

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hanna, Jr. S22290

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State of South Carolina, York District

On this\_\_ day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before \_\_ the Court of Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting Robert Hanna a resident of York District and State of South Carolina aged in his Seventy second year who being first duly sworn according to law doth make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832. That he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the year 1775 under Col. Neel [Thomas Neel] against the Cherokee Indians and served in that tour about two months.

He was then drafted in 1778 and marched again under the command of Col. Neel, Captain McAfee's [Robert McAfee's] Company to the State of Georgia on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians and Tories and served in that tour about three months.

He was again drafted in 1779 and marched on to the Command of Col. Neel, Captain Sadler's [probably a reference to Richard Sadler] Company on an expedition against the British to Orangeburg, Charleston and Stono and served about three months and dismissed shortly before the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779].

In 1780 he was taken prisoner at home by the British, carried to Camden and lodged in Jail where he was kept eight weeks and then liberated by parole, but never was exchanged, then volunteered and joined Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment and marched under the Command of General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] and fought at the battle of Fish dam Ford [November 9, 1780]<sup>1</sup> where the British were defeated and continued with General Sumter until the battle at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]<sup>2</sup> and fought in said battle – continued with General Sumter until the taking of Friday's Fort [Fort Granby, May 14, 1781]<sup>3</sup>, then marched to Orangeburg under the command of Major William Hanna and continued in the Army until the battle at the Quarter-house [July 15, 1781],<sup>4</sup> where the British were again defeated. We then marched to Biggin Church and drove them in to Charleston and continued in the service until they evacuated Charleston [December 1782]. During the whole of his Service under the command of General Sumter in Colonel Bratton's Regiment, he served as a Lieutenant, by the appointment of Colonel Bratton which time was twelve months or more.

That according to the family record made by his father he was born the first day of April 1761 in the State of North Carolina 8 miles East of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

That when he entered the service of the United States he resided in the district of York

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_fishdam\\_ford.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_fishdam_ford.html)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_quarter\\_house.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_quarter_house.html)

South Carolina and that he now lives in said district. That he never received any written discharge from service.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and date aforesaid in Open Court.

S/ A. McWhorter, C. C. C. Pls.

S/ Robt. Hanna



[Supporting affidavit filed by Robert Y. Russell, a clergyman, and Colonel George Ross]

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State of South Carolina, York District

Personally came Captain James Martin<sup>5</sup> & William McCarter<sup>6</sup> before me the subscribing Justice and being duly sworn saith that they have seen in the within declaration of Robert Hanna Setting forth his services in the war of the revolution, they state upon their oath their belief of the truth of said declaration and that they were personally present and intimately acquainted with the greatest part of those services & they further state that it is unanimously concluded by all who are acquainted with him and denied by none, that he was a soldier of the revolution in the campaigns set forth in said declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1832.

S/ J. M. Martin,

S/ James Martin, X his mark

S/ William McCarter, X his mark

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1<sup>st</sup>: Where and in what year were you born?

Ans: I was born in Mecklenburg County North Carolina 8 miles East of Charlotte in the year 1761.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age and if so, where is it?

Ans: I have it at home in a Bible

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

Ans: I was living in York District South Carolina, and am yet living in the same District & State.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Ans: I volunteered my services

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Ans: I served under General Lincoln & Greene [Nathanael Greene] Continental officers and Sumter & Williamson [Andrew Williamson] I served and Colonel Neel's & Colonel Bratton's Regiments, the General Circumstances of my service is related in my declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a commission in the service; and if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Ans: I never received a commission I was appointed a Lieutenant by Colonel Bratton and served

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<sup>5</sup> [James Martin S9391](#)

<sup>6</sup> [William McCarter W4736](#)

as such to the end of the revolution.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Ans: I am known in my neighborhood by the following gentleman, who know me and believe that I was an officer in the revolution Viz., John Starn, Geo. Ross, James Williamson & John Black & others.

Sworn to in open Court.

S/ Robt. Hanna

S/ A. McWhorter, C. C. C. Pls.

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South Carolina, York District

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a justice of the peace for the District of York and State aforesaid Robert Hannah [sic], who being duly sworn Deposeth 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 following grades: in the month of June 1775 [sic, probably 1776] he entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer, under Col. Neel against the Cherokee Indians, and served in that tour two months.

