

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hart S18860

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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.]

State of South Carolina Greenville District: To Wit

On this 2nd day of August in the year of our Lord 1841 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable A P Butler one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the State of South Carolina now sitting for Greenville District Joseph Hart a resident of the district of Greenville State of South Carolina aged seventy-eight 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered the service of the United States in the company of Captain Avery [sic, George Aubrey] and the Regiment of Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon]. He was drafted for three months in Union District South Carolina. He was sent with the other troops belonging to the Regiment to Granby, near where Columbia now is, & there stayed during the whole of the three months. This tour was served in the fall of the year, but the year he cannot now state. It was after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780].

He returned home after this Tour & stayed six months & was drafted again for another tour of three months under the same officers & was sent to Orangeburg to guard the Jail in which there were some forty or fifty British prisoners who had been taken by Greens [Nathanael Greene's] Army. He remained at Orangeburg until the expiration of this second Tour & returned home –

The third tour he was drafted again after being at home about six months. He was drafted for three months under Captain Thomas Blasingame & Major Benjamin Jolly in Colonel Brandon's Regiment and was sent to Bacons Bridge near Dorchester near Charleston. There were nine hundred militia at this time under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] & marched to General Greens Army. The militia was called out to reinforce General Greens Army. The British troops were in Charleston at that time. While at Bacons Bridge this deponent was one of a detachment of thirty under the command of Major Jolly sent out to capture a foraging party of the British which they did on Goose Creek. They took & killed 13 men. This tour then expired & this deponent returned home.

The fourth tour was drafted in a few days after his return from Bacons Bridge to guard some prisoners at the Block House in Union County. He was in the company of Captain Young [William Young] in Colonel Brons[remaining words obliterated] remained at the Block House three months.

The fifth tour was in about one month after he was discharged at the Block House. He was drafted for three months again & stationed at the Block House in Union District where he remained for three months the expiration of his tour. This tour he served under Captain Woodson [James Woodson].

Besides these regular tours amounting to fifteen months in all he served in a good many scouting parties, & irregular excursions.

This Deponent was born in Union District South Carolina on the 16th day of March in the year 1763 = He had a record of his age in his father's Bible which got burnt in his brother's House = He was living in Union District South Carolina when called into service. He has lived in South Carolina ever since the Revolutionary War except about twelve months in Rutherford County North Carolina & he now lives in Greenville District = He was drafted and he was called into the service = He was not attached to the regular Army or with the Continental troops except at Bacons Bridge & on a march to Ashley Ferry & he does not remember the names of any of the regular officers in Greens Army at that time – He never received but one written discharge and that was at Bacons Bridge by General Green which was burned in the deponent's House whilst living in Rutherford North Carolina = he is known in his present neighborhood to John Davis, Lazarus Shodrick, Colonel John Hodges, John Hightower Esquire & Alfred Hightower, Richard Howard & others, who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

This deponent states that he knows of no one at present whose testimony he can procure as to his revolutionary services. There was living in Union District about two years since, a Mr. James Howard¹ who served with this Deponent a tour at Bacons Bridge – but he does not know that he is now living & if living is out of his power to procure his testimony. This deponent further states that he made application about five years since to General Walton of North Carolina to draw up his papers for him to get a Pension that the same was done but General Walton dying some time afterwards it was neglected – He again made application to B F Perry to draw up his papers for him who informed him that he must procure some evidence of his services from the State of South Carolina & that he would make search for the same in the Comptrollers office. He understood that Mr. Perry did search but could not find anything. He has since written to the Comptroller General & has been furnished by that officer with a copy of indents issued to him for Revolutionary Services =

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid.

S/ Wm Blasingame, JP

S/ Joseph Hart, X his mark

[John Davis and Lazarus Shodrich, a clergyman living in Henderson County North Carolina, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: On April 24, 1855 in Greenville District South Carolina, Joseph Hart, 96, applied for his bounty land entitlement stating that he served as a private in the company commanded by Captain George Avery [sic] in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon].]

[p 16: digital image of the original bounty land grant granting 160 acres of land to the veteran.]

¹ This is probably a reference to [James Howard S20406](#)

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State of South Carolina Greenville District: Personally came Elisha Green² before me the subscribing Justice of the Quorum in and for the district of Greenville & State of South Carolina and being duly sworn makes oath that he was well acquainted with Joseph Hart who is making application for a Pension under the Act of Congress – that he and the said Joseph Hart were raised boys together in Union district South Carolina – that the said Joseph Hart and this deponent served together a tour of duty during the Revolutionary War at Brandon's Block House in Union district under Captain William Young – This Deponent does not know of his own knowledge of any other tours which the said Joseph Hart served in the Revolutionary War, as he was not serving with him in any other tour, but he always understood & believes that the said Joseph Hart was an active Whig pretty much constantly employed in the service of his country during the Revolution – He has no doubt from what he has heard from Joseph Hart & others at the time that the said Hart performed several tours of duty in the lower part of South Carolina during the Revolution under Colonel Brandon & Lieutenant Colonel Fair [probably William Farr] – But this deponent went north during that period & cannot speak of his own knowledge.

This deponent further states that from his knowledge of Joseph Hart's character for truth & integrity he would feel himself bound to believe his statements made on oath.

