

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hunter S2639

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State of Tennessee Blount County: SS

On this 7th day of August 1832 Personally appeared in open Court before me Edward Scott one of the Judges of law and Equity in and for the State of Tennessee and for the Second Judicial Circuit in the Circuit Court now sitting Thomas Hunter a resident in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy-five or 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.

He lived in McLinburgh County [Mecklenburg County] North Carolina he thinks in the fall of 1775 he went as a substitute for a drafted soldier by the name of Wallace under Captain William Alexandria [William Alexander] in Colonel Adam Alexandria's [Adam Alexander's] Regiment & General Rutherford's [Griffith Rutherford's] brigade marched against the Cherokee Indians to the head of the Catawby River [Catawba River] at the Pleasant Gardens then to the head of Swannanoa River then across French Broad [River], the Pigeon [River] and to the middle settlements then to the Valley towns upon the Hiwassee River then back to the middle Settlements served two months was then honorably but verbally discharged.

Again when living at the same place in the spring of 1780 as he thinks was drafted under Captain Thomas Alexandria [Thomas Alexander] had no Colonel at that time the magazine was removed from Camden to Charlotte we marched to Charlotte to guard the magazine. We had a scrimmage with the British and had to remove the magazine to Salisbury he don't know where it finally was stationed he served three and a half months as a guard was honorably but verbally discharged.

Again when living at the same place in 1780 sometime before General Gates [Horatio Gates] was defeated at the Gum Swamp [Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780] his brother John Hunter was drafted and he substituted in his place under Capt. Samuel Givens. Captain Givens was promoted to the office of Major in the room of Major McCorkle and Thomas Givens was then made Captain and we served the balance of life time under him in Colonel George Alexandria's [George Alexander's] Regiment in General Rutherford's Brigade marched to the Cheraw Hills had a scrimmage with the British dislodged them, killed some and pursued the balance to Clinch River lay in that neighborhood till General Gates came there then marched with him to Rugeley's mill and lay there a few days then started to Camden, was met by the British at the Gum Swamp and defeated with the loss of a number of our men killed and taken prisoner besides the loss of wagons and Military stores. Then we marched to Mecklenburg

North Carolina camped at McCappens Creek [sic ?], remained there till the British came to Charlotte [September 1780], had several scrimmages with them. Served three months was honorably but verbally discharged. He can prove his actual service as to this tour by Andrew Keneday [Andrew Kennedy]<sup>1</sup>.

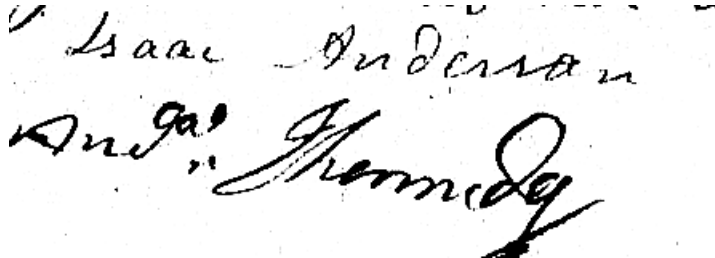
Again while living in the same place in the spring of 1781 Enlisted for ten months in the Cavalry under Captain William Alexandria [William Alexander] Colonel Waid Hampton [Wade Hampton] in South Carolina line General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] was commander in chief. Marched to Sandy River rendezvoused there then to Shirer's ferry on Broad River then to Congaree River near Friday's ferry there we had head quarters for some time and reconnoitered the country in quest of British and Tories then to Orangeburg took that Station then marched back to Congaree then our Company marched to the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] they were in that battle he was not on account of being sent to Salem N. C. to buy clothing for the Army – he returned to camp after the battle reconnoitered the Country dislodging the British and Tories till our time was out and was honorably but verbally discharged.

He has no documentary evidence nor no living witness by whom he can prove his actual service as he knows except Andrew Keneday by whom he can prove his actual service as to the 3rd tour above written where he went as a substitute. 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 year aforesaid.

Sworn to & subscribed in Open Court 8th of August 1832  
S/ Danl D. Foute, Clk

S/ Thomas Hunter, X his mark

[Isaac Anderson, a clergyman, and Andrew Kennedy gave the standard supporting affidavit "and the said Andrew Keneday further declares that the said Thomas Hunter did actually serve the 3rd tour above mentioned.



Isaac Anderson  
Andrew Kennedy

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$70 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 18 1/2 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Thomas Hunter  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3890

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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 209 Book M dated October 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 "delivered to Mr. Thomas Hunter late Private in Alexander's [William Alexander's] Troop, W Hampton's [Wade

<sup>1</sup> [Andrew Kennedy W161](#)

<sup>2</sup> 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.

Hampton's] Regiment Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Ninety-four pounds Sterling being amount pay and bounty due him for Services in that Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof Agreeable to Resolution of General Assembly of the 8<sup>th</sup> March last.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsements:

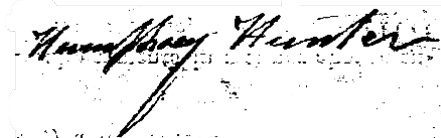
By Certain powers in us vested by Act of Assembly, we do hereby assign over the within Indent to Humphrey Hunter this 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1787

S/ Wm Henderson  
S/ Thomas Sumter

Received 14 August 1786 Three Years Interest on the within Indent  
S/ Hum. Hunter [Humphrey Hunter]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Humphrey Hunter", written in dark ink on a light background.

The Within I assigned over to Mr. William Roach February 28<sup>th</sup> 1787  
S/ Humphrey Hunter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Humphrey Hunter", written in dark ink on a light background.

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Let it be known by these Presents to all persons to whom it may concern and especially to the Commissioners Authorized to settle with that body collective nominated State Troops for their services done in South Carolina under command of General Sumter.

In as much as I am about to travel to Cumberland & uncertain when my return may be, [I] do hereby transfer all my Claim which I have against said State for said services into the hands of my brother Humphrey Hunter, allowing him all the right which I have, or may have to obtain or receive the same; and this shall be my Receipt – Given under my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1785.

S/ Thos. Hunter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos. Hunter", written in dark ink on a light background.