

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hames S16409¹

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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 8th 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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Georgia, Hall County

On this the third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before Ezekiel Buffington, Joseph Dunagan & Thomas S. Tate Judges of the Inferior Court Sitting as Judges of the Court of Ordinary now Sitting John Hames Senior a resident of Hall County & State of Georgia aged Eighty-one years the 28th of April 1833 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: deponent states that in the year 1776 he volunteered into the Service of the United States but cannot recollect in what month of the year, that he was under the command of Captain John Thompson, Colonel Thomas Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon], Major ___ McJunkin who was killed and succeeded by Major Jolly [Benjamin Jolly] that he left the service in the year '81 [1781] deponent States that he was in Several engagements, to wit, at Cambridge or the place called 96 [Ninety Six] in the State of South Carolina deponent states that he was in two skirmishes or engagements under the command of General Marion [Francis Marion] but does not recollect the name of the places, further deponent states that he was in an engagement under General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]² on the Enoree River [sic, Tyger River] in South Carolina and in many other skirmishes against the Cherokee Indians and deponent further states that he resided in Union County State of South Carolina when he entered the service and that he quit the same in the year 1781 and deponent further states that he was in active Service upwards of four years & was in the engagement at the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]³ where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] had the command & Colonel William Henderson was badly wounded and deponent carried him on his back to the General's Camp, that he was born in Mecklenburg County State of Virginia in the year 1752, has no record of his age it being lost, has lived in South Carolina & Georgia since the Revolutionary War & now lives in Hall County Georgia.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State & that he has no documentary evidence.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

¹ BLWt16277-160-55

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html

S/ Ez. Buffington, JIC

S/ John Hames, 0 his mark

[Wiley E. Wood, a clergyman, and John Whelchel gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before me William Wheeler⁴ and after being duly sworn saith that he was in the Service of the Revolutionary War with John Hames Senior for about two years near the close of the War, that said Hames was which he knew him under the command of Colonel Andrew Pickings [Andrew Pickens] Major Benjamin Jolly and Captain John Thompson and Captain Robert Montgomery in the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of August 1832

S/ John Nicholas, JIC

S/ William Wheeler, X his mark

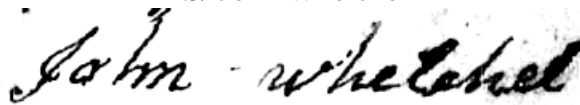
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Georgia Hall County: Personally appeared before me John Whelchel Senior⁵ who being duly sworn saith that he was personally acquainted with John Hames Senior in the time of the Revolutionary War and saw him fighting in the Camps and in scouting parties in the defense of his country, that they were both together under the command of Colonel Thomas Brannon [Thomas Brandon] & Captain John Thompson deponent thinks that this was about the year 1779 that they were together.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 22nd August 1832

S/ John Nichols, JIC

S/ John Whelchel

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

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State of Georgia, Hall County } Amendment to the declaration

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Inferior Court in and for said County John Hames who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades – in the year 1776 I volunteered under Captain John Thompson & Colonel Thomas Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] & Major Jolly as a private soldier and marched to the Cherokee nation and was in two engagements with the enemy one at Kewe town [Keowee Town] and the other at Poll hatchy and served a Tour of five months, and shortly after was called out by Captain Thompson and attached to Colonel Brandon's Regiment and marched through Union District in South Carolina and after Scouting about some time we were overtaken by a party of the Enemy at one Blackstocks and an engagement ensued in which they defeated them, General Sumter was shot through the shoulder at this place we then were skirmishing through the Country for some weeks and after my term of service which was three months expired I returned home for which three months Irregular Service I claim no pay. A few days after I was called out again by Captain Thompson and marched to Colonel Brandon's Regiment and marched to Fair Forest River in Union District South Carolina and assisted in building a Block House remained there until my term of service expired it being three months. I was again called out in a short

⁴ [William Wheeler W6485](#)

⁵ [John Whelchel W6498](#)

