

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Hugh Knox W10180

Janet Knox

f73SC

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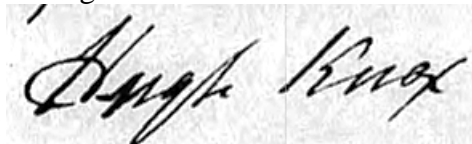
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State of South Carolina

Hugh Knox Esq. of Chester District in the State of aforesaid being solemnly sworn Declareth that in the month of March 1776 he enlisted as a common soldier for fifteen months in the Sixth South Carolina provincial Regiment & the Army of the Revolution Colonel Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] and in the first Company of that Regiment Captain William Brown, that he first joined his Regiment in Charleston in May following and continued to do duty there in until about the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 1777 when he was regularly discharged which discharge he has lost. That in this service he marched with a detachment against Florida [1<sup>st</sup> Florida Expedition 1776]<sup>1</sup> and on an expedition against the Cherokee Indians<sup>2</sup>. The declarant further saith that although the said Regiment together with five others that were raised about that time were raised by the authority of the State then Province of South Carolina, yet he is informed by the said Colonel now General Thomas Sumter that shortly after the Declaration of Independence the said Regiments were by the consent of the State Authority placed by Congress on the Continental establishment and were paid, clothed and subsisted by the United States.

The declarant further saith that he has resided in the United States for the last 50 years and still resides therein and that from his low circumstances & bodily infirmities he needs the assistance of his Country for support.

S/ Hugh Knox<sup>3</sup>



Sworn to & subscribed 2 November 1818.

S/ David Johnson

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State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared Robert Cowley<sup>4</sup> Before me James Anderson one of the Justices in and for said District who being duly sworn according to law

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.glynncountyrevolutionhistory.org/Florida%20Expeditions/florida\\_expeditions1\\_2.php](http://www.glynncountyrevolutionhistory.org/Florida%20Expeditions/florida_expeditions1_2.php) & <http://www.ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution09.html>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

<sup>3</sup> Under the 1818 Pension Act, only men who served in the Continental Army were entitled to a pension under its provisions. That the veteran later served as a Captain in the SC militia would not be compensable under the 1818 Act, so there was no reason for him to mention such service in his application.

<sup>4</sup> [Robert Cowley S39336](#)

affirms and saith that he this Deponent was an enlisted soldier in Captain James Duff's Company in the 6th Regiment of South Carolina Commanded by Colonel Thomas Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] in the year 1776 and 1777 and that to this Deponent's certain knowledge Hugh Knox Esquire was a Soldier in Captain William Brown's company in said 6th Regiment from the Beginning of May 1776 until in June 1777 when the Soldiers of said Regiment was discharged agreeable to the condition of their enlistment.

S/ Robert Cowley, X his mark

Sworn to before me this 5th day of November 1818

S/ Jas. Anderson, JQ

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State of South Carolina Chester District:

On this 4th day of April 1846, personally appeared in open Court & before the Court of General Sessions & Common Pleas now sitting in Chesterville, for the District of Chester South Carolina, John Knox, son of Hugh Knox deceased, a resident of the District & State aforesaid, aged 53 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed July 7th 1838, Entitled an act granting half pay & pensions to certain widows, also the benefit of the Act of March 3rd 1843, & its supplement the act of June 17th 1844.

That this declarant the aforesaid John Knox, in the behalf of himself & the other heirs of said Hugh Knox deceased states, that said Hugh Knox was an officer and the Soldier in the Army of the Revolution the heirs understand and as such he served in the United States against the Common Enemy. That his first service was in the early part of the War, in South Carolina Continental Line in which he served a term of Enlistment and was allowed a pension under the act of March 18th 1818, as will more fully appear by the accompanying Pension Certificate. His next service was in the Militia. That soon after the surrender of Charleston in May, 1780, he the said Hugh Knox was appointed a Captain in Colonel Lacey's [Edward Lacey's] Regiment of the South Carolina Militia, in which capacity he served till the end of the war, and that during the Revolution he the said Hugh Knox was in the following Battles viz.: the Battle of the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780]<sup>5</sup> in which he was wounded, Battle of Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]<sup>6</sup> and the taking of Congaree Fort<sup>7</sup>, besides the above Battles, he was in several skirmishes in the lower part of the State towards the close of the War. That from the knowledge declarant has of the Revolutionary services of the said Hugh Knox he believes that the said Hugh Knox must have served as a Captain between 12 & 18 months, besides his Enlistment but to give the particulars of the above service deponent cannot.