Sworn to and subscribed this 15th day of November 1841

S/ Wm Blasingame, Clerk

S/ Elisha Green



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State of South Carolina Greenville District: On this the 7th day of April 1847 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Joseph Hart a resident of Greenville District in the State of South Carolina aged eighty-three 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated. The first time he entered the service of the United States was in a troop which joined General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade and during this service he was in the battle at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780], thinks his immediate commander was William Giles but he was very young in the commencement of his services. The length of service in this tour is not now remembered exactly, for his services under Sumter he received a state Indent as a member of Moore's troop Myddleton's Regiment,³ he remembers distinctly being under Sumter

² [Elisha Green R4248](#)

³ To me this veteran's statement that he served in Francis Moore's Company of Lt. Col. Charles S. Myddelton's Regiment of Thomas Sumter's Brigade of 10-Month State Troops is not credible. In his earlier application he makes no mention of that service and only says he recalls it in his second application because of the record he received from the SC Comptroller General's office. It seems unlikely he would have overlooked a 10-month enlistment and be unable to recall independently the names of the officers he served under during that time. Also, he makes no reference to involvement in any of the many significant engagements which occurred during Sumter's Rounds in that 10-month service. On March 8, 1781, Governor John Rutledge broke the command areas of Sumter, Pickens and Francis Marion into regions. Thomas Brandon then fell under the command of Pickens, not Sumter. Sumter's Brigade of 10-month State Troops was not formed until April 1781. This division makes it even more unlikely that this veteran is the one who served under Sumter as a 10-month State Troop. One further strike against this veteran as the man who served in Sumter's State Troop is that the Joseph Hart who was a Light Dragoon in the State Troop

and at Blackstock's but could not otherwise remember his more immediate officers except by reference to the indent before stated which was for 11 pounds 15 shillings sterling. He entered the service in Union district where he was raised, – After his service before mentioned he served as a scout in Union District in a Company commanded by Captain John Puttman for at least one month, this company was included in the Regiment of Colonel Thomas Brandon; After this in the same district as near as his memory serves him in 1781 he entered the company of Captain William Young at the Block House in Union district and served three months. This company was included in the Regiment of Colonel Thomas Brandon.

After the termination of this service he was drafted into a company commanded by Captain George Avery [sic] under Lieutenant Colonel William Farr Brandon's Regiment and served two months and 10 days marching from Union district down to the Congaree River where the Regiment was stationed, he returned under the same officer to Union and remained in Union district under his command until the expiration of about four months and 20 days and then marched under the same officers to Orangeburg where he was stationed and served two months & 10 days more, he returned home under the same Captain, after the lapse of four months and some days he was drafted into the company commanded by Captain Thomas Blasingame in a division of Colonel Thomas Brandon's Regiment and marched with his company with others, commanded by Major Benjamin Jolly and joined General Pickens' Brigade near Charleston and was stationed with his company at Bacons Bridge, marching at one time to Ashley Ferry near the City. The British were then in the possession of Charleston, General Greene and his Army were present and that March he served in this tour two months and 10 days exclusive of the time going and returning, after he returned home, he next volunteered about the close of the war in a company commanded by Captain James Woodson and served in said Company for three months at the Block house in Union district acting as a Sergeant. His company was also attached to the Regiment of Colonel Brandon. This was the last service rendered by him, he is unable from failure of memory to state the dates of his services, but he remembers receiving to state indents for services in Colonel Brandon his Regiment at different periods for 11 pounds 15 shillings each sterling money. He cannot remember the whole length of his United services but thinks it was at least 18 months and upwards. The only living witness of any of his services in the Revolution known to him his Elisha Green a resident of Greenville district.

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.

He states that he was born in union district in 1764. He has no record of his age. It was burnt in his house in Union. He was living in Union district when called into service and continued to live there after the close of the war till about 20 years since, he removed from Union and live for two years in the edge of Rutherford County North Carolina, removed back from thence to Spartanburg district and resided there and for two years and from Spartanburg district South Carolina he moved and settled in Greenville district and has continued to reside there and for the last 16 years where he is now living.

He first volunteered in the service when he was with Sumter at Blackstock's in his subsequent services in the Regiment of Colonel Brandon he was drafted, in his last service of three months he again volunteered.

He has before herein stated the names of his officers Continental and militia as well as recollected, and the general circumstances of his service.

held the rank of sergeant. This veteran never claims to have held such a rank. I think the service in the SC State Troops was by another Joseph Hart.

He remembers to have received one discharge from the service given by General Greene, his signature being attached to it: he This discharge till it was destroyed when his house was burnt in Union district –

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me

S/ Robt. McKay, Clk

S/ Joseph Hart, X his mark

[Jesse Center, a clergyman, and John H Goodwin, Wilson Barton & William Fuller gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 82: Elisha Green repeated the testimony he gave in his earlier affidavit transcribed above.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 which was an increase from an initial pension of \$26.66 for service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Joseph Hart
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3394

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[p 4: Top of the form is illegible]

[Book] X 29 May 86 [1786]

Joseph Hart For Militia Duty in Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regiment since the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency

£82.11

Sterling

£11.15.8 ½

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

Received 29 May 1786 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 2066 X by an Order
S/ Jno McCooll [John McCooll]



[p 5: Repeat of the above Information]

[p 6: redacted image]

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⁴ 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 [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 "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

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Greenville CH [Court House]

March 21, 1838

Dear Sir

Will you be kind enough to examine your office & see whether you can find any evidence of Jos. Hort [sic]; having received any thing for his services during the Revolution from the State of South Carolina – He says that he served under Colonel Fair, Major Jolly, Captains Connor, Avery & Blasingame in Union District – these tours in the lower part of the State – That Captain Cosnor certified for him when he received pay for 9 months service – an Indent issued for that amount –

If you can find the Indent or any evidence which will enable me to obtain from the U. States a pension for Mr. Josiah Hort (Jos. Hart) you will please send the same to me properly certified & I will pay you for it.

And in doing so you will very much oblige me

S/ B. F. R??

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "B. F. R.", with a flourish at the end. The signature is somewhat faded and has a grainy texture.