time by Colonel Brandon and placed under the command of Captain Thompson and marched to a place called the four Holes remained there about three months then marched towards Charleston then turned up to a place called Moncks Corner the enemy having heard that we were coming left the place before we got there, my term of service which was six months having expired I returned home. And was called out immediately again by Colonel Brandon and placed under Captain Thompson and marched to Fort Granby and made an attack on the Fort and after remaining some two or three months succeeded in taking it [May 14, 1781]⁶ we were then marched to the Eutaw Springs (having Joined General Greene's Army on the way) we met the enemy at that place and gave them Battle but were compelled to retreat my term of Service which was six months having expired I returned home. I omitted to mention that Captain Thompson had returned home owing to some afflictions in his family and I was put under the command of a Captain Montgomery [Robert Montgomery] & Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] commanded our Regiment who was wounded by a ball in the ankle. After remaining at home a short time I was called out and again by Colonel Brandon & Captain Thompson and marched to a place where Colonel or General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] lay and his Army and after Scouting about through the Country for some time we were marched to a place called the Cowpens [January 17, 1781]⁷ and was in the engagements at that place and pursued Tarleton and his Army to Broad River and then retreated and returned home having served three months for which Term of time or Service I claim no pay whatever, I was then called out by Colonel Henderson and Captain Thompson & Lieutenant Francis Lattimore and marched to Cambridge (or 96) and Joined General Greene's Army where we remained and annoyed the enemy about five weeks when the enemy were reinforced [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]⁸ and we were compelled to retreat having served about two months I returned home. I was again called out by Colonel Brandon & Captain Thompson on a Scouting expedition and fell in with General Marion and his Army near Granby and marched with him to where a large number of Tories were embodied on the Pedee River and attacked and defeated them we then marched down Broad River in pursuit of the Tories until we came to a Bridge on which General Marion ordered us to spread our Blankets to prevent the enemy (which he supposed to be near) from hearing our horses feet but the enemy commenced and attacked before we all got across the Bridge, we defeated them [Black Mingo, September 28, 1780]⁹ and took some prisoners, we then marched towards Cambridge where General Marion had learned there was some Tories and British but they left the place before we arrived, having served three months I returned home and for this Irregular Service I Claim no pay for whatever. I served as a private soldier during the whole of the foregoing Service and for the regular Service only do I claim a pension. I was not engaged in any civil pursuit during the time of the foregoing Service.

I was born in Mecklenburg County State of Virginia on the 28th day of April 1753. I have no record of my age in my possession but have seen one in South Carolina.

I am known to John Whelchel Esq., George Cook, Thomas Cook, Major Philip M. Byrd, Thomas Cook, Francis Luck Esq., Thomas Jackson Esq. and the Reverend Wiley E. Wood in my present neighborhood.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 28th day of October 1833.

S/ John Hames, X his mark

S/ John Bates, JIC

⁶ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

⁷ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html

⁸ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_mingo.html

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State of Georgia, Hall County: Amendment to John Hames Declaration

Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the peace in & for said County John Hames Sr. who being duly sworn saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades Viz. In the year 1776 I volunteered as a private militia man under Captain Montgomery for a six months tour and was attached to Colonel Thomas' Regiment and marched to Saluda River this expedition was against the Cherokee Indians and in which I was actually engaged in constant and actively served six months.

The next tour I volunteered again under Captain Thompson as a private soldier and was attached to Major Jolly's Battalion and marched to a place called the four holes in South Carolina and actually served six months. The other Services claimed in my original declaration and amendment being not such Service as is as I understand recognized by the War Department as military service I hereby relinquish claim to all such Service as not recognized by the war department as such.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 2nd December 1833.

S/ E. M. Johnson, JP

S/ John Hames, Sr., X his mark

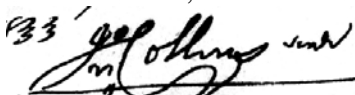
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State of Georgia, Hall County

Personally appeared before me an acting Justice of the Peace in and for the said County John Collins Sr.¹⁰ who being duly sworn saith that sometime in the year 1776 he volunteered into an expedition against the Cherokees as deponent [several words missing as a result of a tear in the paper] men generally volunteered for six months into this Service or during the campaign and deponent further states that he knows of his own knowledge that the militia were frequently detained by the officers some weeks after their term of service expired waiting for other men for their relief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this second day of December 1833.

S/ Jno Collins, Senr.



[p 30: Certificate dated April 10, 1852 from the North Carolina Comptroller showing payments made to a John Hames or Hayms or Haymes for military services during the Revolutionary war.]

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State of Georgia, County of Murray

On this 29th day of July A.D. 1854 Before me, Allen Dover, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid personally appeared John Hames aged one hundred and seventeen years a resident of Murray County in the State of Georgia who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical John Hames, who was a Private in the Company commanded by Captain John Thompson in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon in the War of the Revolution, that he volunteered into the service of the United States at Union Court House in the State of South Carolina, and continued in actual service in

10 [John Collins W6735](#)

said War for the term of two years and that he served as a Subsequent period of service as a Substitute under the command of Captain William Grant for the term of six months, and that he was appointed a Major in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Brandon. That he received said appointment from Colonel Brandon on or about the year 1781 and continued to serve as a brevetted Major for the term of two years. That he was at the battle of Briar Creek also at the battle of the Cowpens, and that he was at the Siege of Augusta, also at Ninety Six, and that he was also at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and at the Battle of Guilford, and that he was attached to the troops under the command of General Marion and was with him; at the massacre of the Tories on the Pedee River. He further states that he was a resident of the District of Union in the State of South Carolina and that he entered the service of the United States on or about the ___ day of ___ A.D. 1778.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of having his pension raised. The amount of pension that he now draws (\$40 per annum) being not sufficient to cover the amount of service rendered by him to the Government of the United States, And he declares that he is not on the Pension Roll of any State only that of the State of Georgia.

