

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hamilton S6982

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State of North Carolina, County of Nash: Superior Court of Law &c.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable William Norwood Esq. a Judge of Superior Court of Law &c. now sitting, Thomas Hamilton, a resident Citizen of the County of Nash and State aforesaid aged Seventy Eight years who being first duly sworn according to Law to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, states that he first Entered Service he thinks in 1776 aged 23 a Volunteer in the N. C. Militia for three months under Captain James Gray – recollects that he was in service at Wilmington N. C. when Independence was declared on which occasion two of the Largest Steers (Bums [?]) that I ever saw was Baked or Roasted as a feast & thinks that he was amongst the first ever raised Major Hogans [sic, James Hogun] is the only Field Officer now recollected & he afterwards became General as was said. Volunteered in Edgecombe [County] under Captain Gray. Marched to Wilmington N. C. under him where we joined a Battalion or Regiment that was stationed there Major Hogun was our only field Officer now recollected – where we were stationed during the time of service occasionally however detachments were sent out as a Picket Guard, Scouting & reconnoitering Parties & sometimes detached in aid down the River at a Place as well as now recollected then called Brunswick. After the three months Tour had expired our Officers gave no other than a verbal discharge to the Company to which I belonged & we all returned to our respective homes.

In 1779 Entered Service again as a Substitute for \_\_ Cockrell under Captain William Avent in the North Carolina Militia in Nash County for three months & started to Savannah Georgia under Captain Avent, and got as far as a place the name of it now [not] recollected but beyond Charleston somewhere, where we heard that the Enemy had left Savannah when we returned to Charleston, where then a great many Soldiers [were] Stationed & where we were put under General Hogun we were put to work on Breast Works &c until the time of our service had expired when our Captain (William Avent) told us that we were discharged & we all returned to our respective homes, receiving no other discharge.

As informed [I] was Born in Northampton County North Carolina in the year 1754. Has no other Record of his age than made by himself upon the recollection of other neighbors.

When first called into service [he] was living in Edgecombe County; but since the Revolutionary War Nash County what was then a part of Edgecombe has been my place of residence; but being a Brick Mason & Plasterer &c in pursuit of business [he] has lived part of my time in any of

the different parts of North Carolina until within about 40 years since – the principal part of my time (I may say almost all) has been spent in Nash County where I now reside – Volunteered both times for three months each time.

Does not recollect the names now of any of the Regular Officers, other than those already mentioned.

Knows of no documentary Evidence in support of his declaration.

That he knows of no Documentary evidence or living Witness in support of his declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every 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/ Thomas Hamilton, X his mark

[John H. Drake & Gideon Strickland gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia.]