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Pension application of John Randall S18173

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In January 1779 I found John Randle in Militia Service in General A. Williamson's Brigade Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment South Carolina Militia doing duty as a private in a Company but whether in John Hammond or John Carter's Companies I cannot say -- he continued in service as also to [of] his brothers Georgia & James, Constantly until the fall of Charleston May 1780, from that time until my return in May 1781 I no [sic, know] nothing of him but on my return to Carolina about May 1781 I found him again in service with Captain Carter, or Ryan, & part of the time to the close of the war in a Company formerly commanded by ___ Hatcher then commanded by John Hammond Junior son of John Hammond Senior he was active and Excellent Horseman in the woods & performed some perilous services much spoken of at the time whether he was an officer at the time or not I have no documents to refer to, or memory he of that fact that his first service is now on my memory he was a Private soldier, he is now very old, several years older than myself & nod [sic?] out my own [is?] failing, for other Evidences of his Services, he has been allowed a pension by this State.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 16th December 1838

S/ M. Gray, QU

S/ S. Hammond [Samuel Hammond]¹

South Carolina Edgefield District: On this the 19th day of October 1838 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting for said District, his Honor John Belton O'Neill Presiding, John Randall, a resident of Edgefield District and State aforesaid, aged ninety-four years, and on his oath made 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.

First Captain Leroy Hammond, who was afterwards, promoted to a Colonelcy in the South Carolina militia, Captain Sinquefield, and Captain John Ryan both of them commanded Companies of South Carolina Militia, and served as herein after mentioned; That he entered the service as a volunteer, under Captain Hammond as declarant thinks sometime in the year 1778 and served under him 4 or 5 months continuously, engaged chiefly in what is called the Scouting Service, that he was afterwards under the command of Captain Sinquefield, (Captain Hammond being promoted to the rank of a Colonel) and served under him for the Space of 6 months; That he afterwards entered the service again under Captain John Ryan, in 1779, who commanded a company of Rangers, that he was in the Stono expedition, and was at the Battle of Stono, which transpired on the 20th day of June 1779, after the retreat of General Lincoln, declarant marched towards Augusta, and was in various skirmishes with the British and Tories, that he was in the

¹ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

first Siege of Augusta under Captain Ryan, and also in the last Siege of that place, which surrendered to Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the legendary troops, and to General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] of the South Carolina militia on the 5th day of June 1781: That after the surrender of Augusta, declarant remained with Captain John Ryan's Company of Rangers until the close of the war in 1783. This declarant further saith, that he served as a volunteer until sometime in the year 1782, when he received a first Lieutenant's commission in the South Carolina Militia, and served in that capacity to the best of his knowledge under Captain Ryan, for a term of at least one year, having lost this commission however he is therefore unable to pen the time. This declarant does not mean to be understood that he served continuously from 1778 to the close of the war, but that he served at intervals, that is whenever called on, making as he thinks in the aggregate a period of service of about 3 years; 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. This declarant further saith, that he is wholly unable at present, to procure a certificate from a clergyman in reference to his age, and of his reputed service in the war of the revolution, but hopes that the certificate's hereto subjoined, signed by respectable men may be favorably received.

Inty [Interrogatory] 1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in the State of Virginia, in the year 1744.

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

Ans: I had a A record of my age, but have lost it.

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

Ans: I lived in Edgefield District South Carolina when I entered the service, after the war I lived a portion of my time in Barnwell District and now live in Edgefield District.

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

Ans: I was a volunteer, as before stated.

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

Ans: I knew General Lincoln in the Stono expedition also Colonel Mayson of the Virginia line, who commanded a Regiment of Continental troops in that expedition. I also knew Continental Colonel Lee of the legendary troops and Colonel Leroy Hammond of the South Carolina Militia and also General Pickens of the South Carolina militia.

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

Ans: I never received a discharge from the service, being a volunteer it was unnecessary.

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.

Ans: A. M. Wade, Robert Anderson, WW Williams, Barly M. Rodes and many others, who is deemed unnecessary to mention -- can certify as to these things.

Sworn to and subscribed by making his mark the day and year aforesaid

S/ John Belton O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ John Randall, X his mark

[A. M. Wade and Robert Anderson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum.]