He further declares, that the said Hugh Knox was married in the year 1790 in the District of Chester to Janet Nisbet and as husband and wife they lived together till the death of said Hugh Knox, who died on the 21st day of March 1821, and that his widow Janet departed this life on the 23rd day of November, 1843, not having intermarried after the death of her said husband Hugh Knox deceased.

And he also declares, that he has in support of the date of the marriage of the said Hugh Knox & wife Janet, their family record containing a record of the ages of their several Children in the handwriting of the said Hugh Knox and that declarant believes it to be correct & true and that from the said record the following is copied thus: John Knox, born May 2nd 1792, William Knox born April 3rd 1794 and that the original record is hereto appended.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>6</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_1.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_1.html)

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year first above written before the Court.  
S/ Edward Frost, Presiding Judge

S/ John Knox

[p 7 family record]

John Knox born May 2nd 1792

William Knox born April 3rd 1794

Robert Knox born August 28th 1796

Nancy G. Knox born November 8th 1798 [married a Moss]

Betsy Knox born the September 1st 1801

Sally Knox born July 18th 1803 [married a Wallace]

James Nesbit Knox born June 22nd 1806

Polly Knox born October 10th 1808 [married a Wallace]

Lucrecia Knox born January 1<sup>st</sup> 1811

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State of South Carolina, Chester District: Personally appeared before me James B. Magill one of the acting Magistrates in and for the said District, John McDill<sup>8</sup> a resident in the District & State aforesaid, one of the surviving Soldiers of the Revolution, and a pensioner of the United States and made oath, in due form of law, that he was in the days of the Revolution, as well as since, personally acquainted with Captain Hugh Knox late deceased of Chester District whose heirs are now applying for a pension due Janet Knox deceased the wife, & widow of the said Hugh Knox deceased. This deponent further maketh oath, that the said Hugh Knox served as a Captain in the Army of the Revolution on the part of the United States against the common Enemy, that in the spring of 1781, he the said Hugh Knox was appointed Captain of a company of Militia in Colonel Lacey's Regiment, in which capacity he served till the end of the war. This deponent also maketh oath, that he was present in the Army at the time the said Hugh Knox was made a Captain and took the command of a Company, formerly commanded by Captain Mills who had

<sup>8</sup> [John McDill S21879](#)

joined, or enlisted, into Sumter's State Troops; and that during the said Captain Hugh Knox's services, subsequent to his appointment he deponent served 2 tours of duty in company with Captain Knox but was not under the said Captain; the first was at the taking of the Congaree Fort, in the month of May 1781,<sup>9</sup> following his appointment, their next tour was down near Charleston where they had a couple of skirmishes with the Enemy, this last tour of duty was in the month of July, 1781, which was the only times that deponent now recollects of their being out in the Army together.

This deponent further states on his oath, that the aforesaid Captain Knox was a good Whig during our Revolutionary Struggles and was often out in the service (deponent resumes) at times of which he has no personal knowledge; that after the above tour of duty in July 81, the Militia was classed into three different classes & that each class took its turn, and that it did not fall to the lot of deponent to serve in Company with said Captain Knox after their new organization. And deponent also states that the said Captain Knox lived in the days of the Revolution in what is now called Chester District South Carolina, where he continued to live till his death.

Sworn to and subscribed this 3rd day of June, 1846 Before me  
S/ Jas. B. Magill, Mgst.

S/ John McDill



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South Carolina Chester District: On this 22nd day of February 1847 personally appeared before me J. Y. Mills one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District John McDill one of the surviving soldiers of the Revolution a resident of the District and State aforesaid and made oath in due form of law that he was in the days of the Revolution as well as since well and intimately acquainted with Captain Hugh Knox one of the officers and soldiers of the Revolution late deceased of Chester District whose heirs are now applying for a Pension due to Janet Knox late deceased of said District the wife and widow of the said Hugh Knox deceased.

