

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Austin Hancock S5499

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Virginia, Louisa County (to wit)

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court of the County of Louisa now sitting, Austin Hancock, aged seventy-two 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

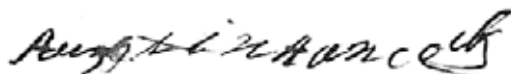
That he was born in the County of Hanover and State of Virginia on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 1760 and has a register of his age made by his father and now here to the court shown; He was raised in the County aforesaid and has resided in Louisa County for 40 years last past, and now resides in Louisa. – He served his first tour of military duty, for two months in May and June 1779 (as a common soldier, drafted from the militia) at Williamsburg, under Captain Robert Dabney to repel Matthews' invasion of the state of Virginia. General Scott [Charles Scott] commanded. Doctor Robert Honeyman [Robert Honyman?] was surgeon in chief to Scott's detachment, and prescribed for this deponent who was sick in the Hospital at Williamsburg.

He served his second tour of militia duty, as a common soldier, for two months in January and February 1781 at Westham, Cabin Point and Burwell's Ferry, under Captain Edward Bullock, Major \_\_\_ Trevillian [Thomas Trevilian?] in Colonel William Dandridge, to repel Arnold's [Benedict Arnold's] invasion of Virginia. General Nelson [Thomas Nelson] commanded; and that he Baron Steuben.

He served his third tour of militia duty for two months in March, April and May 1781 at Williamsburg, Richmond, Westham &ca. under Captain John Anderson of Hanover, Major \_\_\_ Armistead and Colonel Thomas Matthews. General Lafayette commanded at Richmond when the Manchester warehouses and tobacco were burnt by the British [April 30, 1781]. He served his fourth tour of two months in August, September and October 1781 as a substitute for Matthew Thompson of Louisa, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergeant under Captain John White of Louisa, Colonel Baytop [probably James Baytop], and General Weedon [George Weedon] at the siege of Yorktown in Virginia. He never received a written discharge. He is known to Joseph Spicer, Nathanael Snelson, James Hall and Joseph Hancock, soldiers of the Revolution, who were with this Deponent in the Army and had personal knowledge of his services.

He hereby relinquishes any 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.

S/ Austin Hancock



[Thomas B Humphreys, a clergyman, and William Nelson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Louisa County to wit:

Joseph Spicer,<sup>1</sup> Nathanael Snelson,<sup>2</sup> James Hall<sup>3</sup> and Joseph Hancock, made oath before me William Nelson an acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of Louisa, that Austin Hancock was raised in the same neighborhood with themselves; that they believe him to be 72 years of age; that they were with him, in the Army of the Revolution, and know that he performed the military services which are set forth in his declaration hereto annexed. And the said William Nelson do hereby certify that Joseph Spicer, Nathanael Snelson, James Hall and Joseph Hancock are credible persons and men of great respectability. I have known them nearly 40 years, and have never heard their veracity questioned or their integrity doubted. I further certify that I am the executor of Doctor Robert Honyman, and have in my possession his commission, from General Scott, showing that he was Surgeon to Scott's Detachment of Militia at the time mentioned in the said Hancock's declaration hereto annexed. Given under my hand and seal, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 1833

S/ W. Nelson

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$30 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a Sergeant & private in the Virginia service for 8 months, 6 months as a private and 2 months as a Sergeant.]

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<sup>1</sup> [Joseph Spicer S14554](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Nathaniel Snelson W6135](#)

<sup>3</sup> [James Hall S6946](#)