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Pension application of Thomas Moore S21387

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District} SS

On this 4th day of April in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Josiah J. Evans one of the circuit Judges of the Courts of General Sessions & Common Pleas in the State aforesaid, and now presiding Judge of the said courts in the District of Abbeville in the said State now sitting Thomas Moore a resident of Abbeville District in the State of South Carolina aged sixty-nine years or seventy 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 Thomas Moore entered the service of the United States at the age of Eighteen years as a volunteer Militia man under the command of Captain Hugh Wardlaw, Major Noble [Alexander Noble] and Colonel Anderson [Robert Anderson] that he was enrolled in Captain Hugh Wardlaw's Company in the month of March, in the year of our Lord 1781 in the District of Ninety Six in the State of South Carolina, that he continued in said Company performing constant and active duty by ranging scouting and defending the country against Tory depredations until the month of May following in the same year, when he enlisted under a recruiting officer named Fields Pardue [sic, Field Pardue] to serve 10 months in a corps of mounted horsemen commanded by Colonel Samuel Hammond in the Regiment of horsemen the applicant served and performed duty under Captain Richard Johnson, Lieutenant James Spann & Ensign or Cornet __ Spraggins [Clark Spraggins], that he Thomas Moore was marched in this company & Regiment of horse, to Augusta in the State of Georgia where were a number of British & Tories embodied in a Fort called Grayson's Fort [sic, Grierson's Fort], which was taken¹ by Colonel Hammond's Regiment and several of the enemy killed, Colonel Hammond's Regiment remained about one week at this place, and was then marched back to the District of Ninety Six and to the village of Ninety Six or Cambridge where General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] had then besieged an embodied British force under Colonel Cruger [John Harris Cruger].² Colonel Hammond's Regiment of horse, here greatly aided the besiegers under General Greene by patrolling & scouting throughout the adjacent Country keeping the enemies of the country in awe & dread, guarding provisions, wagons, driving cattle &c until General Greene raised the siege & marched towards Broad River in the State accompanied by Colonel Hammond's Regiment of Horse, from Broad River these forces marched down towards the Congaree River near where the town of Columbia now stands, Colonel Hammond's Regiment

¹ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

remained at this station about one month, after which it was marched to me General Greene who had previously marched his forces towards the Eutaw [Eutaw Springs], where Colonel Hammond's Regiment again joined General Greene and where the American forces met, fought & conquered the British after this bloody & remarkable battle³ in which Colonel Hammond at the head of his Regiment of horse bore a conspicuous & distinguished station which he sustained with honor to his country, his Regiment & himself he marched his Regiment back to the District of Ninety Six and here joined General Pickens [Andrew Pickens's] Brigade and were employed constantly in ranging and reconnoitering the country for at least 2 months, General Pickens then ordered Colonel Hammond's Regiment to a place called Bush River in the District of Ninety Six & that part now called Newberry District where Colonel Hammond's Regiment remained until March 1782 and the applicant was then & there together with the whole Regiment discharged by Colonel Hammond.

The applicant subsequently volunteered his services under a Captain Samuel Rosamond and was marched by him under General Pickens to the Cherokee nation,⁴ where some Indian towns were burned, and the Indians reduced to the necessity of suing for peace, the Army then returned after an absence of at least 2 months & were discharged, which closed the Revolutionary services of the Applicant who was in constant service from March 1781 till March 1782 to which he adds his 2 months this tour against the Indians making in the aggregate 14 months service he performed in the Revolutionary War in defense of the United States 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.

Answers to Interrogatories propounded

Ans. 1st The Applicant Thomas Moore says that he was born in Ireland in the year 1763 or 1764 as his parents informed him, & that he was brought to the United States at an early age, and infant child.

Ans. 2nd The Applicant says that he has no record of his age

Ans. 3rd -- The Applicant says that he was living in the District of Ninety Six now called Abbeville District in this State when he was called into service where he has lived since the Revolutionary War and where he now lives.

Ans. 4th The Applicant says he volunteered & Enlisted as he has mentioned in his Declaration.

Ans. 5th General Greene and Colonel Lee were with the troops when the Applicant says he served all so General Pickens' Brigade of Militia.

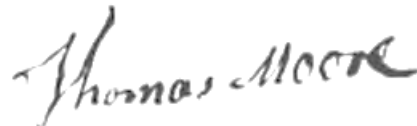
Ans. 6th The Applicant says he never received a written discharge he says it was unusual in these days where he served.

Ans. 7th Major John Hodges, John Hinton, James Sample Esquire and George Smith are the names of persons to whom I am known in my neighborhood, and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid..

