

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hunter R5406

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of Georgia County of Lowndes } SS

On this the 10th day of July A.D. 1855, Personally Appeared before me, Daniel W. McNeil a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid, William Hunter a resident of Lowndes County and State of Georgia aged one hundred five years who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 7th day of June A.D. 1832, and also the several acts amendatory thereto. Saith that he enlisted or entered the service as a Soldier in the Army of the United States. The precise date as to the month, year or day, he does not recollect, owing to his extreme old age, and bodily infirmity, that he does not recollect the number of the Regiment he was in or attached to but knows that he enlisted in the State of South Carolina, but does not recollect whether he was drafted or whether he volunteered, or was a substitute but to the best of his recollection, was drafted to serve, a soldier in the Revolutionary War. That he was in the Regiment commanded by Colonel or Major Thompson [sic, Col. William Thomson of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SC Regiment on the Continental Establishment], and in the company commanded by Henry Erwin [sic, Henry Ervin] as one of the officers, to the best of his recollection, of the Regiment or Battalion commanded by said Thompson. That he recollects the name of one of the officers belonging to this same company to which he belonged, which name was Smith, who was a Magazine Officer. That a man by the name of Hyatt who belonged to said Thompson's Regiment or Battalion as the case may be he recollects very well attempted to desert from the Army, and was shot & killed by said Smith, near a certain Poke Bush, which was near the Town of Charleston the nearest Town to which place said Thompson's Regiment or Battalion was stationed in the State of South Carolina. That he does not recollect the precise time or term, he enlisted for, or was drafted to serve, but that he well recollects and knows that he served the term of twelve months at this particular time. That he received a written discharge from said service, and that the same was burnt together with all he possessed at the time his dwelling house was burnt in the State of South Carolina, and is now beyond his control, so that he cannot return it with this his application. That he was not in any particular engagement during his said services. And that he enlisted or entered the service in Orangeburg district in said State of South Carolina and as a private Soldier in the Regiment and company as aforesaid, and that his travels and marched through the Country on the Santee River below the junctions of the Santee and Congaree Rivers, and in the vicinity of the same, he further declares that he has no record of his age, only from memory and that he knows of no person by whom he can prove his said services,

of his own personal knowledge of the same, And that he hereby relinquishes all and every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present, and also declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State, and that this is his first application he has ever made.

And that he hereby appoints and constitutes by these presents Henry H. Tooke of the City of Thomasville and County of Thomas in said State his true and lawful attorney for me & in my name to prosecute my said Claims for a pension, and to receive from the officer of the Department of the Interior of the United States of America my said Certificate of Pension when issued and also the amount of Pension now view & coming to me, for said services rendered as aforesaid.

And the said William Hunter declares further on his oath that owing to his extreme old age and bodily infirmity he is unable to attend in person in open Court before a Court of Record and that he lived in South Carolina at the time he rendered his said Service, and afterwards moved to the State of Georgia & now lives in Lowndes County Georgia.

S/ William Hunter, X his mark

[Daniel Hiers and Paul Johnson, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Georgia Lowndes County

On this the 17th day of August A.D. 1855 before me David R Newsom a Justice of the Inferior Court of said County personally came Isum H. Clayton a resident of said County of Lowndes and State aforesaid aged 72 years, who being duly sworn according to law declares upon his oath as follows to wit that he is well acquainted with the said William Hunter that he now lives in the County of Lowndes & State of Georgia, that he knew him in the State of South Carolina, that he knew said William Hunter as long ago as he can recollect, that he lived in a poor and thinly settled part of Carolina in that part of said State which is now called Barnwell District, but did not go by that name then, that he knew said William Hunter there, that he was ignorant and poor living in obscurity comparatively, but that said Hunter was then and ever afterwards considered an honest up right man of strong Baptist faith, from which he has not known him to depart.

That he does know that said William Hunter was and has always been noted for his veracity, that his word was always taken for truth, by all that knew him.

That when deponent was 1st put on the muster roll, he has stood side-by-side with said William Hunter, that he took a delight him mustering, so much so that he has known him to walk as far as sixty miles to muster, and while in ranks has heard him say frequently in a wrong command was given that, that was wrong, not such as was given while he was in service and when deponent was wrong he would rectify him, showed him how to hold his gun and all about it – That deponent as well as others would all recognize him as a soldier of the revolution and the particular to follow his directions. That he deponent from all that he has seen and heard of William Hunter, has no doubt but that he was a revolutionary soldier, and thinks he should be entitled to a pension, that he moved from South Carolina, soon after the act of Congress June 7th 1832 was passed and living in obscurity as he has done since he has not know where or how to apply for his pension, and deponent further says that he thinks these causes should satisfy the government or County of the long delay, deponent further says that it was even accidental that said Hunter ever knew, how, to apply, under the act granting pensions.

