

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph (Joel) Hiott (Hiatt, Hyatt) S21817

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The State of South Carolina Colleton District: to wit

On this 8th day of November in the year of our Lord 1832 personally appeared in open Court before His Honor Josiah J Evans one of the Judges of the Honorable Court of Common Pleas for said State now sitting in the District aforesaid Joseph Hiott Senior a resident of the district & State aforesaid aged seventy-six 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 – In consequence of the loss of his Discharge and other papers by fire and being unable to read or write, this Deponent is unable to State all the particulars of his Service with precision as to the dates but he solemnly swears that he entered the service in the troops of South Carolina in the spring of the year 1779 as a Drummer that he was entered for the term of 16 months by Captain James Hogan attached to the 5th Regiment of South Carolina under the command of General Huger [Isaac Huger]. That ___ Lining [probably Thomas Lining] was a Lieutenant in the same company – there was a Sergeant named Cornelius Keith – and that his Drum Major was called Brown.

The Deponent was at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] & at the siege of Savannah [September 16-October 9, 1779] and was in constant service as a drummer from the time of his Enlistment 15 months and 5 days. That he was discharged at Haddrell's Point in the State aforesaid. That his Discharge has been lost by fire. That immediately after his discharge he returned to his residence between Great & Little Pedee rivers in the State aforesaid when they whole Country being annoyed by the Tories he entered as a volunteer in the Company commanded by Ezekiel Hiott his half-brother. In this Company he continued for 8 or 9 months – during this time he went on to North Carolina, when he again returned, the Tories still infesting the country and his property all gone, he again volunteered under Captain William Stackhouse in a company called the Briar Swamp Company; in this company he continued till there was a truce declared when this Deponent again returned to his home. He was in actual service from the time of his first enlistment in all about 3 years; and he knows of no one now living except Abram Garret¹ who can testify to his service, that the said Garrett is now too infirm to be brought into Court, but he has been able to procure his affidavit which is here unto attached.

And the said Joseph Hiott Senior hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension

¹ [Abraham Garrett SC2993](#)

or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State; that for the last 5 years he has been in the receipt of an annuity of \$60 from the Pension Acts of the State of South Carolina, which he supposes does not bar him from his present claim.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ A. Campbell, Clk

S/ Joseph Hiott, X his mark

State of South Carolina Colleton District

Abram Garrett² a soldier belonging to Captain James Conyers Company of Grenadiers in the 5th South Carolina Regiment being duly sworn saith that he served during the Revolutionary War for several years and during his time of service was at the Siege of Savannah where he well remembers Joseph Hiatt then serving as a Drummer in the same Regiment. That 6 or 7 years ago he remembers Joseph Hiatt produce his discharge at Walterboro (and time of service) before R. R. Smith Esquire the discharge itself being lost by fire.

Sworn the 4th day of November 1832 before me

S/ Sam Abbott, QU

S/ Abram Garrett, X his mark

[Archibald Campbell and Joseph Clarke gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The State of South Carolina Colleton District: Amended Declaration of Joseph Hyatt [sic] Senior

Personally appeared before me B S Earle one of the Judges of the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas of the State aforesaid Joseph Hiott of the District and State aforesaid who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he may be mistaken as regards the precise time he first enlisted in the Troops of the State of South Carolina and therefore may have erred in his original declaration as regards the time of his first Enlistment – that he well recollects that the term which he served as stated in the Declaration was 16 months. This Deponent from loss of memory cannot state with certainty who was Colonel of the 5th Regiment at the time of his enlisting, but thinks that Huger afterwards General Huger was his Colonel and knows that Colonel Lawrence [sic, John Laurens] was in command during a part of his service particularly at the siege of Savannah, and that he served a part of the 16 months under Captain Martin an officer of French descent.

This Deponent further states that on his second entrance upon service when he was under the command of Captain Ezekiel Hiott, Philip Pothy was his superior commanding officer either Major or Colonel – that he [indecipherable word] served not less than eight months – That upon his third entrance upon service, when he volunteered under Captain William Stackhouse, the principal objects and duties of this company were to keep in subjection the Tories between Great & Little Pedee Rivers in the State of South Carolina; that the duties were of arduous and dangerous and this Deponent does not now recollect what connection there was between this company and the other State or Continental Troops, consequently he cannot say further than he has already declared who were his superior officers. He believes that this last tour of service continued one year – This Deponent further swears that since the preparation of his original declaration Abram Garret has died and he knows of no one now living who served with him and who can prove his service – that his Brother Arthur Hiott Enlisted under Captain Hogan at the same time with this Deponent, but that he knew no one in the 5th Regiment or in the Army of his

² There is no file for a soldier by this name in the federal pension files.

own name and no one of the name of Heyott. In conclusion this Deponent swears that he served not less than the periods above mentioned – to wit – 1st term of service 16 months – 2nd Term of service 8 months 3rd term of service 12 months, for which services he claims a pension.

