

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Robert Hatch SC3707  
Audited Account No. 3429A

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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate

The humble Petition of Mary M Hatch Respectfully Sheweth unto Your Honorable Body that her Husband Robert Hatch took up Arms in defense of American Independence which he supported with Credit to himself and honor to his Country. That after American Independence was established he was for several years employed in the West India trade. That in the War with Great Britain [War of 1812] he volunteered his Services as a Pilot and Sailing Master on Board the United States *Alligator*, And in engagement off Stono [River] received a wound below the temples which took both his eyes out. That after the Accident he could not be persuaded to go below, but remained on deck encouraging and cheering those engaged in the defense of their Country. That after Six days Suffering, he departed this life on 14 February 1814 leaving Your Petitioner, with several children. Your Petitioner would not at this ~~time~~ late day appeal to the Legislature of his native State for Aid, if She was not old and destitute. That she is upwards of Eighty Years old and without Means, and unable to provide for her Support. She therefore prays that the few remaining days She has to live she will be placed on the Pension roll of the State or some provision will be made for her Support whose Husband lost his life in gallantly defending his Country, Annual Petitioner will ever pray.

Sworn to before me this 27 March 1845

S/ Thomas Martin, Mag.

S/ Mary M. Hatch

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary M. Hatch". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small number "2" written at the bottom right of the signature.

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South Carolina Charleston District}

<sup>1</sup> 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 "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. 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.

<sup>2</sup> I don't think this is the actual signature of the widow because the handwriting appears to me to match that of the petition.

Personally appeared before me J. W. Schmidt who being Sworn depose That the facts set forth in the Petition of Mary M Hatch are true, and that Robert Hatch the Husband of Petitioner received a wound which resulted in his death while on Board the United States *Alligator* in an engagement with Six British Barges which took place in Stono River in February eighteen hundred and fourteen; That the Petitioner is now far advanced in life, in Poor Circumstances, and entirely unable to make a provision for her Subsistence.

Sworn to before me

this 27 March 1845

S/ Thomas Martin, Mag.

S/ J. W. Schmidt



Schedule of Property

one Small House and Lot and one old Negro man

S/ J. W. Schmidt

[p 6: Same petition addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives]

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Mary M Hatch praying to be placed on the pension roll ask leave to report that they have duly considered the same and recommend that her name be enrolled as a pensioner and that she be paid at the rate of thirty dollars per annum.

S/ William Irby, Ch.

[p 15: Receipt dated March 3, 1851 reflecting the payment of \$30 to Mary M Hatch who acknowledged receipt by signing with her mark.]