

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Hampton ¹W424 Hannah Hampton f57VA
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The Commonwealth of Kentucky Montgomery County, Sct.

On this 5th day of October 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Circuit Court in and for the state aforesaid personally appeared William Hampton aged about sixty years; – who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following statement and declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War;" that he is a citizen of the state of Kentucky, and resident in the County of Montgomery; and that he was enlisted for three years at Chesterfield County in the state of Virginia on or about the __ day of April or May 1777 by one Ensign Brayden and served in the company commanded by Captain __ of the 2nd Virginia Line commanded by a Colonel whose name & the name of the Captain is not recollected; that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States in the Continental Army, against the common enemy, until about the __ day of May 1780 when he was honorably discharged from service at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia; that he was in service about three years – and was in the battles of Monmouth & no other – That he served in General Muhlenberg's Brigade, until the fall before he was discharged – and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support; and that he has lost his discharge, and has no evidence in his power, of his services and discharge, other that which is hereto transmitted.

Sworn and declared before me the day and year aforesaid.

[Attested by Benjamin Mills, Judge]

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State of Tennessee McMinn County

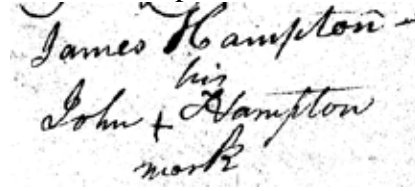
Personally came before me Isaac W Fyffe an acting justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid James Hampton and John Hampton who being sworn on the holy evangelists of Almighty God made oath that "William Hampton, late a private in the Army of the Revolution, inscribed on the Pension List, Roll of the Kentucky agency" removed from the State of Kentucky to the State of Indiana in the fall of the year 1819, from which State, he removed to the State of Tennessee, McMinn County in July 1825, where he now resides.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 29th of October 1825

¹ BLWt40015-160-55

S/ Is. W. Fyffe, JP

S/ James Hampton
S/ John Hampton, X his mark



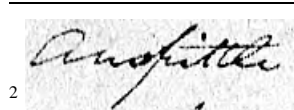
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State of Tennessee McMinn County

On this 8th day of June 1833 personally appeared before Peter Hambright an Acting Justice of the peace in and for the County of McMinn and State of Tennessee William Hampton a resident of McMinn County and State of Tennessee aged about 72 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 June 7th 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States sometime in the spring of the year 1777 under Ensign Braden (his Captain's name not recollected). His Colonel's name he thinks was Smith [Gregory Smith] but is not certain in the 2nd Virginia State Regiment in Chesterfield County in the State of Virginia for three years, rendezvoused at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia, remained there through the summer, was called to the North, Joined General Washington's Army at Valley Forge and was put under the immediate command of General Mulenburg [Peter Muhlenberg], followed the British after they had evacuated Philadelphia – and overtook them at Monmouth [June 28, 1778] where he was in the battle at Monmouth. After that Declarant was taken sick and confined to Danbury Onspittle [? Hospital?]² in Connecticut, Stayed there until after the Army to which he belonged took up winter quarters at Middlebrook, in this winter of 1778 Joined the Army at Middlebrook, after winter quarters were broken up lay on the North River at some distance from Stony Point until after Stony Point was taken by General Wayne [July 16, 1779], then marched towards New York and took a place called Powlers Hook [Paulus Hook, August 19, 1779], from there the Regiment to which he belonged marched to Philadelphia and from there to Alexandria from there was furloughed for three months to go home, That at Williamsburg in Virginia and was discharged by his Officers sometime in the spring of 1780 having served out his full three years which discharge has been long since lost or mislaid.

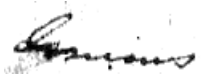
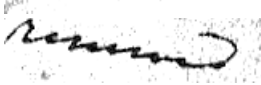
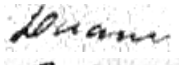
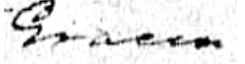
In a few weeks after ~~his return home~~ in the spring of the year 1780 he enlisted in the Army of the United States at Williamsburg in the State of Virginia for two years the names of his Officers he cannot recollect and marched either under the Command or in Company with a Colonel Gass [John Gist?] who had a company of Indians and marched to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and in his march passed Little York and Guinns Island [Gwinn Island] and several other places not recollected, remained in that section of country until sometime in the summer of 1781, marched to Little York from thence to James town from thence to a place called Sleepy hold [Sleepy Hole in Nansemond County Virginia], thence to Petersburg, stayed there until sometime



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in the winter and was called off to the South, Joined General [indecipherable name]³ Army at the Cheraws, then marched back near Guilford Courthouse and was put under the command of Colonel Greene was at the battle of Guilford Courthouse [March 15, 1781] under General Greene [Nathanael Greene], in the fall of the same year was discharged by his officer which discharge has been lost or mislaid long since after having served out his two years of enlistment he was discharged he thinks in Guilford County in the State of North Carolina.

