

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hamilton S17998

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State of South Carolina Pickens District:

On the twentieth day of November in the year while Lord 1832 personally appeared before me James Osborn a Justice of the Quorum for the District of Pickens and State aforesaid David Hamilton a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged eighty Two 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 the 7th 1832. That he never enlisted as a regular soldier but that he entered the Service of the United States under Colonel Neal [Thomas Neel] who was under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] at that time, his Captain was by the name of Kirkpatrick [Thomas Kirkpatrick] they were militia officers, he entered the service under the above officers in the year 1775 and continued with them about twelve months was in pursuit of the unfriendly Indians at different times but never engaged in a general battle -- he was then removed or rather volunteered with Captain Jamison [James Jamieson] who was under General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and continued with General Sumter until the close of the war he was transferred from Captain Jamison's company to Captain John Kirkpatrick's company he was during the whole of the War engaged in the service of the United States but never out of the State of South Carolina he was engaged in the battle at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780], and at the battle at the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] and at Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] on Tyger River, where General Sumter received a wound and in many other skirmishes & small party [indecipherable word]¹ he was also in the battle at Shubrick's Plantation [July 17, 1781] where General Sumter and General Marion [Francis Marion] was present -- At the Hanging Rock he received a bullet through his clothing -- in a small skirmish he was knocked down with a gun and injured his head considerably he was taken prisoner two horses and thirty Guineas taken from him. One horse he obtained again the other he never got -- neither did he get the money back. In answer to the interrogatories proposed by the War department he makes the following statement. He was born in the year 1750 -- he was born in Scotland & came to the United States when a child --

He has a record of his age at his house in a family Bible --



He was living in the State of South Carolina and District of York at the time he entered into service.

He has been living since the Revolution in the District of Pendleton South Carolina and now lives in the District of Pickens South Carolina.

He volunteered into the Service.

He was mostly under General Sumter the general circumstances have already been given above - He never received a discharge --

He has many neighbors who can testify as to his good character for veracity and good behavior. He does not know of but two persons living who can testify to his service John Craig & Thomas Hamilton --

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ James Osborn, JQ

S/ David Hamilton



[Charles Durham, a clergyman, and Thomas G. Boggs gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[John Craig² gave a supporting affidavit in which he states that he was well acquainted with David Hamilton during the revolutionary war "and served with him for four or five years and was with him in several battles in the Revolutionary war." This affidavit was dated December the 3, 1832 and was given in Pickens District South Carolina. He signed this affidavit with his mark.]

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The State of South Carolina Pickens District

Before me personally came David Hamilton and made Oath, to amend or explain his application for a Pension under the act of Congress of 7th June 1832.

That in June 1776 he turned out volunteer under Colonel Neil -. That [several words obliterated and illegible] at that time about two months - The next service he did, he was called out to the Stono expedition he turned out in March before the fall of Charleston he then served four Months - The next service he did was called into service under General Sumter and was with him during the time the British remained in possession of Charleston and continued in the service until the close of the War, and about five months before the close of the war he was appointed Lieutenant & served as a Lieutenant till the close of the War and was acting as Lieutenant at the battle of Shumates [sic, probably Shubrick's plantation] did serve during the War five months as a Lieutenant & he believes three years as a private, he cannot recollect dates by occasion of the loss of memory -

He was a private about three years

First Lieutenant 5 months

And he further swears that he does hereby relinquish all and every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and that he is not on the Pension List of any State or the Agency of any State. This deponent further saith that he has the Evidence of John Craig a living Witness, who was with him for several years and who served often in the same Company and who, through the war for 6 years, was much of their time in the service - This deponent is infirm and

² [John Craig W22864](#)

bad recollection but few of the persons who served with him are now living and those generally at a distance.

Sworn to 6 May 1833 before
S/ Bailey Barton, J. Q.

