

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Huggins S18044

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State of South Carolina Sumter District: In Court of Common Pleas Sumter District South Carolina 30th October 1832

Personally appeared in Open Court before the Court of Common Pleas for the District aforesaid the court now sitting Samuel Huggins a resident of the State and District aforesaid aged seventy-one 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 entered the service of the United States in South Carolina under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was with Colonel Lawrence [sic, John Laurens] of South Carolina at the battle of Coosawhatchie¹ where he attempted to stop the British from coming across the River to come to Charleston during the siege of the same 1780 [sic, 1779] that he then lived in Christ Church Parish in State aforesaid and where he was born, that during the siege of the British at Charleston he removed from there to Sumter District of State aforesaid and immediately after the fall of Charleston he joined General Marion's Brigade where he remained until the British left the State that he served more than three years as a soldier from 1st to last that his Company officers were Captain John Armstrong and Lieutenant Bradley and Lewis that he was in scrimmage General Marion had with the British at Parkers ferry² on Edisto River. This applicant further says that he has resided in Sumter and Darlington District ever since 1780 that he now resides in Sumter but was born as before stated in Christ Church Parish on the 15th of June 1761 and this applicant does hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a claim pension or annuity except the present 1 and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of agency of any State.

S/ BJ Earle, Presiding Judge in Open Court

S/ Samuel Huggins

[John Harrington, a clergyman, Thomas Wilson and Robert Wilson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

¹ May 4, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/coosawhatchie.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_coosawhatchie.html

² August 31, 1781 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/parkers.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_parkers_ferry_2.html

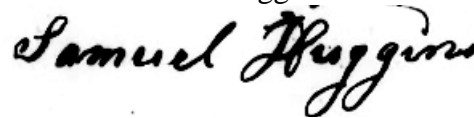
State of South Carolina Sumter District

Personally appeared before me Franklin J Moses one of the Justices of the Quorum in said District & State, Samuel Huggins, who being duly sworn deposes and says, in addition to the new matters contained in his declaration for a pension, that he served during the revolution for a period not less than three years as a private soldier – that from loss of memory consequence upon old age he cannot state the precise periods when he entered but it was some length of time say eighteen months or two years before the siege of Charleston. That he was drafted except when with General Marion, with whom he was a volunteer – that he has no documentary evidence of his service, but refers to the testimony of Thomas Wilson who knew him in the Revolution and with whom he served – that he has a record of his age contained in the battle of the family that he never received a discharge from the service and refers to Reverend Mr. Harrington, Robert Wilson & Thomas Wilson as persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn to before me this 18th June 1833

S/ Thomas J Moses, QU

S/ Samuel Huggins



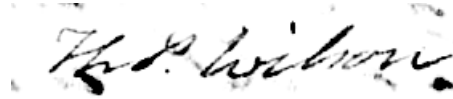
South Carolina Sumter District

Before me Franklin J Moses a Justice of the Quorum for said district & State personally appeared Thomas Wilson who on being duly sworn says on oath that he was well acquainted with Samuel Huggins in the Revolution that he the said Samuel was in the service with this deponent – and this deponent has personal knowledge of most of the facts stated in the preceding declaration of said Samuel for a pension.

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 1st day of August 1833

S/ Thomas J Moses, QU

S/ Thos. Wilson



South Carolina Sumter District

On this 13th day of December 1833 before me Franklin J Moses he Justice of the Quorum for said district & State, personally appeared Samuel Huggins, who by way of amendment to his declaration for a pension and makes oath to the following facts –

That his first service in the Revolution commenced in the horse company of Captain Brown – in which he entered as a volunteer private – this was in 1777. He entered this Company of Captain Brown in the southern part of South Carolina near the Saltketcher [River]. The Company was in the Regiment of Colonel Sheldon Bull – Jacob Reed was the Lieutenant of Captain Brown. The company was stationed at Purrysburg for one month, but was never called into active service. After he left the said company he was drafted in 1777 into a company of infantry commanded by Captain Hutchison – Isaac McPherson was the Lieutenant – this was still in the Regiment of Colonel Bull. The company was stationed at Purrysburg. While there a call was made for volunteers to go into Georgia. This deponent volunteered & went into Georgia under command of Major Sheppard, where they expected the British. They stayed in Georgia two weeks, and the alarm that the British were coming proving false, they returned to

Purrysburg. They remained there three months at Purrysburg where they were discharged.

This deponent then went to his home in Christ Church Parish. Here [in] 1778 or 1779 he was drafted as a private into a company of Captain John Murrell in the Regiment of Colonel Maybank – John Jonah Murrell was the Lieutenant. They were called into service, & did duty by guarding the southern coast of South Carolina, where they expected the British would try to land. He was on this duty constantly engaged for 3 months. The company was discharged, and this deponent came up to Sumter then Camden district, In 1778 or 1779 while this deponent was in the company of Captain Hutchison he was at the battle of Coosawhatchie where Colonel Laurens commanded the American forces. They attempted to stop the British from crossing the River to come to Charleston. The Americans were defeated – Colonel Laurens received a wound in his arm.

In 1780 as above stated this deponent removed to Sumter then Camden district, and as a volunteer joined the company of Captain John Armstrong in the Regiment of Colonel Richardson in the Brigade of General Marion. His company officers were Lieutenants Bradley and Lewis. They encamped at towards plantation on Santee, & traversed the country from Santee to Edisto guarding & preserving the country from the ravages of the Tories & the British. He was at the battle at Parkers ferry where General Marion commanded. The British were defeated. From the battle on Edisto, they returned to Santee near Horry's place where they remained one month in service doing camp duty. They then marched to the mouth of Black River on scouting duty, & this deponent remained in the company of Captain Armstrong on said duty until peace was declared, making 2 years that he remained in said Company.

While in Captain Armstrong Company this deponent was at a skirmish with the British at White's plantation³ near Georgetown.

The deponent from loss of memory attending old age cannot be more definite. He swears that his whole service from first to last was three years.

Sworn & subscribed to before me the day & year above written

S/ Franklin J Moses, QU

S/ Samuel Huggins

State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this the 21st day of June in the year of our Lord 1834 personally appeared before me Franklin J Moses one of the Justices of the Quorum in and for said district and State, Samuel Huggins of said district State, who on oath says, by way of amendment to his declaration for a pension pursuant to instructions from the Honorable J L Edwards Commissioner of Pensions, that in reference to the latter part of his foregoing declaration dated 13th of December 1833, as to his services on scouting duty in the Company of Captain John Armstrong, that to the best of his recollection he did enter said company in the 1st of the year 1780 – that he remained in it until peace was declared making about 2 years. That he joined Armstrong's company in the then Camden district. That in this company he was constantly on duty, scouting on Black River and Lynches Creek – during the term he was in it. That this service was performed by orders of Colonel Richardson who commanded the Regiment to which it was attached. The services were continued during the term stated. That while in Armstrong's company he was at the Battle of Parkers ferry where General Marion commanded – and all the time he was in said company, which he entered as a volunteer, he was on public duty under the proper authorities. That while

³ November 15, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/white.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_whites_plantation.html

on duty on Lynches Creek, they had a tense skirmish⁴ with the Tories who were commanded by Jephtha Butler.

This deponent on oath says that from loss of memory consequent of old age, he cannot be more precise as to his services; but that he served altogether at least 3 years.

S/ Samuel Huggins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

⁴ Possibly the action referred to at <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/lynchscr.htm> and http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_lynches_creek_massacre.html