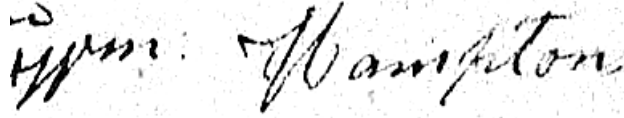
Declarant William Hampton further states upon oath that he has been previously on the pension roll and that he has been struck from the same for some cause he knows not without it was on the account of property or some other reason that he resided in Montgomery County in the State of Kentucky when he applied to which was he thinks about thirteen years since, he then applied for the three years tower [tour] as a private soldier (the tower first mentioned in the above declaration) in the second Virginia State Regiment (the Officers mentioned above) that the certificate he received at that time he gave or sent by mail to a member of Congress then at Washington City to get it [indecipherable word]⁴ if possible but never has heard from it since. That he is the Identical William Hampton who applied from Montgomery County Kentucky for 3 years service as a private enlisted soldier, enlisted in the year 1777 as aforesaid. Declarant states that his memory has failed him much with regard to names that he cannot recollect the names of many of his Officers that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove his services in the revolution. He is acquainted with Generals Washington, Wayne, Greene, [indecipherable name]⁵ and Lafayette and other Officers of the regular line but has forgotten their names. He has never seen a record of his age nor does he know whether there ever was one. He was born according to the best information he can get on the subject in the year 1761 in the County of Henrico in the State of Virginia and moved to Chesterfield County same state where he lived during the war from there he moved to [indecipherable word]⁶ County Virginia then to Washington County Virginia from there to Greene County Tennessee then to Clay County Kentucky then to Matison [Madison] County Kentucky then to Montgomery County Kentucky where he applied for and obtained a pension as stated above from thence to Bartholomew County Indiana then to make men County in the State of Tennessee where he now resides and has resided for 7 years. That he never made but two draws of the pension he obtained when he drew before, before it was discontinued as above stated. Declarant also states that he is so infirm from age in body that he is not able to attend at Court of the County to make his declaration but has went before a magistrate agreeable to one of the regulations of the Department. Declarant also states that he is acquainted in his present neighborhood with Ezekiel Ward a clergyman and Sterling Camp who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 that his name was on the

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pension roll but has been stricken off on some account he knows not what as stated above.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 8th day of June 1833

S/ Wm Hampton



[Ezekiel Ward, a clergyman, and Sterling Camp gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 10: On May 27, 1839 in McMinn County Tennessee, Hannah Hampton, 67, filed for a widow's pension under the 1836 act stating that she is the widow of William Hampton, a revolutionary war pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum: that she married him October 16, 1788; that her husband died February 24, 1837 and that she remains his widow. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 16: On April 5, 1855 in Bradley County Tennessee, Hannah Hampton, 87, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war veteran; that she was married to William Hampton in Gree [sic] Tennessee October 11, 1788 by a minister of the gospel; that her name prior to her marriage was Hannah Richardson; that her husband died in McMinn County Tennessee in February 1737. She signed this document with her mark.]

[p 32: copy of a marriage bond issued November 15, 1788 2 Benjamin Richardson and William Hampton conditioned upon the marriage of William Hampton to Hannah Richardson. The bond is certified by the clerk of court of Greene County Tennessee.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the Virginia service. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]

[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

At [indecipherable word or words] James City County September 11, 1780

A certificate from Colonel William Brent of William Hampton having served three years as a Soldier in the second Virginia State Regiment, and another Certificate from Robert Andrews a Justice of the said County, of the said Hampton's having made oath before him of his never before proving or claiming his Wright to any Land for the said Service, was produced & red & ordered to be certified & recorded.

S/ Ben. W. Waller, C. C.

