a very active & vigilant soldier, and that said Hannah is now an old infirm & poor man. Sworn to before me this 5th September 1826

S/ J. Richardson, JQ

S/ Andrew Burnside, X his mark

South Carolina Laurens District: Before me personally appeared Colonel Samuel Wharton &

<sup>1</sup> November 19, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_hayes\\_station.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hayes_station.html)

<sup>2</sup> May 21-June 19, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

<sup>3</sup> [Andrew Burnside \(Burnside\) S9300](#)

being sworn saith he was personally acquainted with Robert Hanna in the Revolutionary War, and knew him to be in service under Colonel Kilgore & Captain Leard he was a very brave & active soldier and said Hannah is an old poor & infirm man. Sworn to before made this 5th of September 1826

S/ J. Richardson, JQ

S/ Samuel Wharton

[p 35: of November 10, 1854, Elizabeth Hanna gave testimony in Abbeville District South Carolina that she is the widow of Robert Hanna who resided in Laurens District South Carolina until the year 1837; that he died in March 1837 in Abbeville district South Carolina; that he received a pension from the state of South Carolina for his services in the revolutionary war at the rate of \$65 per annum until his death; that she was married to him in the month of October or November in the year 1799 in Laurens District South Carolina by the Reverend John Kennedy, a preacher of the Presbyterian Church; and that she knows of no public or private record of her marriage.]

[p 36: David Hanna testified on November 10, 1854 that he is the oldest child of Robert and Elizabeth Hanna; that he is now 54 years of age having been born on July 6, 1800 according to a private record kept in his family.]

[Facts in file: the widow's maiden name was Elizabeth Templeton; in 1851 she stated she was 76 years old; her claim for a pension was denied because she failed to establish that her husband served for at least 6 months in the revolutionary war.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Robert Hanna pp32  
Audited Account No. 3301

Transcribed by Will Graves

3/10/22

[p 26: Note: I've transcribed the petition exactly as it appears in this file with the bracket words or letters indicating text that is missing due to damage to the document.]

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina  
Robert Hanna presents himself to your Honorab[le body]  
as an old & infirm revolutionary Soldier, who is now [sixty]  
six years of age, & a <sup>large</sup> family part of which are [young &]  
females, and have heretofore reclined upon your pe[titioner ]  
for a support, but your petitioner is now so re[duced ]  
in his circumstances & his infirmity is such [that ]  
he is unable any longer to support himself & family [with ]  
his means & labour, therefore prays your honorable body  
to place him on the pension Roll during life.

Your Petitioner begs leave to recount to your Honor-  
able body his toilsome duties in the revolutionary

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<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

War, (to wit) he served two tours of duty against the Indians one under Captain Leard [Robert Laird], Col. Killgore [Benjamin Kilgore] & the [other ] under Captain Leard & Genl. Pickens [Andrew Pickens], also done duty under Captain William Harriss [William Harris], at Edgel's old field [& ] Kittels station, also was at Hays Station [Hayes Station] under [Captain ] Harriss; & many scouting expeditions under [Genl ] Pickens—and was at the siege of Ninety Six [under ] Col. Livi Casey [Levi Casey], and lost a Valuable Guilding, in [ser-] vice.

Sworn to Nov<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1826

S/ J. Richardson, JQ

signed Robert Hanna

true copy

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South Carolina Laurens District } Before me personally appeared Andrew Burnside & being sworn saith he was personally acquainted with Robert Hanna in the Revolutionary war, about the years 1781 & 2, and knew him in the service of this State as a soldier under Col. Killgore & Capt. Robert Leard in an expedition against the Indians, also duty under Captain William Harriss, also duty done for a considerable time under Col. Hays [Joseph Hayes] he was a very active & Vigilant soldier, and that said Hannah is now an old infirm, poor man.

Sworn to before me this 5th Sep. 1826

S/ J. Richardson, JQ

S/ Andrew Burnside, X his mark

true copy

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South Carolina Laurens District } Before me personally appeared Col. Samuel Wharton & being sworn saith he was personally acquainted with Robert Hanna in the Revolutionary War, and knew him to be in service under Col. Killgore & Capt. Leard, he was a very brave & active soldier and said Hannah is an old, poor & infirm man.

Sworn to before made this

5th of Sep. 1826

S/ J. Richardson, JQ

S/ Samuel Wharton

true copy

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Report of the Committee on pensions on the petition of Robert Hanna in favor

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Robert Hanna praying for a pension, Respectfully Report.

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted and that the said Robert Hanna be allowed a pension

December 26

S/ John McComb, Chairman

[pp 31-32: Receipts beginning June 6, 1828 and ending June 8, 1832 reflecting annual payments to Robert Hanna of \$60.]