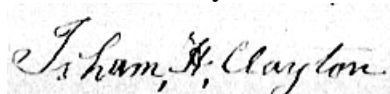
That he deponent has no interest whatever in the case, This deponent further says that he has never heard the declarations of said William Hunter doubted, but on the other hand believes

the belief is general, and that he said William Hunter is the identical man he represents himself to be, and credit should be given to his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year before written.

S/ David R. Newsom, JIC

S/ Isham H. Clayton



[p 48: Certificate dated September 26, 1855 from the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office this thing payments made to a William Hunter for duty in the militia per Colonel Anderson's return and showing a payment of 55 pounds for a mare lost together with the following account: "State of South Carolina Ninety Six District: Pay Bill of Preasment [appraisement] concerning a mear [mare] lost in the service of this State the said mear appraised by John Hunter and James Middleton of the district aforesaid to the said John Hunter and James Middleton personally came before me James Montgomery one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for the said District, and made oath upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God, that a bay mear the property of Matthew Hunter supposed to be lost in the public service of this State, is by said John Hunter and James Middleton appraised to 55 pounds current money of this State. Sworn and published before me this 18th day of January 1783,

S/ John Hunter

S/ Jas Middleton

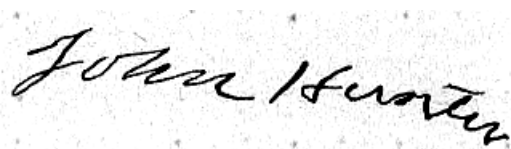
This day William Hunter personally came before me James Montgomery one of the Justices of the Peace, and made oath upon the holy evangelist of Almighty God that in September an do [A. D.] 1781 he the said Deponent being under the command of Joseph Hays [sic, Joseph Hayes] Colonel at Carrs Mill on Bush River in the said District was attacked by the enemy in the night and the above appraised Beay mare [bay mare] was taken at the same time by the enemy, the said mear was branded (MD) on someone of her quarters but has forgotten which and had a great skear [scare] on one of her thighs behind and saith upon his oath he never received any satisfaction for the same.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of January A.D. 1783

S/ James Montgomery, QP

S/ William Hunter]

[p 50: On May 24, 1856, in Hamilton County Florida, John Hunter,<sup>1</sup> 95, gave testimony that he is the brother of William Hunter, an applicant for a pension; that he knows of his own personal knowledge that his brother served as a soldier in the Army in the year 1781; that he served under the command of Colonel Anderson and rendered militia duty; that he also served under the command of Colonel William Thompson and at Beaufort Island some considerable time



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<sup>1</sup> [John Hunter SC4141](#)

[p 6: On September 18, 1858 in Lowndes County Georgia, Daniel Hiers gave testimony that he married about the year 1823 Nancy Hunter the daughter of William Hunter; that, Nancy, his wife is still living; that William Hunter and his wife both are dead and both died on the same day in 1857 in the County of Lowndes in Georgia; that William Hunter and his wife left eight heirs, to wit: wife of deponent, Henry Hunter, Jacob B. Hunter, Wilson Hunter, Katharine Hunter, who is dead, Abigail Hunter formally now Abigail Croft wife of Jacob Croft, Susan Hunter formerly now wife of Levi Shaw & Sarah Ann now wife of George Croft and K. L. Zigler [?] who married Phillip Hiers.

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[Note: the number of the images posted on Fold3.com are very faint and, as a result, very difficult to read. The following document appears in the Ancestry.com version beginning at image 680:

