

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

### Pension Application of William Hope S1956

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State of Tennessee

County of Williamson: SS

On this 2 day of October personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, now sitting, William Hope, a resident of the county of Williamson, and the State of Tennessee, 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 benefits of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born June 28<sup>th</sup> 1761 in Bucks County Pennsylvania. In 1772 his father moved to South Carolina, and settled in York District, where he was raised. About the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1779 he was drafted in Capt. Byers' [William Byers] company, and went under Lieutenant Henry [William Henry] to Orangeburgh [Orangeburg], and there joined the regiment under Colonel Neal [Thomas Neel], was at Orangeburgh several days and then went on to Charleston where the regiment staid a few days. During one of the nights they staid there, the British marched up to attack the town, but finding the American Army prepared, did not make the attempt & Major Hughee [Major Benjamin Huger was killed by friendly fire May 11, 1779] was accidentally killed by a shot from the Americans. They then went up by Dorchester to Bacons Bridge on Ashley river and joined Gen. Williamsons [Andrew Williamson's] brigade, in Gen. Lincolns [Benjamin Lincoln's] Army and went from thence to Stono. His time of Service was then out he does not recollect the precise time but thinks it was the last of June or beginning of July. After the British took Charleston in 1780 [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] and had spread all over South Carolina, Genl. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] formed a camp at Maclenburgh County [Mecklenburg County] North Carolina and some time toward the last of June, he volunteered in Captain Moffitts [John Moffett] Company, and went to Sumpters Camp in Col. Bratins [William Bratton's] regiment and staid there some time. About this time the British burnt Hills Iron Works [June 18, 1780]<sup>1</sup> and the regiment in which he then was, was sent over the Catawba river, into South Carolina and he was then constantly out on scouting parties over the whole country, until after Tarletons [Banastre Tarleton's] defeat [Battle of Cowpens] on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 1781. The week after his defeat, Cornwallis went in through the country with the British Army, and the next week Genl Sumpter took a tour down through South Carolina with about 300 men. He had then volunteered in Capt. Venables [James Venable's] company in Col. Hawthorns [Lieutenant Colonel James Hawthorn's] regiment and went with them and attacked Fridays Fort on the Congaree river but without success [Fort Granby, February 19-21, 1781]<sup>2</sup>, they then attacked another at Colonel Thompsons [Thomson's Plantation, February 22, 1781]<sup>3</sup> on the same river but were again unsuccessful. They then fell in with 16 Wagons belonging to the British, with a guard of 40 or 50 men they killed several of the guards, and took the rest prisoners [Big Savannah, February 23, 1781]<sup>4</sup> – burned the Wagons – and, put the plunder they had taken in boats, and sent it down the river with a view to meet it again, but the British had a fort at Wrights bluff, and in going down the river found the British firing upon them before they were aware that they were near them. The British retook the plunder taken from the Wagons and the Americans swam their horses across the river in hopes of regaining their boats, but had at length to leave the place with the loss of several brave men. They then went by Black river then by Linches creek [Lynches Creek] where they had another fight and went from there home. About the middle of December 1780 he was drafted in Capt Henrys company, and attached to Capt Hendersons [John Henderson's] Company in Col. Moffitts Regiment. He then went to Orangeburgh and served a three month tour which was the last of his Service. He believes he served in all upwards of twelve months. In the year 1790 he moved to Cabarras County [Cabarrus County] in

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_hills\\_iron\\_works.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_hills_iron_works.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_thomsons\\_plantation.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_thomsons_plantation.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_big\\_savannah.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_big_savannah.html)

North Carolina and lived there six years; then moved back to York District, South Carolina, where he had formerly lived. In the year 1802 he came to Tennessee, settled on Stones River, and in 1810 he moved into this county (Williamson) where he has lived ever since.

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 any Agency of any State.

(signed) Wm Hope



Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

(signed) Tho. Hardeman

To all whom it may concern. I Hugh Allison<sup>5</sup> of Davidson County and State of Tennessee, do certify that I have been acquainted with William Hope personally since the year 1780. I lived in South Carolina, York District, at the above date, and within three miles of the above named William Hope, and after the British took Charleston and Lord Cornwallis marched his army through our country, Said Wm. Hope from the best information was generally with the American troops fighting the enemies of our Country, my father, and one uncle part of the time with him.

(signed) Hugh Allison



Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid

(signed) Tho. Hardeman

We Robert Davis, a clergyman residing in the town of Franklin, County of Williamson and State of Tennessee, and William Reed residing in the Same County and State, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William Hope, who has subscribed and Sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be 71 years of age, that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and we concur in that opinion

(signed) Robert Davis

(signed) Wm Reed

Sworn and Subscribed to the day and year aforesaid

(signed) Tho Hardan (?)

*State of Tennessee Williamson County*

*Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said County and State, William Hope, who, being duly sworn deposed 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 and in the grade of a private soldier – the first Tour under Lieutenant Henry a drafted militia man – three months – the second Tour in Captain Moffett's Company, several Tours of duty though I cannot recollect the periods – Third Tour under Captain Venable's Company – one month and the Fourth and last under Captain Henderson a full Tour of three months – he served as a private in all his different service and he knows that he served in all twelve months. And the said William Hope made oath that he has no documentary evidence in his possession by which he can prove his said services and he knows of no person now living by whom he can prove his said services.*

*He further makes oath that he has a record of his age in a family Bible which he copied from his Father's Bible. He further stated that he never received a written discharge from the service – and stated that he was acquainted in his neighborhood with Christopher McEwen, Thomas L Douglass, John Mallory, James Brooks, John Brooks, Joseph Crockett and William Taylor – all of whom he believes would subscribed to his character for veracity, and that he is a revolutionary soldier.*

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<sup>5</sup> [Hugh Allison R157](#)

S/ Wm Hope

Subscribed & Sworn to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 1833.  
S/ Wm E. Owen, JP

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

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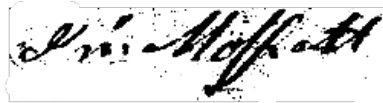
South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>6</sup> relating to William Hope pp 7  
Audited Account No. 3747  
Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves 6/19/22

[p 2]  
23 September 1784 Book I No. 293  
Mr. William Hope his Account of 59 days Militia Duty Amounting to £8.1.5 Stg. [Sterling]  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3]  
State of South Carolina dr. [Debtor] to William Hope for  
Personal Service done under Captain James Venable in  
Col. William Bratton's Regiment Genl. T. Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's]  
Brigade 24 days at 20/ per day<sup>7</sup> £24.0.0  
Do one tower [tour] under Lieut. Hood [John Hood] 65  
Days at 10/per day<sup>8</sup> 32.10.0  
Total £56.10.0  
Sterling £8.1.5

N:B: these charges are included and Pay Bills which is Attested.

[p 4]  
Received 23 September 1784 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the  
within in an Indent No. 293 – Book I by Virtue of an Order from William Hope  
S/ Jn<sup>o</sup> Moffett [John Moffett]



[p 5]  
New acquisition South Carolina January 21, 1785  
Gentlemen

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<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his own horse and equipment.

<sup>8</sup> 10 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a militia man serving on foot.

you'l Please to give an Indent to Col. John Moffett for the amount of my Publick accounts  
having Received the full Consideration of it from him and you Will Oblige your humble Servant  
S/ Wm Hope

*Wm Hope*

To the Commissioners of the Treasury  
Test Before S/ John Moffett, JP

[p 6: Printed form of Indent No. 293 Book I]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by John Moffett, Thomas Shanklin and  
Robert Anderson.]