He was then drafted in the month of October 1778 and marched again under the command of Col. Neel – Captain McAfee's Company to the State of Georgia on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians and Tories, and served in that tour three months.

He was again drafted in the year 1779; and marched under the command of Col. Neel – Captain Sadler's Company, on an expedition, against the British to Orangeburg, Charleston and Stono – Served three months and was dismissed shortly before the Battle of Stono.

In 1780, he was taken prisoner at home by the British, carried to Camden and lodged in jail, where he was kept eight weeks, and then liberated by parole but never was exchanged. Then volunteered and joined Col. Bratton's Regiment, and marched under the command of General Sumter, and fought at the Battle of Fish Dam Ford, where the British were defeated – and continued with General Sumter until they Battle at Blackstocks, and fought in said Battle – continued with General Sumter until the taking of Friday's Fort –then marched to Orangeburg, under the command of Major William Hanna, and continued in the Army until the Battle at the Quarter House where the British were again defeated. We then marched to Biggin Church and drove them into Charleston, and continued in service until they evacuated Charleston. During the three tours of 1775 – 1778 & 1779 he served as a private Soldier; and during the last tour which commenced in 1780 he served as a Lieutenant, not less than 12 months.

Sworn to and subscribed before me March 8, 1833.

S/ Robt Hanna

S/ J. M. Martin, Q. U.

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South Carolina York District

Personally appeared James Martin before me and made oath that he knew Robert Hanna will during the Revolutionary War that he lived in his neighborhood at that time, that they both belonged frequently to the same Regiment, that deponent has read the declaration of said Robert before it was filed in the war department and he believes the facts therein stated to be true and indeed knows most of them to be so from his own personal knowledge. Deponent knows that said Robert Hannah was a good Whig and served as a Lieutenant from the fall of 1780 until the

end of the war in a militia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Bratton that frequently during that time deponent served in said Regiment and knows the service of said Robert from personal observation. Deponent further states that after the fall of Charleston in May 1780 it was extremely difficult to procure regular commissions in the Militia service in this State (the whole country being in the possession of the British) and he knows that many officers especially subalterns served as such by appointment of those men without any commission to the end of the war, indeed the most of the opposition to the British after May 1780 was by the voluntary association of individuals who appointed their own officers without any legal authority.

Sworn to before me April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1835

S/ J. M. Ross Q U

S/ James Martin, X his mark

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South Carolina York District

Captain Robert Hannah [sic] makes oath that the Declaration on oath heretofore made by him & forwarded to the Department of War of his Services in the Revolutionary War is according to his best recollection & belief. That the amount drawn out & accompanying the Indent for his Services against the State was made out by his friends during his sickness and is incorrect as well as regards the dates as the terms of Service that when the Indent issued & was forwarded to him afterwards he refused to receive it or acknowledge it as containing a correct amount for his Services, and that he has never received any compensation whatever although there purports to be a copy receipt thereto which he supposes his brother James Hannah signed his name, for the deponent does recollect that his said brother (who is now dead) ask him if he might trawl the amount but he has no recollection whether he consented or gave him an order: But he is satisfied that he never received the money – That although the said amount (as copied & here with forwarded) purports to be sworn to by this deponent, he has no recollection of taking the oath he being at that time extremely low he supposes the fact to be that he did swear to & signed the account but he is perfectly convinced that it is incorrect & attributes the mistakes to the fact that it was made out by his friends when he was sick.

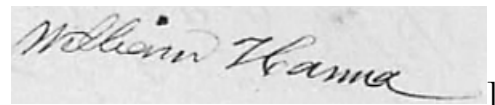
S/ Robt. Hanna

Sworn to & subscribed the 12<sup>th</sup> June 1835 before me

S/ Nell Foulkes, Jp

[pp 84-85 [See also 95-96] of the Fold3.Com digital image gives a detailed listing of the sums paid by SC to Robert Hanna for his services as a soldier of the revolution given by the Office of the Comptroller General of SC.]

[p 8: Affidavit dated Nov. 12, 1848, filed by William Hanna, 54, son of Robert Hanna, in which William states his recollections of what his father told him about his Revolutionary services.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Hanna". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "William" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Hanna".

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[Bible Record—all as they appear in the original]

<sup>7</sup> On page 83 of this file, there is an affidavit dated May 22, 1849 given in York District South Carolina by William Hanna in which he states that the family register of his father Robert Hanna showing the age of said Robert Hanna and his wife Mary together with the births of their children is in the handwriting of his father except for the entry as to said Robert Hanna's death.

