

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Silas Hailes (Hails) W27546¹

Spicy Hailes f88NC [sic SC]

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State of South Carolina Sumter District

On this 30th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court now sitting at Sumter Court House for the district & State aforesaid Silas Hailes of the district of Darlington & State aforesaid aged seventy 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 act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in Captain James Fair's [James Farr's] Company of volunteers for six months – equipped himself, in the company was no expense to the government. That he was brought to the State of South Carolina and was at a skirmish with the British near McCallum's ferry – That Frederick Kimbrell [Frederick Kimball] was the Colonel of the Regiment. That at the skirmish General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] commanded. That the British defeated them and they repaired to Anson County North Carolina. Then returned to South Carolina and did duty under Captain John Watts about three months in Sumter's brigade and rode one month as a post rider carrying letters from Camden to General Greene [Nathaniel Greene] at High Hills of Santee and at Four Holes. This was before the battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781] a short time. Then left Sumter's brigade & went to Darlington district, then Cheraw district, and joined the company of Captain Andrew Dubose [Andrew Dubose] – then was transferred to the company of Captain Peter Dubose [Peter Dubose] & remained in it for two years until Marion's [Francis Marion's] brigade was discharged at Waaboo [Wadboo] about two miles from Monks Corner [Moncks Corner]. That he was in a skirmish with the Tories commanded by one Major Gainey [Micajah Gainey] on Little Pee Dee [Pedee River].² That he was in the service altogether about three years – has no documentary Evidence – received no written discharge as the brigade was discharge by verbal order. He knew in the service General Sumter – General Marion – Colonel Benton – Colonel Morris Murphy – Colonel Kolb – Colonel Baxter – Colonel Ervin.

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 – but is on the pension roll of the State of South Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ B J Earle

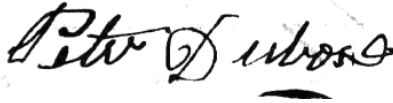
S/ Silas Hailes, X his mark

¹ BLWt26702-160-55 and BLWt35848-160-55

² This MAY be a reference to the engagement on Black River Ferry Road December 28, 1780 which occurs near the Pee Dee River. https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_black_river_ferry_road.html Forces under Marion were engaged in several skirmishes with forces under Gainey.

Peter Dubose³ in open court now sitting in and for the district of Sumter said State before me J Earle presiding Judge makes oath, that he knew Silas Hales the above applicant – that he was in his this deponent's company about two years in the Brigade of General Marion – that he has personal knowledge of most of the matters above detailed. Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid
S/ B J Earle, Judge

S/ Peter Dubose



[Ripley Copeland and Middleton DuBose gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Darlington District

Before me A.D. Sims a justice of the Quorum in and for the district and State aforesaid personally came Clement Clements⁴ and made oath that he served during the Revolutionary War in the service under Captain Peter Dubose in General Marion's brigade with Silas Hails. That the said Hails was in actual service as much as 2 or 3 years, perhaps 4. The particular dates when he was called out at various times deponent cannot now after so long a time, precisely remember.

S/ Clement Clements, C his mark

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State of South Carolina Sumter district

On this the 22nd day of October 1833 before me Franklin J. Moses a Justice of the Quorum for said district & State, personally appeared Silas Hailes who being duly sworn on oath makes declaration to the following facts, pursuant to the instructions from Pension Department of US.

That from old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot say positively when he first entered the service, that is the date of such first entering. That it was however in the company of Captain James Fair [Farr] in Anson County North Carolina. This deponent was a volunteer. The company was a troop of horse. James Howard was the Lieutenant – the Service of the company consisted in riding through several districts of North Carolina, names not recollected – crossed the Pedee rode in South Carolina on the borders of said River – protecting the Country through which he rode from the plunder & ravages of the Tories, with whom they had several skirmishes, particularly one with the notorious Tory Major Gainey. The company was also at a severe skirmish near McCallum's ferry in South Carolina. General Sumter commanded the whole forces & Colonel Frederick Kimbrell [Kimball] the Regiment in which Captain Fair's Company was. After they were defeated by the British they repaired back to Anson County, North Carolina. This tour of duty in Captain Fair's company continued for the space of six months.

This deponent then repaired to South Carolina and volunteered as a private in Captain John Watts Company of infantry. Samuel Jones was his Lieutenant. The duty of the company which was attached to Sumter's Brigade consisting in traversing the Country through Camden district, now Kershaw, [indecipherable word] district & Charleston district watching & attacking the Tories & guarding the Country. That while in Watts company he did duty as a military post

³ [Peter Dubose \(DuBose\) S21163](#) This veteran also gave a similar affidavit dated September 22, 1839, fn p. 55

⁴ [Clement Clements S8217](#)

rider between Camden and High Hills of Santee & Four Holes, conveying letters to & for General Greene. That his tour of duty in Watts company lasted for 4 months.

