

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hamilton (Hambleton, Hambilton) S32301 fn27NC
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State of Tennessee Sumner County: August Term of the County Court for said County 1832

On this the 15th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of said Court for the County of Sumner now sitting Thomas Hambleton a resident of said County of Sumner and State of Tennessee aged __ [number obliterated] the 24th day of December 1832 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 was born in the State of New Jersey in Sesx [Essex or Sussex] County in the year 1762 – that he has no record of his age – it was destroyed while traveling to this country –

That he was removed from the State of Pennsylvania to the County of Guilford in the State of North Carolina when yet quite an infant by his parents and remained in that County until sometime in the month of August 1780 when he became subject to military duty – he was placed on the muster roll and was attached to the company commanded by Captain Arthur Faubush [Arthur Forbus, also spelled Forbis and Forbush] at the requirement of the Government volunteered to perform a tour of duty for the term of three months. They rendezvoused and were mustered into the service under Colonel John Pasly [John Paisley] at Guilford Court House in the State of North Carolina, and then marched to the South and joined General Davidson's Army at a place called the Blackjack Camps; from that were detached off of duty, and marched from place to place for some months as a scouring party until they were reunited to the Army in South Carolina. At this time the company to which he was attached was commanded by Captain James Wilson – a call having been made for volunteers applicant in company with William Campbell, Hugh McCrory and others to reinforce Colonel Davys [William Richardson Davie's] troop of horse, and marched to Colonel Davys camp on the Cataughby River [Catawba River] from where they marched back to headquarters at New Providence where he was regularly discharge from the Army.

On his return to his residence in North Carolina he volunteered and joined Captain David Galaspies [David Gillespie's] company of mounted dragoons – during this service he acted as a

spy and pilot in different places through the Counties of Guilford and Orange until the 14th day of March 1781 when Captain John Pasly [John Paisley] with his command and marched to the place where the battle of Guilford was fought – on that day he was on guard, and ordered to that post by General Green [Nathanael Greene] himself in person. After the battle of Guilford, Captain Gillespie's company by the command of Colonel Paisley reconnoitered through the Counties of Chatham, Randolph, Chatham [sic] &c in order to suppress the spirit of disaffection that prevailed in those Counties and in pursuit of Colonel Fasnion [David Fanning] one of the most troublesome officers belonging to the enemy until the fall of the year 1781 when he was ordered out under General Rutherford and rendezvoused near cross-creek [Cross Creek] from whence they marched own in the direction of Willmington [Wilmington] and intercepted the enemy at the Raft Swamps and forced them to retreat into Wilmington. From thence he returned to his place of residence in the County of Guilford and stood in readiness until the next call which was made in March 1782. He then volunteered under Colonel Edward Gwin [Edward Gwinn] to take a route after Colonel Fannon [David Fanning] and drove him from the Country – he acted as a spy under Colonel William Washington. He entered the service of the United Colonies in August 1780 and remained with little or no intermission from that time until the year 1782 – General Morgan, Colonel Henry Lee, Colonel Billy Washington, General elite Smallwood and Green Regular officers in the Revolution. He received a discharge from Captain Arthur Forbush for the first tour of service which has been lost or mislaid – He states the names of Peter Catron Esq Thomas Klendenning [Thomas Clendenin?] Who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services of the Revolution –

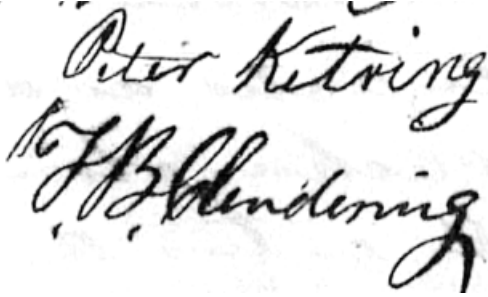
He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court

Test: S/ A. H. Douglass, Clerk

S/ Thomas Hambilton, X his mark

[Peter Ketring and T. B. Clendenning gave the standard supporting affidavit.



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive ink. The top signature is 'Peter Ketring' and the bottom signature is 'T. B. Clendenning'. Both signatures are written in a fluid, cursive style typical of the late 18th or early 19th century.

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State of Tennessee Sumner County: March Term of the Circuit Court for said County of Sumner 1833

The Amended Declaration of Thomas Hamilton to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. He states that he served a tour of duty for the term of three months under Captain Arthur Faubush. He served also second term of duty of three months part of which time he was under the command of Captain James Wilson and the remainder he was with Colonel Davie on the Catawba River. He entered on his third tour of duty on the first of December 1780 as a volunteer under Captain Daniel Gillespie and continued in actual service from that time until the first of November 1781 making five months. He also volunteered under Colonel Edward Gwinn. After he left Colonel Gwinn he again entered the service under

Lieutenant George Parkes which did not last more than 10 or 20 days. He claims a pension for actual service in the war of the Revolution for the term of 20 months and 10 or 20 days – say 15.

Applicant also states that there is no clergyman resident in his neighborhood where he resides, who can make the certificate required by the Department the stationed preacher who was intimately acquainted with applicant having died so that he has it not in his power to procure the clergyman's affidavit.

Sworn to in open Court 25th of March 1833.

S/ J. W. Baldrige, Clerk

S/ Thomas Hamilton X his mark

[fn p. 8: Application for a transfer dated August 8, 1836, filed in Gallatin County Illinois, by Thomas Hamilton in which he states he was under the command of Arthur Forbus and Daniel Gillespie; that he has moved to the state of Illinois "wishing to see his sons settled on lands of their own."]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$45 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 15 months & 15 days service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]