

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Forbus (Forbes, Forbis) S6853

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this the 16th day of August 1833 personally appeared Before me J. M. Ingram one of the Justices of the [peace] in and for said County Hugh Forlos [sic] a Resident of said County and State aged 77 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 provisions made By 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 Volunteered and entered the Service of the United States the first of June 1778 under Captain Wilson [William Wilson] in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Lock [Francis Locke] and General Rutherford [Griffith Rutherford] the no. [sic, number] not Recollected and Served a Tour of nine months and in that nine months tour he marched through South Carolina [to] the Savannah River and was discharged there the 1st of February 1779 on the Savannah River and on the same day the 1st of February 1779 he substituted for a man by the name of David Kar and Served a Tour of five months part of the Time under Captain Wilson and part under Captain Lop [John Lopp] in the same Regiment Commanded By Colonel Locke & General Rutherford and in that tour he crossed the Savannah River and was in the Battle at Brier Creek [Briar Creek] on the 3rd of March 1779 and the 1st of July he was discharged on Santee [River] in South Carolina near Nelson's ferry and Returned to Guilford County N. C. and in or about the 1st of April 1781 he enlisted under Captain John Foster and served a tour of ten months, a part of said time he was under the command of Captain Jacob Barnett in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Wade Hampton during which said period he traveled through a part of South Carolina & was in the battle at Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] & crossed over Savannah River at Augusta & was for some time in the State of Georgia between Augusta & Savannah & then came into South Carolina & was discharged at Orangeburg in South Carolina By a man whose name he does not recollect & has lost said discharge or mislaid it so that he cannot find it. And served in the whole 24 months & he has no documentary evidence of his Services he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity, except the present & 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/ Hugh Forbus, X his mark

Sworn to Before me

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

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Interrogatories

Where and in what year was you Born. I was Born in Guilford County North Carolina in the year I believe 1755. Have you any Record of your age if so where is it? I have no Record of my age. Where were you living when called into Service where have you lived since the Revolutionary war and

where do you now live. I lived in Guilford County North Carolina when Called into Service and have lived in Mecklenburg County ever since the Revolutionary war. I now live in the same place I have ever since the war.

How were you Called into Service was you drafted did you volunteer or were you a Substitute and if a Substitute for whom. I Volunteered and was a Substitute for a man By the name of David Kar. Did you ever Receive a discharge from the Service if so by whom was it Given and what has become of it. I did Receive a discharge from the Service By a man whose name I cannot Recollect and have lost or mislaid it.

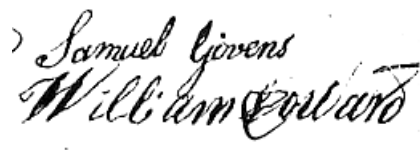
S/ Hugh Forbus, X his mark

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State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg County

On this the 24th day of August 1833 personally appeared Before me J. M. Ingram one of the acting Justices of the Peace in and for said County Samuel Givens aged 70 years and William Howard aged 69 years Both Residents of County and saith on oath that they were with the applicant Hugh Forbus who has Sworn to and Subscribed the within declaration in the Ten Months Tour under Captain John Foster and Captain Jacob Barnet and his Statement Relative to that Tour is True. Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year last above mentioned.

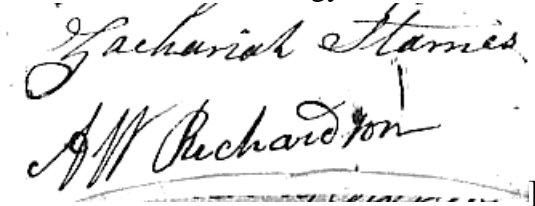
S/ Samuel Givens¹
S/ William Howard²



Sworn to Before me.

S/ John M. Ingram, JP

[Zaceriah Starnes, a clergyman, and Alexander W. Richardson gave the standard supporting affidavit.



[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Hugh Forbes (Forbis, Forbus)
Audited Account No. 2458A

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¹ [Samuel Givens W743](#)

² [William Howard S7042](#)

³ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

24 October 1785

Please to deliver to Bearer Andrew Jackson my Indent for a Sergeant's pay Due to me from the State of South Carolina for my services as Sergeant in General Sumters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade of cavalry in Colonel Henry Hampton's Regiment and oblige your very Humble Servant

S/ Hugh Forbis, X his mark

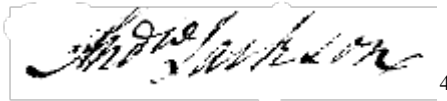
To the Commissioners of the State Troops

Acknowledged the date above
before me

S/ Andrew Foster, JP

To the Commissioners of
the State Troops } Be pleased to deliver unto General Sumter the Indent above Mentioned having
received of him payment for the same & this shall be your sufficient Warrant

S/ Andrew Jackson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Andrew Jackson", enclosed in a rectangular box. A small number "4" is located at the bottom right corner of the box.

[p 6 (retake of page 5)]

Received the 17th November 1785 of General Sumter full and ample Satisfaction for the within order

S/ Andrew Jackson

[p 8 (retake of page 7)]

October the 24th 1785

Received of Andrew Jackson the Sum of fifty pounds Lawful money of North Carolina for which consideration I promise to deliver or cause to be delivered to Andrew Jackson or James Crawford or to their Order an Indent certificate of the State of South Carolina of one Hundred and Twenty pounds Sterling on or before the last day of December next as Witness my hand Seal

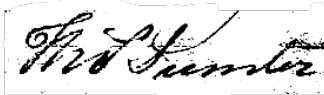
Test

S/ Wm Crawford

S/ Hugh Forbis, X his mark

[p 11 printed form of Indent No. 268 Book M dated October 1st, 1784 "delivered to Mr. Hugh Forbes [sic] late Sergeant in Barnett's Troop H. Hamilton's Regiment Sumpter's Brigade State Troops this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of One hundred Seventeen pounds ten Shillings Sterling being balance pay and bounty due him for Services in the Troop Together with Interest thereon from the first April 1782 to date hereof: Agreeable to Resolution of the Assembly of the Eleventh March last."]

[p 13 (retake of page 12): Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Thomas Sumter, John Reynolds and Samuel Reynolds:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thos Sumter", enclosed in a rectangular box.A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Reynolds", enclosed in a rectangular box.A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Saml Reynolds", enclosed in a rectangular box.

How John and Samuel

Reynolds acquired their interest in the indent is not disclosed by the documents in this file.]

⁴ This signature looks remarkably like that of President Andrew Jackson. He was born in March 1767 and would have been 18 years old on October 24, 1785. I am not a handwriting expert and am purely speculating as to the identity of the man who signature appears above.