

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Hamilton [Hambleton] SC785 AA87
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Mr. Wm Hamilton

[No.] 331 [Book] Z

his Accot. [account] of Sunds. [sundries] for Militia use Amotg. [amounting] to £70.5.8 ½ Stg. [sterling]

N. B. no Receipt for a Mare, Saddle & Muskett included in sd [said] amot. charged £70 Curry [old SC] Curr.y [currency] or £10 Stg. [Sterling]

Ex^d. W. G. J. M^c. A. G.” [Executed [by] William Galvan & John McCall, Adjutant General]
Sixty-eight Pounds two Shllings & ten Pence Passed E. D.

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St. So. Carolina Dr. to William Hamilton

1780

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22nd

William Hamilton in Capt. John Walker's Company of Volunteers
under Genl. Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] Took Prisoner at the Surprise
and Continued One Year at 20/ [20 shillings] p. [per] Diem
In service 57 days before the Surprise at 20/ p. Diem

365
57
422
60.5. 8 ½

S. Carolina Dr. To Wm Hamilton

To 422 Days at 20/ (Capt. Jno. Walker)

£422.0.0

To 1 Mare lost in Service appr'd [appraised]

55

To 1 Saddle do

5

To 1 Musquet do

10

£492

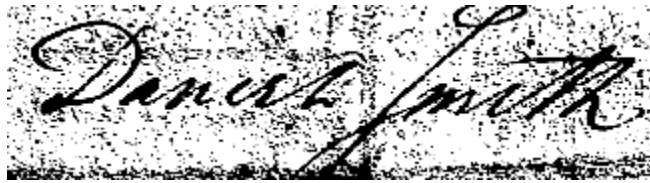
£70.5.8 ½

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Rec'd from the Commrs of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the Within in an indent No. 331 Z p order

S/ Daniel Smith

A black and white image of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Daniel Smith". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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South Carolina Camden District } This Day Peter Robeson & William McCamont Personally appeared before me one of the State's Justices appointed to keep the peace in said District and made Oath as the law directs that they the Deponents knew certain William Hamilton to be possessed of a Dark Brown mare and that he the said Hamilton lost her at Sumter's Surprise with a Saddle and Musket they likewise further swear that they believe the said mare to be worth 55 pounds, the saddle to be worth 5 pounds, the Musket appraised to 10 pounds and further saith not. Sworn before me this [illegible] June 1783

S/ James Knox, JP

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Gentlemen

Charleston 1st June 1787

Please let Daniel Smith have my Indent amounting fifty-eight pounds two shillings and ten pence & his Receipt shall be a sufficient discharge from

your humble servant

S/ William Hamilton, X his mark

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House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of William Hambleton [William Hamilton] humbly Sheweth.

That your petitioner was a true friend to his Country during the whole of the Revolutionary War and Continually Served in the Militia on all occasions, First in Snow Camps Campaign in 1776. Then at Purrisburg, Beaufort and Augusta.

And that immediately after the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], when the British invaded the back Country he turned out a volunteer in Colonel Patton's [Robert Patton's] Regiment, and joined General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]. That when Lord Rawdon marched up and took his station at Lesley's in the Waxhaws, he with a few others of the Militia attacked a party of the enemy at the house of John Steenson where he (your petitioner) got severely wounded in the Leg by a bayonet in a push made at him by a British Soldier before he could dismount from his horse, which wound for want of attention, and having no Medical Aid, had nearly mortified, and endangered his life, but was so far recovered as to again Join the Army, and be in the Battle at the hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]. That when General Gates' [Horatio Gates'] Army approached Camden he marched with General Sumter down the West Side of the river to Colonel Cary's Fort where a number of the enemy were surprised and taken and on the return of the Army back, was taken Prisoner – on the 18th of August 1780 at the defeat on the Catawba River – above the mouth of Fishing Creek [Battle of Fishing Creek, August 18, 1780]. Was taken to Charleston, put in a prison Ship and remained a prisoner near a year where he suffered the most extreme hardships was then carried to old Jamestown (Virginia) and Exchanged, was three weeks returning home on foot and about that

time twelve months on which he was taken prisoner, came into the Waxhaw Settlement in company with John Walker and his son Thomas Walker who were prisoners with him during the time of whole confinement.