His next tour of duty was in Captain Andrew Dubose company in Darlington. In this company he was a volunteer & private. He remained in it for only a short time when he was transferred to the company of Peter DuBose, in which he served as a private for two years – until Marion's brigade was discharged at Wadboo, near Moncks Corner. This tour lasted about two years which was the last of this deponent's service. He states, that from loss of memory by age, he cannot swear to dates.

S/ Silails hails

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silails Hails". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Silails hails".

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South Carolina Sumter district

Personally appeared before me Franklin J Moses a Justice of the Quorum for said district & State, Silas Hailes, who being duly sworn makes oath, that he served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary war for a space not less than three years – That from defect of memory consequence upon old age, he does not remember the year when he first entered the service. That he served all together as a volunteer. That he has not any record of his age, the same having been lost during the war. That he resides in Darlington district, and his reason for making, or having made his declaration in the court of Record for Sumter district is, that his witness Captain Peter Dubose in whose company he served when he was discharged by General Marion, resides in said district, and Colonel F J Moses the gentlemen superintending his application for him also resides in said district. That the district of Darlington & Sumter our contiguous – separated by Lynchess Creek. This deponent refers to the testimony of Captain Peter Dubose, accompanying his declaration to show his service.

Sworn to before made this 3 September 1833.

S/ Silas Hailes, X his mark

[p 14: On June 6, 1853 in Darlington district South Carolina, Spicey Hailes, 76, filed for her widow's pension under the 1853 act stating that she is the widow of Silas Hailes, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him December 25, 1818; that they were married by David Grantham, a that this Minister in Darlington district South Carolina; that her name prior to her marriage was Spicey Johnson; that her husband died October 18, 1846 and that she remains his widow.]

[p 11: On March 24, 1855 in Darlington district South Carolina, Spicy Hailes, 78, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of Silas Hailes.]

[p 19: The widow was still alive and living in Darlington district South Carolina on July 27, 1867 when she applied for the reinstatement of her pension benefit as the widow of a revolutionary war pensioner. In this application she states that she is 88 years old.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum and commencing March 4th, 1831, for two-year service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to Silas Hiles
Audited Account No. 3220

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[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 483 Book N dated April 11, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Silas Hales [sic] this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Two Pounds one Shilling and five Pence Sterling for 29 Days duty in the Militia per Account Audited.”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent]

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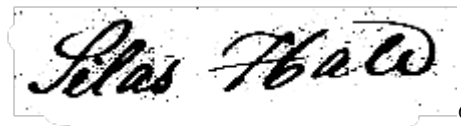
South Carolina
Darlington District

The Humble petition of
Silas Hale Humbly Sheweth

To the Speaker and other members of the Legislature of South Carolina Humbly Sheweth that I Silas Hale was a Revolutionary Soldier and served in General Marion’s [Francis Marion’s] Corps in the year 1781 & 82 under the Command of Colonels Benton [Lemuel Benton] & Murphy [Maurice Murphy] and was in several Skirmishes fought in them 2 years by the British & Tories and further Sheweth that he received no compensation only that he served to see his country freed from the despotism of England and would have conceived full compensation but the Legislature in their Liberality & wisdom having made appropriations for the old worn out Soldiers and being very old and having a wife to maintain also who is very old and in my old age getting Crippled in one Shoulder which renders me quite unable to support [himself] and not having a sufficiency of this world’s goods to live comfortable or even clear of want is my reasons for presenting myself to your Honorable body for such relief as you in your wisdom shall think proper and your petitioner will ever pray.

This 29th day of October 1827 [last digit unclear]

S/ Silas Hale

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silas Hale". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The name "Silas" is written in a larger, more prominent hand than "Hale". The signature is enclosed in a simple rectangular border.

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South Carolina Sumter District } Personally appeared Peter DuBose before me who being duly sworn Saith that he was personally acquainted with Silas Hale during the Revolutionary war between the United States and Great Britain and that the said Hale Served as a militia Soldier in the same at different times and one tour of duty and General Marion’s Camps under my

⁵ 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 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.

⁶ The signature appears to me to be in the same handwriting as the body of the petition and I question whether it is the actual signature of the veteran.

command as an officer.
Sworn to before me
this 28th Day of October 1827

S/ Peter DuBose, Capt.

S/ Myddelton DuBose, JP

South Carolina Sumter District} I do hereby certify that Silas Hale served as a Revolutionary
Soldier in General Marion's Camps in the year 1781 & 82 and was in several Skirmishes fought
in them two years by the British & Tories one tour of duty under my command as an officer.
This 29th Day of October 1827

S/ Peter DuBose, Capt.

[pp 10-15: various receipts indicating that the veteran received a pension from the State of South
Carolina of \$60 per annum with the earliest receipt being dated June 9, 1830 and the latest dated
30 June 1834.]