

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Hester R4930

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South Carolina Spartanburg District} to wit

On this 7th day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court, to wit, the Court of Sessions and common Pleas, before the Judge of the said Court now sitting, Charles Hester, a resident of the District aforesaid aged Eighty-six years 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 7, 1832 – That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. – "I entered the service of the United States, in June 1776 in the drafted militia of this State, in the Company of Captain William Tate, in Spartanburg District, South Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wofford [William Wofford, Sr.] for six months, during which time I was generally employed, as a Smith, in shoeing horses and other Smith work for the Regiment – I afterwards served in the Company of Captain George Taylor in Colonel John Thomas's Regiment for the space of one year, still employed generally as an artisan for the Army – I never was in any battles – nor did I ever obtain any regular discharge – I have no documentary evidence of my discharge, nor do I know of any person now alive in this State, who knew me in the Revolution – I do hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. – In answer to the questions¹ propounded by the Court – I answer 1st I was born on the 16th of August 1747 in Louisa County Virginia as I have been informed by my ancestors – having no record in my possession. 3rd, 4th, & 6th see within – seventh I refer to the Reverend Joshua Richards, Elijah Turner and Allen Turner who will certify

¹ The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1st Where and in what year were you born?

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

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

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

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

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.

my character for truth and morality.

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid

S/ R. Gantt

S/ Charles Hester, X his mark

[Joshua Richards, a clergyman, Elijah Turner and Allen Turner gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Charles Hester AA4
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3561

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[Book] X 31st of October

Charles Hester for Shoeing horses & Smith's Work for the Militia in
Amounting £5.14.3 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

No Vouchers, See Remarks within

Past [sic, Passed]

S/ AG

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Gentlemen Please to Pay Major Zachariah Bullock my Principal and Special indents after taking out the bounty on my Two Grants and you will much Oblige your Humble Servant

S/ Chas. Hester, X his mark

Jany [?] 1st, 1787

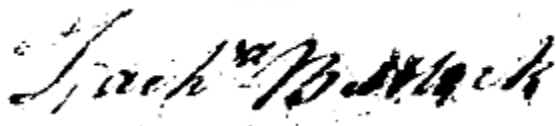
To Mr. Boquet &

Mitchell [Commissioners of the South Carolina Treasury]

S/ John Henderson, JP

[p 3: Printed form of indent No. 1006 Book X dated October 31st, 1785 [could be 1784]

[p 4: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by only Zachariah Bullock whose signature appears as follows:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Zachariah Bullock". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized and slanted.

² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) 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.