The deponent further makes oath that the said Captain Hugh Knox commanded a company in the latter part of the Revolution in Colonel Edward Lacey's Regiment of the South Carolina militia to this deponent's own personal knowledge. That in the month of March or April 1781 at the raising of Sumter's State Troops the said Hugh Knox was appointed Captain of a company formerly commanded by Captain John Mills. That he deponent in the month of May following served a tour of duty down into the lower part of the State at which time they took the Congaree Fort and on this occasion the said Captain Hugh Knox had the command of a company and was at the taking of the Fort. That he well recollects the circumstance that occurred with Captain Hugh Knox and others while in camp on the Congaree; that they quarrel arose between Archibald Gill and one Hugh McClure a wounded soldier cousin of Captain Knox. Captain Knox said that Gill should not impose on his cousin and he Knox and Gill had a fight and in the fray Captain Knox got a black eye and General Sumter who in passing by soon after remarked that "you officers will fight." That on this occasion deponent cannot say how long said Captain Knox was out as he deponent reached the Fort only a day or 2 before it surrendered when and where he met with said Captain Knox and that soon after the surrender of the Fort he was discharged.

This deponent further makes oath that in the month of July following he served another

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<sup>9</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_fort\\_granby\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html)

tour of duty down near Charleston to a place then called Biggin Church at which time the said Captain Hugh Knox was along and had the command of a company of Militia and on this occasion they were out about four weeks. That the above two tours he was out in service with the said Captain Hugh Knox and knows of his own personal knowledge that the said Hugh Knox was Captain and had the command of a company. That he deponent did not live in Captain Knox's Beat but joining and consequently had not the opportunity to be out with him except when their companies happened to meet, that the said Captain Knox had the reputation of doing a good deal of service during the war -- Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid.

S/ John McDill

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State of South Carolina Chester District: Personally appeared before me John Banks one of the Acting Magistrates in and for the said District David McDonald<sup>10</sup> a revolutionary pensioner of the State of South Carolina and a resident of Fairfield District State aforesaid aged 84 years and made oath in due form of law, that he resided in the days of the Revolution in Camden, but now Chester District, State of South Carolina, and was well, and intimately acquainted with Captain Hugh Knox of said Camden District, late deceased of Chester District, who served in the Army of the American Revolution and commanded a Company of Militia in Colonel Lacey's Regiment to this deponent's own personal knowledge. That he deponent was a private Soldier in the Army of the Revolution under Captains Adams & Turner belonging to said Colonel Lacey's Regiment, and that during his Revolutionary services he was on different occasions in service with the said Captain Hugh Knox who commanded a Company as above stated. That in the summer of 1781, he deponent served a tour of duty known as the taking of the Congaree Fort and on that occasion in particular the said Captain Hugh Knox was present and had Command of a Company. This deponent further makes oath, that the said Captain Knox rendered good service during the war of the Revolution, and that he thinks towards the close of the war was generally in service. Sworn to and subscribed this 25 June 1847.

S/ John Banks, Mgst.

S/ David McDonald, D his mark

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State of South Carolina York District: Personally appeared before me Joseph McCash one of the acting Magistrates in and for said District Robert Nesbitt a resident of the District and State aforesaid brother-in-law of Hugh Knox deceased of Chester District husband of Janet Knox late deceased and made oath in due form of law to the following statement relative to the Revolutionary services of the said Hugh Knox, namely, that soon after the close of the Revolution he moved into the neighborhood of said Hugh Knox and from that time up to the death of said Knox some 25 years ago, he was often in company and intimately acquainted with him, and that during his acquaintance with said Hugh Knox he often heard him relate his services during the War of the American Revolution which was according to his present recollection, as follows -- That he first enlisted into the South Carolina line, where he served for some time after which, he was taken out of the regular Army, and may Captain and took the Command of a Company of Militia, in which capacity he served as the occasion required till the end of the war, but to give the particulars of the said service Deponent cannot. -- That on one occasion many years ago deponent at his present residence which is near Kings Mountain the said Knox remarked that he passed through his immediate neighborhood on his way to meet Ferguson [Patrick Ferguson] who was defeated at said Mountain and that before he reached the place of

