

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of John Hamilton

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[Original spelling and punctuation retained]

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State of South Carolina
Greenville District

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Equity in and for the State aforesaid

To all to whom these presents shall come be seen or made known Greetings

Know ye that John Hamilton Senior of Pendleton District in the State aforesaid, Labourer did this day appear before me and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that he the said John Hamilton in Chester County now Chester District in the said State, on the Eleventh Day of June A.D. 1777 Did Enlist and enter into the Continental Army under Lieut John Montgomery of Captain Jacksons¹ Company of the Sixth Regiment of the South Carolina line commanded by Col. Sumpter, [Thomas Sumpter] for the term of Three Years, He was marched to Toucow Swamp from there to Charleston South Carolina where he was stationed for near two Years, The Deponent was at the Battle of Stono [June 20, 1779] and from there was marched to Savannah Ga. and was in the Battle there, commonly called the Siege of Savannah – From there he he [sic] was marched to Sullivans Island near Charleston where he was transferred to the 1st Regiment of the S.C. Line commanded by Col. C. C. Pinckney [Charles C. Pinckney] This deponent saith that he was not fit for duty and was left under the command of Lieut. Col. William Scott² on Sullivans Island, on the 7th day of May 1780 when Lieut. Col. Scott and his command was taken by the British, This deponent remained a prisoner of war until the Capture of Charleston [May 12, 1780] and then was taken into Town in[?] a prison ship This deponent at 10 OClock at night on the 26th day of May 1780 made an Escape from the Enemy and he immediately went home to Chester County, but as the war continued he turned out Volunteer in the Militia service under Colonel Broughton³, and continued constantly in service and did duty until Peace was made or the British Left Charleston when this deponent was near 200 miles from home. This deponent saith he did his duty honestly and faithfully for the Term of Two Years Ten Months & twenty six days and would have served the full term of his Enlistment but for his being captured by the Enemy, and that he never afterwards saw his Officers – nor did he ever obtain a discharge. ___ This deponent further saith, that he has been very unfortunate, that he has lost his horses and hath not wherewith to buy, that he is old now not able to Labour as formerly for the support of his family – and that he is really in reduced circumstances and does actually need the assistance of his country for support.

John Hamilton
his mark

The foregoing was sworn to and signed before me this [blank] day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty and in the forth second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. Thompson

¹ David Jackson, according to another document in the file

² Lt. Col. in the 1st Regt. BLWt 2305-300

³ Probably Col. William Bratton. John Hamilton testifies in the application of William Carr R1719 that he served with Carr in 1780. Carr testifies that he was under Cols. William Bratton and John Moffet at that time.

The State of South Carolina
Pendleton District

Before me personally came and appeared John Swords⁴ and made oath, That in the time of the Revolutionary War he this deponent got acquainted with John Hamilton Senior who then belonged to the Sixth Regiment of the South Carolina line commanded by Col. Sumpter, this deponent saith that he first got acquainted with him the said John Hamilton at the Cross Roads in Chester District this deponent and the said John Hamilton both belonging to the Sixth Regiment of the South Carolina Line in the Revolutionary War and for eight or nine months were in the same Company. This deponent and the said John Hamilton done duty together upwards of two years and a half, and this deponent saith that he does know that the said John Hamilton done his duty faithfully and was a brave, good honest soldier of the Revolutionary War.

John S. Swords
his mark

Sworn to and signed this 23 February 1820
Before me Joseph Grisham
Notary Public & Off. I.U.Q.

The State of South Carolina
Pendleton District

Before me personally came Col Thomas Farrar⁵ a respectable person of the District aforesaid, a person to me well known and worthy of credit -- and made oath, That in the summer of the Year 1777 He this deponent got acquainted with John Hamilton, Senior now present, who this deponent saith is the identical John Hamilton whom he then saw doing duty as a private Soldier in the Sixth Regiment of the South Carolina Line of the Continental Army of the Revolutionary War commanded by Col. Sumpter, This deponent saith he was intimately acquainted with the said John Hamilton & was in the army together and done duty for three years or near is, That the said John Hamilton did do duty in the said Sixth Regt. or in the first Regiment to which this deponent believes he was transferred __. And this deponent knows that he was a good faithful soldier & done his duty well. And further that the said John Hamilton is a very poor man & needs the assistance of his country for support.

Thomas Farrar

Sworn to 22 February Anno Domini 1820
Before me Joseph Grisham
Public Notary Pendleton S.C.&
Ex. Off. I.U.Q.

Application for a Transfer
Hall County State of Georgia

On this 6th day of August 1828
Before me the Subscribing Justice of the Peace for the Said County of Hall personally appeared John Hamilton who on his Oath declares that he is the same person who formerly belonged to the Company Commanded by Capt. John Buchana⁶ In the Regiment Commanded by Col. Thomas Sumpter in the Service of the United States that his name was paced on the Pension Roll of the State of South Carolina from whence he has lately removed that he now resides in the State of Georgia where he intends to remain and wishes his pension to be there payable in future And that his reasons for removing to the State of Georgia was that he thought he could thereby Better his Situation in life
Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid

⁴ Probably FPA W8773

⁵ Probably FPA R3449

⁶ BLWt 271-300

David Talant

John Hamilton
his mark

[Transcribers Note: The following family information is in the file

John Hamilton was born December 6th, 1760 died Feb. 6, 1833

Mary, his wife, (no maiden name given) was born January 17 1763 died August 28, 1833

These children were all alive on May 1, 1869 when they petitioned for any remaining payments

Robbert [sic] Hamilton born April 2, 1794

Simpson Hamilton born August 28, 1796

William Hamilton born Dec. 24, 1801

Another child, Elizabeth Hamilton, is also mentioned in the file]