S/ Jas. Wardlaw, Clerk

S/ Thomas Moore



[Thomas Rosamond, a clergyman, and John Hodges gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

³ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁴ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_last_cherokee_campaign.html

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State of South Carolina District of Edgefield: This will Certify that Thomas Moore at present of the District of Abbeville was a soldier in my Regiment of State Troops, That he was enlisted by Fields perdue [sic, Field Pardue] then Major of the Said Regiment, was put into a Company commanded by Richard Johnson and served the full term for which he was listed [enlisted] a short time before the Expiration of the 10 months, General Pickens by letter which is yet preserved but not now with me requested that I would endeavor to persuade those whose time would expire shortly to go on an Expedition with against the Cherokee Indians, Moore voluntarily consented to perform that duty & [indecipherable word or words] made a part of Lieutenant George Hammond's & Jesse Johnson's Company, they lost all their horses & had to return on foot, after that he reenlisted in a Regiment of Cavalry which Governor Rutledge authorized me to raise to serve 3 years or during the War to be placed on Continental Establishment. Prior to this Commission, the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] took place on the 8th September 1781. My appointment was on the 17th same month and justly Generally considered as a Mark of Approbation of the conduct of that Regiment upon that Occasion Mr. Moore was entitled to a full share of the complement having Listed [enlisted] in the new Regiment; my Command never was suspended I had still two companies of mounted Riflemen who were in active Partisan Service engaged for 6 months, I had in the absence of General Pickens the Command of all the troops in service from his brigade, & the Recruiting went on in camp with the Exception of a Lieutenant & Sergeant who served in the Regiment -- State Troops & were Listed in North Carolina, nearly all the 10 months man reenlisted, though some of them I gave furloughs & others continued doing duty, the last Regiment was nearly filled up when orders was received to discontinue the recruiting, it will be shown that, Governor Mathews successor of Governor Rutledge still urged for Expedition in the recruiting, & that the Legislature sustained his Recommendation; this Regiment was not discharged until the Troops of the US were also discharged, but Moore was then on furlough, & had not been ordered to return.

S/ S Hammond⁵

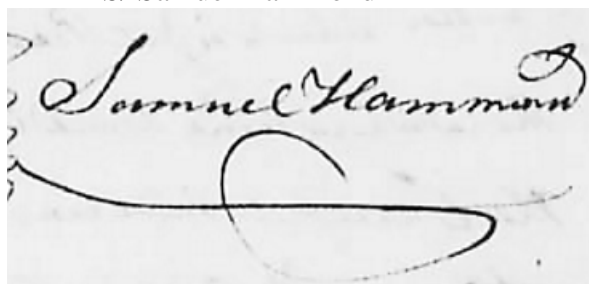
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South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared before me Colonel Samuel Hammond, who being duly Sworn Saith that the matters & things set forth in the within instrument of Writing is strictly true to the best of his recollection.

Sworn to before made this 16th of February 1836

S/ M. Grop, Notary Public

S/ Samuel Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Samuel Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

⁵ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

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Varrello Farm near Hamburg SC

17th February 1836

The Honorable J. L. Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions]

Dear Sir

Your letter of 14 September last to Mr. Thomas Moore of Abbeville district was handed to me by the old man yesterday and I have as was my duty given him my Certificate duly attested; Dear Sir, the Government have allowed me a Pension, for which I am grateful, but I have so many calls for proofs for other claimants from almost every State and Territory in the Union that it has been very burdensome [?] & indeed is a very Serious tax in a pecuniary point of view & from much mental labour, The Character activity and universality of my services Gave me a pretty extensive acquaintance with the Real Patriots as well as those who fell off before the end of the War, those for whom I have or will certify for as such as I know continued firm to the end of that war. Such I have certified for freely but really by far the largest number that have applied have been disappointed although I had known them in the early part of the war, I had no knowledge or evidence to prove that they had not joined the Enemy or quit the Service before its conclusion, for I knew several who had been Continental Colonels, Majors & Captains with the Enemy in active hostility to our cause, knowing this personally has made it my duty to be very cautious in giving Certificates. – I have been more brief in my Certificate for Mr. Moore than I should have been if I had not observed in your letter that there was a discrepancy in his Statement, & that I was not Colonel until 17th September 1781 now, I know every Claimant ought to Sustain his Intentions [?]⁶ by his own Evidences & vouchers, for the multifarious duties that fell upon you as an officer it could not be expected that you should refer to the testimony & Declarations of other Claimants to sustain theirs, in conclusion I must say that had I not kept a pretty regular memorandum of passing events, not only Orderly Books but as Deputy Brigade Quarter Master, I could not now so perfectly recollect so many things necessary to point to my testimony for others although for past events my memory is good though in my 86th year of my age; Excuse the trouble I am giving you, all my Revolutionary notes & Drafts of Battles together with a number of original letters of importance to me together with my last June yearly Pension was feloniously stolen from my bed Chamber in Columbia Christmas night, my Trunk & I hope all my Papers have been recovered, but I have not received them yet – Soliciting your indulgence for thus trespassing upon your time – I am with much Respect

Your Fellow Citizen

S/ Samuel Hammond

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$55 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 14 months in the South Carolina militia.]

⁶ *Intentions*