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<sup>10</sup> I could not find a pensioner by this name in the federal pension records who claimed service in the SC militia.

action he fell in with a Band of Indians who were engaged in the enemies service and that he pursued and drove them across Broad River -- deponent further makes oath that the said Hugh Knox universally board the reputation in his neighborhood of having served his Country during the Revolution as an officer and Soldier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of July 1847

S/ Joseph McCash, Magistrate

S/ Robert Nesbitt

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Chester Court House South Carolina

April the 3rd 1847

Sir,

Enclosed you will receive further evidence in the claim of Janet Knox deceased under the Act of 7th of July 1838. Enclosure is the affidavit of John McDill who testifies that claimant's husband Hugh Knox was appointed Captain of Militia in March or April 1781 at the time of raising the State Troops, and that in the summer of 1781 he served 2 tours of duty as such, to affiant's own personal knowledge. We also enclosed the affidavit of Doctor John Knox who testifies that Robert, John and James Knox (brothers of the said Captain Hugh Knox) together with Hugh Ross and Archibald Gill were living in the days of the Revolution in this neighborhood of said Captain Hugh Knox and probably might have been in service under him. That an examination of the accounts in the Comptroller's Office it appears that John Knox served under Captain Hugh Knox 165 days, Robert Knox, whose account has been filed 94 days, Hugh Ross 38 days and Archibald Gill 41 days as Lieutenant in the summer of 1782, some 15 months subsequent to Captain Knox's appointment.

The above together with the evidence of Captain Hugh Knox in writing is submitted for the purpose of identifying the Power of attorney on which indent No. 227 for £215.10 was granted to Captain Hugh Knox in 1784. The circumstances connected with the issuing of said Indent of themselves Armstrong proof of identity (to wit) a Hugh Knox in the District of Camden in 1784, made a power of attorney to Hugh McClure & acknowledged the same before Philip Walker Esquire, Now we have shown by affidavits filed that claimants husband lived at the close of the Revolution & during the War in said District and that Hugh McClure and Philip Walker Esquire was his neighbors, also that claimant's husband Hugh Knox was actually in the Army of the Revolution and served as Captain Commanding a Company of Militia and that to own sundry applications. That after a careful examination of the circumstances and facts proven in this claim, but I ask is more reasonable than to suppose that claimant's husband is the identical Captain Hugh Knox to whom said Indent was granted. Colonel John Rosborough, Clerk of our Court, and one amongst the oldest persons in our District, has stated in a former certificate file that he knew claimant's husband in the days of the Revolution and also Hugh McClure & Philip Walker and that they lived in the same neighborhood also that said Hugh Knox had the reputation of being a Captain in the Army of the revolution.

In your report of this claim in December last you remark that if the Identity was admitted in this indent, a difficulty would arise in ascertaining the amount of Captain Knox's monthly pay. In reply to that suggestion I would remark that we are willing that Captain Knox be allowed as much per month in the Army as any other officer of that same grade.

You will please to examine this claim and report the same to me here and obliged.

I am yours Respectfully

S/ S. A. Bettis

[p 40 is a power of attorney (very faint and impossible to decipher the entire text) signed by

Hugh Knox granted in Camden District South Carolina on November 8, 1784 [date not certain very faint] whereby he appointed Captain Hugh McClure his attorney to receive funds from the state of South Carolina.]

[Facts in file: according to a deposition given by John McCully, 76, the veteran and his wife were married in the house of William Nisbit in Chester district South Carolina in the fall of 1790. According to his son John Knox, Captain Hugh Knox served as Sheriff of Chester district in 1793. p 55 is the South Carolina Comptroller General's office certificate dated November 16, 1846 showing payments to Captain Hugh Knox; p 58, is another certificate signed by the Comptroller General this one dated June 8th 1846 showing payments made to Captain Hugh Knox.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 2, 1818, for service as a private for one year in the South Carolina Continental line. His widow was posthumously awarded a pension at the rate of \$346.66 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending November 23, 1843 at her death, for her husband's service as a private & Captain in the South Carolina service; 16 months as a Captain and 8 months as a private.]