Robert Born [illegible] Day of April 1761  
 Mary Born the 23 Day of Mrch 1761  
 Charles Moore Born the 2 Day of Agust 1784  
 Jane Blak Born the 8 Day of Aprile 1786  
 James Born the 15 Day of March 1788  
 Rosenney Berry Born the 22 Day of Fabury 1790  
 Vilet Moore Born the 22 Day of Fabury 1790  
 Mary Berry Born the 26 Day of Junery 1792  
 William Born the 10 Day of Fabury 1794  
 Robert Cunningham Born the 10 Day of November 1796  
 Betsey Cunningham Born the 10 Day of November 1796  
 [illegible name] Born the 10 Day of Janery 1799  
 Patsey Born the 5 Day of Jennery 1802  
 Pagey Born the 27 of Fabuary 1804  
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Before me personally appeared Deborah Watson aged 81 years and made oath in due form of law to the following statements.

That she is the sister of Robert Hanna revolutionary Soldier deceased & whose Heirs are now applicants for the restoration of his the said Robert Hannah's Pension. Deponent well recollects the Revolution War and had three Brothers in the Revolutionary Army, Viz. -- William, Robert and James. William and Robert were both officers and believes that William held the rank of Captain and Major and Robert was a Lieutenant and qr master [quartermaster] and well recollects that the said Robert as well as her Brothers above named were almost constantly in service from the Commencement of hostilities until they Close of the war and that the said Robert was taken prisoner by a band of Tories in the summer after the fall of Charleston and put in Camden Jail S. C. where at the intance [sic] of her Father, James Hannah, the said Robert Hanna was released from prison and again joined the American forces under General Sumter and served until the Close of the war as above stated Deponent Distinctly recollects that the said Robert Hanna would not stay at home after his imprisonment as he was threatened by the British and Tories if he returned to Service and further recaptured they would hang him and that he the said Robert Hanna regarded the Camp as the only place of safety until the British were driven from the Country Declarant further says that she never knew any other man by the name of Robert Hanna who was a Soldier in the revolution but her Brother above named Robert Hanna.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1848 before me.

S/ Hamilton Carrell

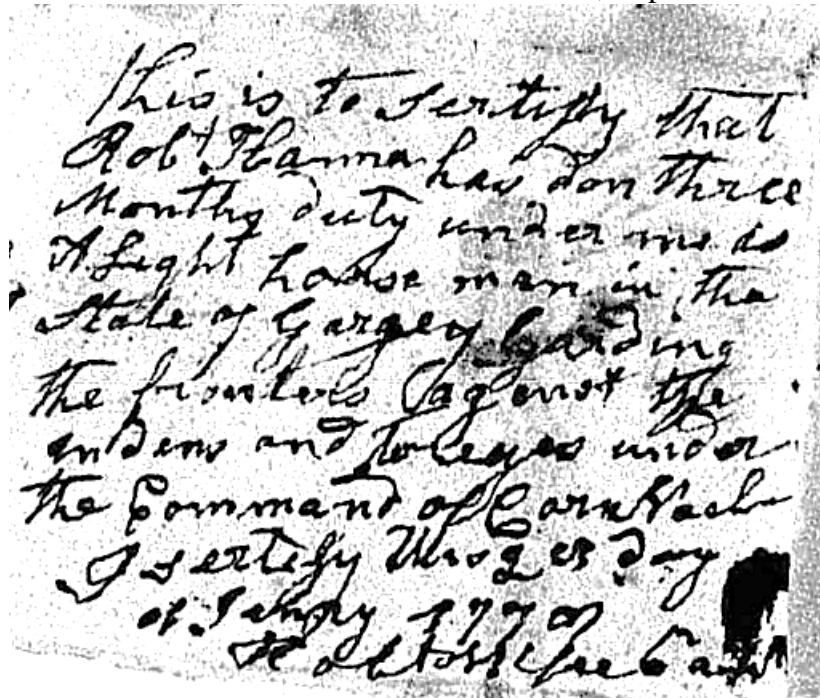
S/ Deborah Watson, X her mark

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This is to certify that Robt Hanna has don three Months duty under me as A Light horse man in the State of Gargey being the fronters aganst the indins and toreyes under the Command of Corn Neel

I certify this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Janny 1778

S/ Robt McAfee, Capt.