S/ David Hamilton

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The State of South Carolina Pickens District

Before me personally came John Craig who made Oath, That he was for upwards of three years in the service of the United States as a volunteer &c – This deponent saith he was in several Battles with the said David Hamilton, at the Battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Blackstocks, besides several skirmishes and the said D. Hamilton was his Lieutenant at the Battle at Shumates. This deponent knows that the said David Hamilton was a brave soldier & has always supposed a good moral character. This deponent was acquainted with the said Hamilton before the war & all the time since – about 60 years past –

Sworn to 6 May 1833

S/ John Craig, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Pickens District:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace David Hamilton who, being duly sworn, deposeth and 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.

In the year 1776 he served under Captain Kirkpatrick, who was under Colonel Neil & Col Neil was under General Williamson not less than two months in an expedition against the Cherokee Indians. -- The next service he did was in the year he thinks of 1779 under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] Colonel Neil Captain Kirkpatrick not less than four months.

In the year 1780 he served under General Sumter Colonel Watson [probably Samuel Watson] Captain Jamison not less than 12 months. He was in the battle of the Hanging Rock & Rocky Mount.

In the year 1781 he thinks he served the whole year under General Sumter Colonel Moffet [probably John Moffett] & Captain Jamison & Captain [illegible name, name begins with "R"] not less than 12 months.

In the year 1782 he served under General Sumter Colonel Bratton [William Bratton] & Captain Wood³ as first Lieutenant under Captain Wood not less than 5 months --

In all he served as a private not less than two years & [text obliterated] and as first Lieutenant five months, to the best of his recollection & belief his memory being greatly impaired by age and this deponent further saith that during the years 1780 and 81 he was not employed in any civil pursuit in any way whatever and that during the said term he was employed in active service and was in several skirmishes besides those above stated and he further saith that he is of opinion that General B. Earle, Doct. John Robinson, Colonel F. N. Garvin, Rev. Charles Durham Reverend John Cobb, Charles Osborne Esquire, Colonel Joseph Grisham will all certify that I am a man of good moral character and a man take is to be relied on

³ J. D. Lewis identifies three militia captains named "Woods" who served in the militia of the New Acquisition District, to wit: Frame Woods, Joseph Woods, and Thomas Woods, Sr. Which, if any, of these officers the veteran served under as a Lieutenant is unknown.

his oath or word.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first August 1833
S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ David Hamilton

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State of South Carolina

Before the undersigned a Justice of the Quorum for the District of Pickens personally appeared John Craig a person to me well known worthy of all credit for truth and Honesty -- And made oath, that for two or three last years of the War of the Revolution, he was nearly all the time out on duty as a soldier and that he does well know that there were many men who had volunteered in the service of their Country who were very little at home for the two or three last years of the War, The fact is that the good Whigs were not safe at home in the upper part of the State of South Carolina -- And of the small Army if such could be called there was many out constantly on duty, on such duty as the officers directed, Sometimes sent as scouts four or five in a company, sometimes half a company & a subaltern, in this manner they were out in the service all the time except sometimes in going home for clothes or to get a fresh horse or some such business -- among those best known to this deponent has good Whigs and true, was David Hamilton Esquire who was much with this deponent in the said War and toward the close was a Lieutenant. However extraordinary it may appear, it is not the less true that David Hamilton & William Hillhouse⁴ and several others of his companions of York District and that section of the country, were for several of the last years of the War of the Revolution -- David Hamilton Esquire is old and his memory so much impaired that he does not recollect many occurrences and which made such strong impression upon the mind of this deponent that he does not now believe he can ever forget them.

Sworn to the 3rd of November 1833 Before
S/ Nathan Boon, JQ

S/ John Craig, J his mark

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State of South Carolina Pickens District:

On this 8th day of October 1833 Personally appeared before the Honorable John S. Richardson one of the associate Judges of the said State residing at a court of Sessions and Common Pleas at Pickens Court House for Pickens District David Hamilton a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged 84 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 -- that he entered the service of the United States a Volunteer in the month of June 1776 under Captain Kirkpatrick of Colonel Neal's Regiment and served three months he then in the year 1779 volunteered under Colonel Neal and served three months was in the Battle of Hanging Rock he the then in the latter part of the same year volunteered under Captain Barnet [perhaps Jacob Barnett] and General Sumter was in the Battle at Blackstock's and served six months, he then in the year 1780 he believes in the month of May volunteered under Colonel Williams⁵ and served from that time continuously until October 1781