S/ Joseph Hiott, X his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$88 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for two-year service as a musician in the Regiment commanded by Isaac Huger.]

[Note: The following appears to me to be the same man as “Joseph Hiott” above. I found no documents explaining why the veteran used the name “Joel Hiott” in his state petition and “Joseph Hiott in his application for a federal pension.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Joel Hiott SC3881 pp34
Audited Account No. 3627C

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Petition of Joel Hiott Praying for a Pension

Rejected

Pensions

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To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of South Carolina –

The petition of Joel Hiott, sheweth unto your Honorable Body – that he was born in the town of Camden in this State. That in the winter previous to the defeat of General Gates [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], at the age of fifteen, he enlisted under Captain Hogan [James Hogan] in the 5th Regiment of South Carolina Regulars commanded by Colonel Isaac Huger – That he was at the siege of Savanna,⁴ and received in the Battle a slight wound under his arm – That after the expiration of his term of service, he got his regular discharge, and returned home – and that whilst he was ploughing in his field, he was attacked by a band of Tories, cut down, and left senseless from his wounds. He received One in his leg – One in his Arm, and the rest were inflicted by the saber upon his head – And your Petitioner would further shew to your Honorable Body that he is now Old, and in narrow circumstances. His Arm that was ever weak since the wound he received in the Revolution is now when enfeebled by age, comparatively useless in the hard labour he must undergo to acquire his bread – That your Petitioner has forborne to ask relief from his Country, whilst strength and honest industry could gain him independence; but now he asks your aid; and age and poverty must plead for his humiliation.

S/ Joel Hiott

³ 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 “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. 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.

⁴ Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

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Petition of Joel Hiott praying for a pension for Revolutionary services

Pensions

[undeciphered words]

Report in favor

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State of South Carolina Colleton District}

Personally appeared before me Arthur Hyott [sic] who being duly sworn saith that his Brother Joel Hiott after he Arthur Hiott had enlisted in the regular service under Captain Hogan in the 5th Regiment of South Carolina on his obtaining a furlough and coming to see his family, his Brother Joel returned with him to Charleston and enlisted in the same Company, that he served out his time & got his regular discharge.

Sworn to before me this 13th September 1826

S/ R. B. Smith, QU

S/ Arthur Hiott, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Colleton District}

Personally appeared before me Abraham Garret⁵ who being duly sworn saith that in the winter previous to the defeat of General Gates [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] at Camden (which defeat this Deponent thinks took place in June) he saw Joel Hyott [sic] at Fort Johnston in Charleston Harbour serving in the capacity of a Drummer in the 5th Regiment of South Carolina under the command of Isaac Huger. That they shortly afterwards separated in their military service & that he did not again see him, to his recollection, until the end of the Revolutionary war

Sworn to before me

this 13th day of September 1826

S/ R. B. Smith, QU

S/ Abraham Garret, A his mark

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William Johnson maketh Oath that he has seen Joel Hiott within a fortnight & heard him spoken of by a Gentlemen his Neighbor of the first Respectability as a man of Good Character.

That he had Occasion to converse with the said Hiott about the Events of the Revolution in which he was engaged & to examine the wound received on his Wrist. That it is obvious the Hand was nearly severed from the Arm by a saber wound & the joint at the Wrist destroyed, so as to cripple him in that Hand.

Deponent supposes him to be above Seventy years of Age

S/ Willm Johnson



Sworn to before me on

December 13, 1826 S/ James Jervey, Dist. Clk

⁵ [Abraham Garrett SC2993](#)

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Joel Hiott praying for a pension

Respectfully report.

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend to this house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the said Joel Hiott be placed on the pension list.

December 1826

S/ Jno. McComb, Chairman

[Note: The balance of the documents in this file reflect the routine disbursement of the \$60 per annum annuity granted the veteran through March 1832.]