State of Georgia County of Colquitt } On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1856 Before me Charles H. Remington a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County of Thomas and State aforesaid, there being no Court of Record in said County of Colquitt, the Same being a new County made by the Legislature of said State now in Session, and composed of a part of Originally Thomas and Lowndes Counties of said State, Personally appeared William Hunter age 105 Years or more, a resident of said County of Colquitt now but formally Lowndes County in said State, who being duly Sworn according to the laws of said State, Declares upon his Oath that he is the Identical William Hunter, named & mentioned in the application heretofore made by him for a Pension under the Act of the Congress of the United States approved the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1832, and filed in the Office of the Department of the Interior of the United States, that for the purpose of establishing his said application and claim for a Pension he makes the following statements as additional evidence in said case He further declares that John Hunter whose name appears upon the Records in the State of South Carolina in connection with his said William Hunter's Indent &c for services rendered as a Soldier in the Service & in the Army of the United States and War of the Revolution in the year A.D. 1781, is his the said William Hunter's lawful Brother and that while he lived and resided in the State of South Carolina he sometimes authorized him the said John Hunter to transact business for him, that the said John Hunter lived neighbor to him said William Hunter, and that in giving him the order to receive his Indent for said Service rendered, He may have written his name, or made his mark, that he sometimes wrote his name and at other times made his mark, that he could then write his name but from old age and infirmity he cannot now write his name, which is the cause of his not writing his name to his Original Declaration and application heretofore filed as aforesaid, He further declares that he mentioned the circumstance of losing his Bay Mare at the time his said Original application was made out, and that if the same is not mentioned in his said application it is the fault and neglect of the Court and persons before whom the same was taken, that he lost his said Bay Mare, while in a Skirmish after the enemy not far from where Thompson's Regiment was stationed, in the State of South Carolina, but that the same was not while he was in any heavy fought Battles or engagement, that he served as a private Soldier as aforesaid first in said Thompson's Regiment, and afterwards under the Command of Colonel Anderson on Beaufort Island, to the best of his recollection, and that said John Hunter his brother served as a private

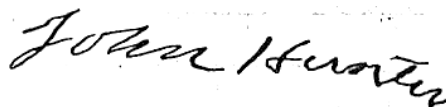
soldier also under said Colonel Anderson, that he recollects very well of said Colonel Anderson building a Dungeon on said Island during his said term of Service, He further declares that he purchased said Bay Mare from one Harry Day, and paid in land for said Mare, that she was Branded to the best of his recollection on one of her quarters, he does not now remember which but with the letters H. D. & perhaps M D. He does not remember which – that it was customary in those days and in said State of South Carolina to Brand the Horses, and that his said Bay Mare was taken from him in the night while in said Thompson's Regiment, as aforesaid and that he refers the officers of said Department to the papers herewith transmitted for evidence in his behalf in said case.

S/ William Hunter, X his mark

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State of Florida Hamilton County} On this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May A.D. 1856, Before me, Levi Starling Judge of Probate in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly and legally authorized to administer Oath for general purposes in and for said County and State, Said Court of Probate being a Court of Record and having general Jurisdiction, Personally appeared John Hunter aged about ninety or ninety five years, a person of truth veracity & credibility and a resident of said County and State who being duly Sworn according to the laws of said State Declares upon his Oath that he is personally well acquainted with William Hunter the applicant for a Pension, named in the said William Hunter's affidavit, hereto annexed and herewith transmitted, that he knows of his own personal knowledge that he rendered Services as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, about the Year 1780, that he this Deponent from Old age and infirmity and the loss of memory cannot now at this late day recollect the precise time and dates of the Service rendered by him the said William Hunter but does know that he was a Soldier in the War of the Revolution, and Army of the United States, and that to the best of his recollection in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel \_\_ Anderson [presumably Robert Anderson] Militia duty & since rendered under his command in the State of South Carolina in the War aforesaid, He further declares upon his oath as aforesaid that to the best of his recollection the said William Hunter served in addition to the above named Service, in the War aforesaid under the command of Colonel William Thompson in the State of South Carolina and at Beaufort Island some considerable length of time, the precise time he does not now recollect and as a Soldier as aforesaid, and in the service Army aforesaid as much as twelve months and longer in all, that he this Deponent is the lawful brother of the said William Hunter, and that he this Deponent was a Soldier in the Army of the United States and War of the Revolution, that he served in said State of South Carolina at the same time his brother the said William Hunter Served, that during said Service rendered as aforesaid, and afterwards he this Deponent was authorized by his brother William Hunter, and was in the habit of Transacting business for him the said William Hunter, and that the facts contained in the annexed affidavit of William Hunter herewith transmitted to the best of his Deponent's recollection are true, and I the said Levi Starling Judge as aforesaid, Do hereby certify that I have no interest in said Claim for a Pension, and that I am not concerned in the prosecution of the Same.

S/ John Hunter

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Hunter". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Note: This file contains a number of letters which genealogist interested in this family may find

of interest but which I have not transcribed for lack of there having any bearing on the services rendered by the veteran during the Revolutionary War.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to William Hunter pp 7  
Audited Account No. 3891  
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[Book] W No. 47  
[Book] 509 23 August 85 [1785]

Mr. William Hunter his account of Militia duty as private, since the reduction of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] also for a Mare lost 1781 the whole amounting to

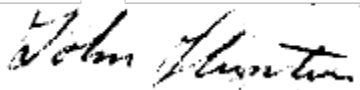
[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£203.0.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	<u>£29.0.0</u>

NB. certificate for the Mayor Charged £55 Currency included in the above  
Twenty one Pounds  
2/10/4 Stg.