⁴ [William Hillhouse S7008](#)

⁵ It is possible this veteran served some time in 1780 under Col. James Williams as Col. Williams was with Sumter by the time of the Battles of Rocky Mount and Hanging Rock. Williams died October 8, 1780 from wounds

under different officers during which time he acted or serve 5 months as Lieutenant namely the last 5 months of his service under Captain Woods and Colonel Bratton and that the company to which he belonged was divided and he was then took command of one half the company and was with General Sumter and General Marion at the Battle at Shubrick's where the [sic, they] took a great many prisoners and the enemy's baggage wagons -- he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State -- and that he is the same David Hamilton that made application last October and that he cannot state with precision (from the loss of memory occasioned as by extreme old age and bodily infirmities) the particular times of his entering and leaving the service but has endeavored to come near doing so as possible this declarant saith that he was born in Scotland the 3rd day of January 1750 he saith that he has a record of his age in a family Bible at home he lived in York District South Carolina when he entered the service and that he moved from York to Pendleton District now Pickens to the same place where he now lives and has lived for near 40 years and that entered the service a volunteer and done all his service a volunteer he was a short time under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] General Lincoln he was in the Battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Blackstocks on Tyger River and General Sumter was there wounded and he was in the Battle at Shubrick's he received no discharges in writing nor no commission while he acted as an officer he is well known to General Earle, Colonel Joseph Grisham, Colonel John Hunter, Doctor John Robertson and Colonel F. N. Garvin who can testify to the voracity of his testimony as well as the [reputation] of my being a revolutionary soldier -- Sworn in open Court and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before.

S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ David Hamilton

[Charles Durham, a clergyman, and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 8: On May 12, 1852 in Hall County Georgia, Samuel Fraser of said County filed a power of attorney in which he describes himself as the son-in-law and heir at law of David Hamilton, a revolutionary war pensioner.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁶ relating to David Hamilton
Audited Account No. 3259

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sustained at the Battle of King's Mountain on October 7, 1780.

⁶ 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.

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State of South Carolina dr. [Debtor] to David Hamilton for personal Service	
30 days at 20/ [20 shillings old SC currency] per day	£30.0.0
do 40 days at 20/ per day	40.0.0
do 29 days at 35/ per day	79.15.0
do to 21 days at 20/ per day	21.0.0
do 31 days at 35 per day (Wood)	85.5.0
To One Mear [mare] appraised at	<u>30.0.0</u>
	Total £286.0.0
to ten Days at 10/ (Capt. Woods & Maffett)	<u>35</u>
	<u>321.0.0</u>
	45.2.10 ¼

South Carolina

C District I hereby Certify that Mr. John Willson of Colonel Winn's Regiment Did swear as the Law Directs that a Small Black Mear Which David Hamilton Lost in public service Was Worth the Sum of thirty pounds old Currency
 Certified by me this 7 day May 1783

S/ Frame Woods



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Book K No. 11 No. 180
 Mr. David Hamilton his Account of Sundries for Militia use.

Charged [old South Carolina Currency]	£321
Deduct less	<u>30</u>
	Currency <u>£291</u>
	Stg. [Sterling] £41.11.5

N:B: 52 days Duty Amounting to £90.15/Currency or £12.19.3 ¼ Stg. Only of which is Certified Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

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

Auditor's Office

11th November 1784

The above Duty is Certified in different Pay Bills remaining in this Office, so that the above Balance of Forty one Pounds Eleven Shillings & five pence Sterling is now found to be right

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

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Received 12 November 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury Forty One Pounds Eleven Shillings and five Pence full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 180 Book K

S/ David Hamilton



⁷ 10 in the New Acquisition District Regiment

May 7th 1783 sworn to
S/ William Tate JP
David Hamilton
No. 557

[p 10: Printed form of Indent No. 180 Book K]

[p 11: Reverse of the above Indent]