S/ Samuel C. Fain

S/ John Hames, X his mark

S/ Allen Dover, JP

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State of Georgia, County of Gilmer

On this 5th day of August A.D. 1854 personally appeared Francis Weeks¹¹ a revolutionary Soldier aged 96 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County, who being duly sworn according to law depose and saith that he was well acquainted with John Hames who now claims an increase of his pension and that he knew said John Hames in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War for the term of three years and something the rise of that term of time and that said John Hames served as Brevet Major two years of the above mentioned term of Service, or more, That the said John Hames served in the Battle of Ninety Six, also at the Battle of Eutaw Springs and that he was at the Siege of Augusta and rendered good service, and that said John Hames Served as Major at the Battle of the Choy Old Fields against the Cherokee Indians, of all the above Statements he is fully satisfied and he further states that he is disinterested in the prosecution of the Claim of John Hames to increase of Pension.

S/ Isham K. Blayl, Witness

S/ Francis Weeks, X his mark

S/ Nancey Weeks, X her mark, Witness

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State of Georgia, County of Murray

On this 16th day of April A.D. 1855 Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace within and for the County and State aforesaid John Hames aged one hundred and nineteen years a Resident of Murray County in the State of Georgia who being duly Sworn according to law Declares that he is the identical John Hames who was a private and after a Brevet Major in the Company Commanded by Captain John Thompson and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Brandon in the War of the Revolution against Great Britain, Declared, by the United States on the 4th day of July A.D.1776, That he volunteered in Union County in the State of South Carolina on or about ___ day of ___ A.D. 1776 and Continued in Service of the United States in the

11 [Francis Weeks W25934](#)

said War for the term of during the War, and was honorably Discharged at Edisto in the State of South Carolina, being with the entire Company to which he belonged. That he never received a written Certificate of discharge. He further States that he has heretofore made application for Pension and received a Pensioner's Certificate Payable at Savannah, State of Georgia at the rate of \$40 per annum. That he never has Received Bounty Land under any Act of Congress nor made previous application therefore. He makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the "Act approved the 3rd of March 1855." He furthermore by these presents Constitutes and appoints W. R. Query and Henry H. Walker of Stock Hill Georgia, his true and lawful Attorneys for him and in his name to examine into, prosecute his Claim against the Government of the United States for Bounty Land hereby Confirming all my said Attorney's legal acts touching the premises above named. Signed, sealed, acknowledged in presence of S/ Thomas Cleary, JP

S/ John Hames, X his mark

[p 22: Certificate dated May 31st 1856 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing indents showing payments made to John Hames during the revolutionary war for military services.]

[Notes in the file indicate that William Carr¹² also gave an affidavit in support of Hames' claim, but I could not find his affidavit.¹³]

[Notes: the Georgia census records show a John Hames, 94, a revolutionary war pensioner, was living in Liberty County in 1840; The 1850 census for Murray County, Georgia show a John Hames, 112, living in the household of Thomas Hames, 55; the 1860 census for Murray County, Georgia shows a John Hames, 127, living in the household headed by Thomas Hames, 63; all three of these census records indicate that the John Hames listed in them was born in Virginia.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$61.25 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service in the North Carolina and South Carolina militias. His pension was increased from \$40 per annum.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹⁴ relating to John Hames AA5
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3254

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[No.] 869

[Book] X 29 May 86 [1786]

John Hames for Militia duty, Since the fall of Charleston [Charleston SC fell to the British on May 12, 1780] in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment per Anderson's [Col. Robert Anderson's] Return

[Old SC] Currency	£155
Stg. [Sterling]	£22.2.10 ¼

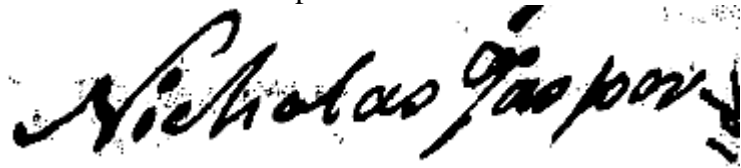
¹² [William Carr R1719](#)

¹³ Reference is made to their testimony in the summary of the veteran's case as set forth on p. 86 of the Fold3.com file.

¹⁴ 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 [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G.” [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 29th May 1786 full Satisfaction for the within, in an Indent 2869 X per Order
S/ Nicholas Jasper

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas Jasper". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Sir/ Please to deliver to Nicolas Jesper [sic] all My Publick accompt which May Appear Due to
Me from the Treasury of this State
£155 Old Currency

S/ John Hames, X his mark
Nov. 23, 1784

Test;
S/ John Thompson, JP