That your petitioner has now arrived at the age of Seventy two years and his wife about Sixty five their family grown up and left them (except one boy) that they are in most indigent circumstances and obliged to live on rented Lands, and from his wound and imprisonment and other extreme hardships he suffered during the War which now affects him much in his old age he is almost entirely unable to labor and has no other means or livelihood of gaining a support. He therefore throws himself on the bounty of his Country and prays to be placed on the pension List of the State with some years of back arrears as the Legislature in their wisdom and benevolence may see Cause to grant him and which may enable him in some degree to spend the few remaining days that may be allotted him in the world free from that direful Situation of want and distress in old age. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

Chester district

November 1823

S/ Wm Hamilton, X his mark

[pp 65-66: same petition as above except this one is addressed to the SC Senate]

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I James Porter of Mecklenburg County North Carolina, and Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, Do hereby Certify and make known that I was well acquainted with William Hamilton the above petitioner during the whole time of the revolutionary War residing in the same Settlement, Chester District, South Carolina, that the said William supported a Good Character as a Civil honest man, and a Warm, uniform friend to the American Cause, and that he was considered a good Soldier, and was found in camp facing danger in the hardest times of our trials, not only as a Common Militia man, but sometimes a Volunteer, that the Wound he received in the leg in the Scrimmage in the Waxhaw Settlement had nigh taken his life by a mortification, and sometime after was taken prisoner while fighting under the command of the brave General Sumter and as well as I recollect was about one year absent from his home a considerable part of which he was believed to be confined on board of their prison Ship. That not long since the said petitioner moved from the hanging rock to near the North Carolina line, and is again within my notice – that he appears still to support an honest name, but is so far advanced in years, and beaten that he is unable to labor for a support. That his circumstances are so limited that I find he is incapable of paying the necessary Debts he has been obliged to contract for him, and his aged companions support in the rent of a small farm &c &c. And if I may be pardoned in giving an opinion I think of no surviving veteran that has a higher claim on the Honorable the Legislature of his State for their patronage, and indeed of our common Country.

And according to my knowledge and recollection, I do hereby most solemnly declare by virtue of my office that the above statement is Just and true.

Given under my hand this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord 1823

Signed J. Porter J. P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Porter J. P.", written in dark ink on a light background.

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State of South Carolina Lancaster District } Mr. Thomas Walker personally came before me R. M. Crockett one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for said District & Saith on oath that

he was intimately acquainted with William Hamilton in the year 1780 and before that time for some years, and know, the said William Hamilton to be, in the Army under the command of General Sumter the 18th day of August 1780 and that he was taken prisoner at Sumter's Defeat, and kept as a prisoner until the 1st day of July 1781 – when he was liberated at James Town Virginia, & that he appeared to be almost Exausted [exhausted?] from the plague of Champanes [complaints?] & Impressment.

Sworn to before me November 4th 1823

S/ R. M. Crockett, J.Q.

S/ Thomas Walker



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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of William Hamilton a Revolutionary Soldier, praying to be put on the Pension list, as also praying that he may be allowed some years retrospective Pension,

Respectfully Report, that your Committee have had the same under Consideration and Recommend, First that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted so far as to be placed on the Pension List at the Rate of \$60 & on for life, Secondly that your Committee recommend, that the Petitioner be allowed one year's retrospective Pension, December 1823

S/ Wm Rougle, of Com^{tee}

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The Report of the Committee on Pensions on the petition of William Hamilton
In the Senate 8th December 1823

Resolved that this House do agree to the Report

Ordered that it be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence

By order of Senate

S/ Wm D. Meister [?]C. S.

In the House of Representatives

December 18th 1823

Resolved that the House do concur with the Senate in the Report

Ordered that it be returned to the Senate

By order of the House

S/ R. Anderson, C. H.R.

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To the Honorable Senate & Members of the house of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of Elizabeth Hamilton respectfully Sheweth that your petitioner is the widow of the late William Hamilton a pensioner of this state who departed this life on the 19th day of August 1824 & left your petitioner very poor having no lands & it took nearly all his personal property to pay his debts, your petitioner having been the mother of ___ children all of which is grown & doing for themselves & having but slender claims on life being in the 70th year of her age, she humbly prays your Honorable body to place her on the pension list in lieu of her late husband or to pay her the balance of pension due him at the time of his death and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray

S/ Elizabeth Hamilton

*Elizabeth
Hamilton*

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Hamilton praying to be put on the Pension list from the Decease of her late Husband William Hamilton, a pensioner Deceased in August 1824

Respectfully Report

That the same has been taken into consideration and Recommend to this house that Elizabeth Hamilton be allowed a Pension of \$30 per annum during life. December 25, 1825

S Wm Rouge, C. of Co^{te}

[p 87: A receipt dated June 2, 1826 showing payment to Elizabeth Hamilton of an annuity of \$30.]

[Note: p 22 of AA816-2 relating to John Brown]

State of South Carolina Chester District} Personally appeared John Brown of Rocky Creek [Rocky Creek] before me the Subscribing Justice of the Peace for said District, and being sworn, on his Oath saith; that shortly after what is generally called Sumter's defeat, in August 1780, he the deponent was taken prisoner by a party of Tories, & was carried to Camden & then sent on to Charleston, & when confined in prison was in the same mess with William Hambleton who is now about petitioning the Legislature for a pension in consequence of a wound & other injuries received during the Revolutionary war. That the deponent after about nine months imprisonment, by the interference of some friends got liberated, but left said Hambleton there. And has no doubt but that all the facts stated in his petition is Just & true.

Sworn to & subscribed

this 1st day of November 1823

Before me

S/ John Harbison, JP

S/ John Brown, X his mark