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General  
Passed S/ ED

Received 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1785, full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 509, Book W by in Order

S/ John Hunter



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State of South Carolina

To William Hunter

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency	Dr.	£148.0.0
A Mare lost per Do.		<u>55.0.0</u>
		<u>£203.0.0</u>
	Stg.	£29.0.0

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State of South Carolina Ninety Six District } a bill of preasement [appraisement] Concerning a mear [mare] Lost in the Service of this Said State the said Mare appraised by John Hunter and James Middleton of the District aforesaid the Said John Hunter and James Middleton personally

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<sup>2</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.

came before James Montgomery one of the Justices assigned to Keep the peace for the said District and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists [Holy Evangelists] of Almighty God that a Bay Mear [Bay Mare] the property of Matthew Hunter [sic] supposed to be Lost in the public Service of this State is to the said John Hunter and James Middleton appraised to 55 pounds Current Money of this State. Sworn and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January 1783  
S/ James Montgomery, JP

S/ Jno. Hunter

S/ James Midleton



Handwritten signatures of John Hunter and James Middleton.

This Day William Hunter personally came before James Montgomery one of the State Justices and made oath upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that in September A.D. 1781 he the said deponent being under the command of Joseph Hays [Joseph Hayes] Colonel at Carrs Mill on Bush River of the said District was attacked by the Enemy in the Night and the above appraised Bay Mare was taken at the same time by the enemy the said Mare was branded MD on one of his Quarters but he's forgotten which and had a great Skear [scar] along one of his thighs behind and Saith upon his Oath that he Never Received any satisfaction for the same  
Sworn and subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 1783  
S/ James Montgomery

S/ William Hunter



Handwritten signature of William Hunter.

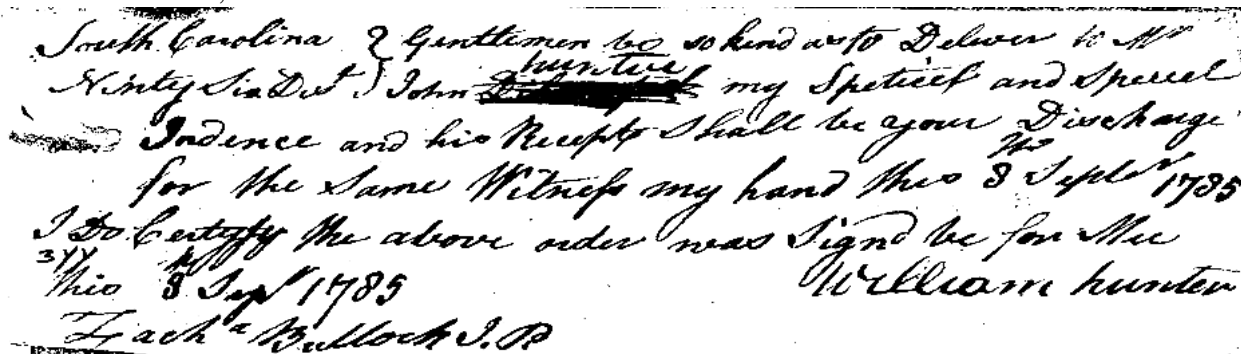
[p 5: heavily edited, see below]

South Carolina Ninety Six District } Gentlemen be so kind as to Deliver to Mr. John Hunter my Special and Special Indent and his Receipt shall be your Discharge for the Same Witness my hand this 8 September 1785

I do Certify the above order was signed before Me this 8 September 1785

S/ Zacha Bullock, JP

S/ William hunter



South Carolina } Gentlemen be so kind as to Deliver to Mr  
Ninety Six Dist } John ~~Hunter~~<sup>Hunter</sup> my Special and Special  
Indent and his Receipt shall be your Discharge  
for the Same Witness my hand this 8 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1785  
I do Certify the above order was signed be for Me  
this 8 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1785  
Zacha Bullock J.P.

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 509 Book W]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsements:  
Received 10 October 1785, 1 Years Interest on the Within Indent

S/ John Hunter

I William Hunter Do sign over to Mr. Henery Gaddis [Henry Gaddis] the within account or Indent as witness my hand this 25 of Oct 1785

S/ William Hunter, X his mark

Charles Kempton

Received 10<sup>th</sup> October 1785, One Year's Interest on the Within Indent. -

John Hunter

I William Hunter Do sign over to Mr. Henery Gaddis the within account or Indent as witness my hand this 25 of Oct 1785 - William Hunter  
his mark

Charles Kempton