This is to certify that  
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Months duty under me as  
A Light horse man in the  
State of Gargey being  
the fronters aganst the  
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the Command of Corn Neel  
I certify this 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
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S/ Robt McAfee Capt

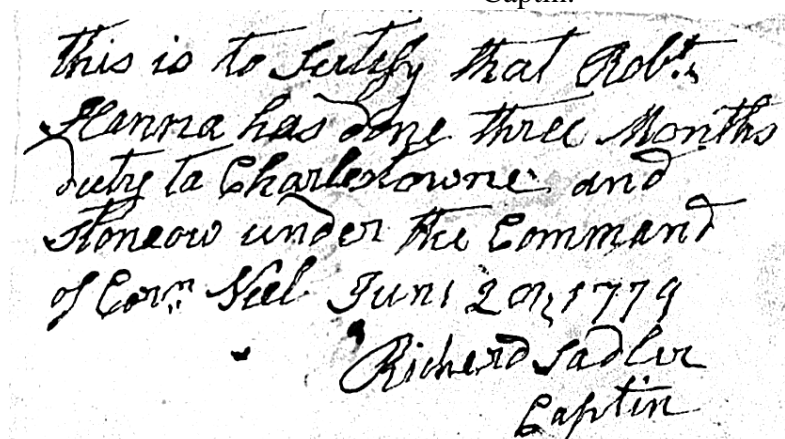
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This is to certify that Robt Hanna has done three Months duty to Charlestowne and Stoneon under the Command of Corn Neel Jun 12<sup>th</sup> 1779

S/ Richard Sadler

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This is to certify that Robt Hanna has done three Months duty to Charlestowne and Stoneon under the Command of Corn Neel Jun 12<sup>th</sup> 1779  
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[p 116: Is a listing of the payments made to the legatees of James Hanna's Estate who died in the year 1813 as follows: James M Hanna, Jane Davis, Joseph Steel, Joseph McCorkle, William Hanna, Andrew Hanna, Robert Hanna, Bebery Hanna, Martha Hanna, Marcy Hanna, Margret Hanna, and Thomas Hanna]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$113.89 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1841 and ending March 25, 1841 when he died. His pension was calculated based on his service as a private, Lieutenant & Quarter Master in the South Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>8</sup> relating to Robert Hanna  
Audited Account No. 3301

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[No. 305 Book I]

Mr. Robert Hanna his Account of 191 days Militia Duty in 1778, 1780, 1781 & 1782

Charged [old SC Currency]	£316.10
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Deduct less	<u>55</u>
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Currency	£261.10
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Stg. [Sterling]	£37.7.1 ½
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Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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<sup>8</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.

Comment. Time [time service commenced]	So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] To Robert Hanna	Pay per day	£	S	D
October 27 <sup>th</sup> 1780	Thirty Days as a private in the militia Horse	20/ <sup>9</sup>	30	0	0
April 22 <sup>nd</sup> 1781	Thirty Days do	do	30	0	0
June 27 <sup>th</sup> 1781	Thirty Days as Lieutenant do	45/	67	10	0
July 11 <sup>th</sup> 1782	Fourty four Days as Q. Master [Quartermaster]	£3	132		
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 1778	Fifty seven Days do	20/	57	0	0
	Certified [signature too faint to discern]		316	10	

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Received 12 October 1784, full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 305, [Book] I

S/ Robert Hanna



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No. 54

22<sup>nd</sup> June 85 [1785] [No.] 79 [Book] T

Mr. Robert Hannah [sic] his Account of Militia duty as private before, & since the reduction of Charlestown amounting to £73.0.0 Currency

Stg. £10.8.6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Gentlemen Deliver My Account Against the Publick of the State of South Carolina to Captain James Martin And this shall be a Sufficient [discharge] from yours

Given under my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1785

S/ Robert Hanna



To the Treasurer of this State

Signed & acknowledged before

S/ W. Bratton, JP

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State of South Carolina

To Robert Hanna Junior

Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency

Stg.

Dr.

£73.0.0

£10.8.6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Received 22<sup>nd</sup> June 85 full Satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 79 Book T By virtue of

<sup>9</sup> 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his on horse, saddle, bridle and other equipment.



an order

S/ Jas. Martin

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jas. Martin", enclosed within a white rectangular box with rounded corners. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the letters.