

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hamilton (Hammilton) S36568

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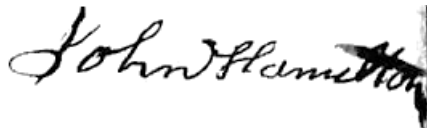
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State of Indiana Vigo County: SS

Personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Vigo, John Hamilton a citizen of the State and County aforesaid, who made solemn affirmation, That he entered into the service of the United States in the latter end of the year of our Lord 1775 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Captain Benjamin Harrison's Company and in the 13<sup>th</sup> Virginia Regiment under the command of Colonel William Russell, in which capacity he remained until the month of November 1778, at which time this deponent saith he resigned in consequence of being worn down with fatigue and hardships. And this deponent further saith, That from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support and this deponent further saith that his commission has been lost or mislaid.

S/ John Hamilton



State of Indiana Vigo County: SS

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Vigo Jacob Colman who made solemn affirmation That John Hamilton who is named in the foregoing declaration, and who is now present, is the same John Hamilton who performed the services therein stated.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing declarations were duly affirmed to, and subscribed, before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1818, and of the Independence of the United States the 42<sup>nd</sup>

Given under my hand and seal the day and year above written

S/ Moses Hoggatt, Judge Circuit Court  
of Vigo County

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### Additional Application

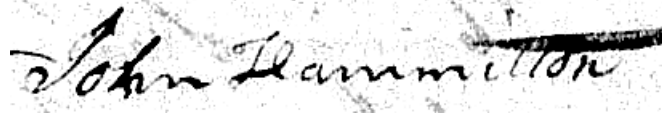
On this day came before me Moses Hoggatt one of the assistant Judges of the Circuit Court of Vigo County State of Indiana, John Hamilton aged sixty-five years, who states on oath that he was appointed a Lieutenant in the year of our Lord 1775 by a board of Commissioners who were authorized to select officers to complete the thirteenth Virginia Regiment, that he did in the same year received his recruiting instructions and money to recruit in the latter end of '76

marched his full quota to Pittsburgh, Early in '77 the Regiment received marching orders to march forthwith to Philadelphia at which place the Regiment arrived in the latter end of June in the same year on the arrival of the Regiment at Philadelphia he received a Lieutenant's Commission in the thirteenth Virginia Regiment commanded by Colonel William Russell. That he was in an engagement at the Head of Elk also in the Battles of Brandywine [September 11, 1777], Germantown [October 4, 1777] and Sundry Excursions against the Indians in the Western country. That his commission is mislaid or lost that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. The aforesaid Hamilton further saith that he continued in the service until the month of November 1778.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1819

S/ Moses Hoggatt, A. Judge

S/ John Hammilton



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On the same day came before me Moses Hoggatt Judge as aforesaid Jacob Coleman who states on oath that he was a Lieutenant in the same Regiment that Lieutenant John Hamilton was, and that he saw him bring his recruits to Pittsburgh in the year 1776 and marched in company with him to Philadelphia in 1777 – that he was with him in the battles of Brandywine, Germantown and sundry excursions against the Indians on the Western Country in 1778 and that the said Hamilton served more than 9 months at one time in the Revolutionary War under the Continental Establishment

S/ Moses Hoggatt, A. J. V. C.

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State of Indiana Vigo County: SS

Personally appeared before the Judges of the Circuit Court for the County of Vigo aforesaid (it being a Court of Record) on the third day of the term of the said Court John Hamilton who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he applied in conformity with the act of Congress passed the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and obtained a Certificate from the war Department dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1820. That in conformity with said act of Congress, he was inscribed on the pension list Roll of the Indiana agency at the rate of twenty dollars per month to commence on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 1818. And this deponent further says that he was a resident Citizen to a good done of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ Curtis Gilbert, Clerk

Schedule Total

Two Cows and calves

S/ John Hammilton

We the undersigned Judges of the Vigo Circuit Court do certify the value of the property contained in the above schedule to be about \$30.

S/ J. Doty, Presiding Judge

S/ D. Deming

S/ J. Jenck

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State of Illinois Cook County

On this 26 day of January 1852, Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace within and for the County aforesaid, Sarah E. Barkenbile, aged 53 years, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the daughter and only heir at law of Captain John Hamilton, who was a pensioner of the United States under the Act of March 18, 1818, on the roll of the Corydon Indiana Agency: that under the Act of May 1820 requiring Revolutionary pensioners to exhibit schedules of their property, trustees were appointed, his property of praise, and a schedule of the same sent to Washington, but for some cause unknown to this deponent, said schedule was retained in Washington, and another form sent for the signature of the pensioner, but he died before the same could be signed; that this affiant's lost the Original Pension Certificate issued to her said father in removing from Indiana to Chicago Illinois in the year 1834. That the annexed Original paper she found in the fall of 1851 in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Vigo County, at Terre Haute in said County in the same was delivered to her by said Clerk, this affiant having learned from Curtis Gilbert, Esquire, the Clerk of the said Court at the time the annexed paper was executed, that there was such a paper in said Clerk's Office.

She further states that her father, Captain John Hamilton died in Terre Haute, Vigo County, in the State of Indiana on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1822.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining from the United States, the arrears of pension due her father at his death, and to which she believes herself justly entitled.

S/ Sarah E. Barkenbile

*Sarah E. Barkenbile*  
*Sworn to before me the day and year first above mentioned*  
*W. Kercheval J. P.*

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State of Indiana Vigo County SS

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Personally appeared Dennis Deming who being duly sworn deposes and saith that he was personally acquainted with John Hamilton Senior and that said Hamilton was a Pensioner of the Government of the United States & that he died at his Daughter's Sarah E Jaquish (now Sarah E. Backenbile) in this Town in or about September 1822 – and that the said Sarah E. Bankenbile is as I verily believe the only living child at this time of said Hamilton & that the widow of the said Hamilton died some few months after the decease of said Hamilton.

S/ Dennis Deming

[Attested November 3, 1851]

[pp 44-47: In a letter addressed to John Wentworth, Congressman, sent from Chicago December 26, 1853 from Andrew J Brown, attorney for Sarah Barkenvile, the correspondent refers to the veteran as being "an own cousin of Alexander Hamilton of distinguished memory"]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per month commencing May 25, 1818, for service as a Lieutenant for 3 years in the Virginia Continental line.]