

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Raleigh Hammond W11237¹

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State of South Carolina, District of Lancaster: In open court Fall Term 1857

Present Hon. J.B. O'Neill

On this 20th Day of October AD 1857 before the court of common pleas & General Sessions held within and for the District and State aforesaid personally appeared Mrs. Margaret Hammond aged 81 years a resident of Kershaw District state of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed on the 3rd February 1853 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary War that she is the widow of Raleigh Hammond deceased who was a private in the company commanded by Capt. A. J. Shorter or Capt. Henderson or both in the regiment commanded by General Morgan in the war of Revolution. To the best of her information and belief her husband entered service in Warren County in the state of North Carolina on or about year 1775; she further states from the best of her knowledge and belief and from what she heard her husband say that his waggon [sic, wagon] & team was pressed in the service of the United States in the town of Halifax in the state North Carolina and he becoming [a] teamsters [for] over his own wagon. She further states that he afterward became wagon master & had some ten or twelve wagons under his command. He was employed in procuring provisions and ____ for the Army. She further states from what she heard her husband say that he continued a wagon master about two years and was honorably discharged in the state of North Carolina. She further states that her said husband proved his service in said war by William Owens who was a private in the same company & regiment that her said husband was in before one Leonard Fleming, a magistrate of the peace for said District duly commissioned & sworn and who is living at this time in said district & state. She further states that said William Owens was pensioned by this state for his services in the Revolutionary War and received a pension up to his death. She further states that her husband did not as she recollects or believes send in his application for a pension and that his name is not on any pension roll in the United States. She further states that she was married to the said Raleigh Hammond in Kershaw District and state of South Carolina in the month November AD 1823 by one Charles Ingram a Baptist clergyman and that her name before her said marriage was Margaret Johnston. That her husband died at his residence in Kershaw District in said state on the 24th day of August 1839. That she was not married to him prior to the second day of January

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Eighteen hundred but at the time above stated and she further states there is no public or private record or her marriage. She further states that she cannot file herewith his certificate of discharge for the reason that she never did see it and further she declares that she is now a widow. She hereby appoints A.J. Hammond her true and lawful attorney with power of substitution to prosecute this her claim for a pension [&] to receive the certificate when issued and to do all other acts necessary and proper in the premises.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year first above written, in open court at Lancaster, S. C.

S/ John Belton O'Neill, Presiding Judge

S/ Margaret Hammond, X her mark

Supplemental materials added by Will Graves 4/5/11

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State of South Carolina District of Lancaster: SS On this 21st day of October A.D. 1857 before me the undersigned a Magistrate of the peace personally appeared Leonard Fleming aged 79 years who being first duly sworn according to law declares and says that he was born in Warren County in the State of North Carolina in the year 1778 and that he resided there until the year 1802 when at that time he moved into Lancaster District in the State of South Carolina, he further states that in the same neighborhood where he resided in Warren County State of North Carolina Raleigh Hammond deceased a revolutionary soldier resided in the same neighborhood also, while the said Raleigh Hammond resided thus he was always looked upon as a revolutionary soldier and he never heard it disputed that he was not in Revolutionary war, and that I looked upon him so, further states that sometime in the year 1790 the said Raleigh Hammond left Warren County and moved to Kershaw District in the State of South Carolina where he settled close to the line of Lancaster District he further states that he moved down to Lancaster District in said State in the year 1802 he settled close by the said Raleigh Hammond or in the same neighborhood, he further states that he has often heard the said Raleigh Hammond's spoke [speak] of being in the revolutionary war and that his wagon and team was pressed in the service of the United States he being driver over his wagon and team, and that he became wagon master and had some ten or twelve wagons under his command and that he served over two years in the said war, further states that he was one of the Magistrates of the peace for Lancaster District duly commissioned and sworn in and that while acting as Magistrate, said Raleigh Hammond deceased proved his services as a wagon master in said over two years by one William Owens² who was a private in the same Company & Regiment that said Raleigh Hammond deceased was attached to, he further states that William Owens who testified to said Raleigh Hammond services in the revolutionary war drew a pension from this State for his Services in the revolutionary war to his death he further states that said Raleigh Hammond performed militia duty also while he was in the revolutionary war, further states that said Raleigh Hammond deceased was always looked on in the District and State as a revolutionary Soldier and he never heard disputed that he was not one, he further states that said Raleigh Hammond did not ever send on his application for pension for it was not long before he made his pension before he died he further states that said Raleigh Hammond deceased was married about the year 1823 to one Margret Johnston and they lived together as man & wife until his death, he further states that said Raleigh Hammond died at his residence in Kershaw District in said State in the

² [William Owens S9450](#)

year 1839 leaving his widow Mrs. Margret Hammond surviving him and that she is still is a widow, he further states that he has no interest in the widow's application for a pension.

S/ Leonard Fleming

[p 8: other witnesses state that the veteran died August 24, 1839.]

[p 43: Certificate dated August 22, 1857 from the North Carolina Comptroller indicating that Raleigh Hammond was paid £31 pounds specie for militia service during the revolutionary war.]

[p 54: On June 19, 1866 in Lancaster District South Carolina, Mrs. Margret Hammond, aged 88, a resident of Kershaw District South Carolina filed for the restitution of her pension payments as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner; she states that during the war she lived with relatives because she was too old and feeble to work to support herself; that she did not support the rebellion nor does she bear arms during the rebellion; that her last pension payment was made on September 4th, 1860.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$38.75 per annum commencing March 4th, 1861]