

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Pension application of John Hampton W7700

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State of Georgia Jackson County: The Declaration of John Hampton

On this first day of July personally appeared in open court before the Inferior Court of said County, being a court of record, now sitting John Hampton a resident of the County & state aforesaid aged 71 years who being 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated, viz. He was drafted in Newberry South Carolina in the spring of the year 1778 then 16 years old to serve a month in Georgia, though the service continue longer, he was in what is commonly called Burke Jail fight in Burke County Georgia.¹ We returned then across the Savannah where we were joined by General Ash [sic, John Ashe], we again crossed the River & attacked the British at the mouth of Brier Creek,² where General Ash was entirely defeated, & his forces scattered. This tour of duty was under Colonel Liles which continued over one month. He went on immediately to North Carolina & joined General Sumpter [sic, Thomas Sumter] with whom he enrolled for 11 months, & after this service expired again, enrolled with him for 12 months. After first joining General Sumpter he marched under that officer into South Carolina and was in a fight with the British & Tories at Ramsour's Mills³ on the South fork of Catawba River. Shortly after this he was in another engagement with the British & Tories at Rocky Mount⁴ at this engagement Colonel Neal [sic, Andrew Neel] was slain. In one week after this battle, he was in a severe engagement at hanging Rock,⁵ with the Tories under Colonel Bryant & a Regiment of British called the Prince of Wales Regiment about 400 strong. He was afterwards in a fight at Fish dam Ford on Broad River, in which Major Weems the British officer was defeated. He was in a severe battle at Musgrove's Mill on the Enoree in which General Sumter was wounded.⁶ And also at the celebrated defeat of General Sumter at Fishing Creek by Tarleton. Shortly after his term of service with General Sumter had expired he volunteered under

¹ January 26, 1779. <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/1779s.htm>

² March 3, 1779 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/briercreek.htm>

³ June 20, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/ramsours.htm>

⁴ July 30, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rockymt.htm>

⁵ August 6, 1780 <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/hangingrk.htm>

⁶ Sumter definitely was not present at the Battle of Musgrove Mill. He was severely wounded at the Battle of Blackstock's Plantation on November 20, 1780. That battle occurred on the Tyger River, not the Enoree River.

Captain Wade Hampton & marched to the Cowpens was at the battle of the Cowpens in which Tarleton was defeated by the Americans under Morgan, Washington & Lee. In the fall of the year 1781 he volunteered under Captain Williams, with whom he served 4 months & from whom he received the annexed discharge. In the spring of the year 1782 he was drafted under the command of General Pickens Colonel Purvis & Captain Smith, & marched to James Island above Charleston for the purpose of taking it but it was abandoned by General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] -- He was in this service one month -- he was then dismissed & returned home. During the whole of his service he acted as a private.

He has no other documentary proof and the discharge hereunto annexed. He knows of no other witnesses by whom he can more satisfactorily prove his service than the 2 affidavits hereto annexed. He has no claim to any other pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state in the Union.

He answers the questions propounded by the War Department as follows

1st He was born in Frederick County Virginia 22 December 1761

2nd I have in family Bible of my Fathers at home

3rd I was living in Newberry South Carolina when called into service -- I have lived since the Revolution 8 years in Washington County Georgia & ever since in Jackson County Georgia.

4th The first & last tours I was drafted, at all other times volunteered.

5th General Greene, & Morgan, Sumter, Williamson, Pickens, Captain Washington & others -- He does not recollect the names or numbers of the Regiment or their particular commanders under Greene & Morgan.

6th None but the one hereunto annexed.

7. William Potts, Russell Jones, William E. Jones, David Witts, James Montgomery, JW Glenn, Ed Adams, Giles Mitchell & Horatio Webb

Sworn & subscribed the day & year above

S/ John Hampton

S/ Edward Adams, JIC

S/ John G. Pittman, JIC

S/ Richard Penbert, JIC

[John W. Glenn, a clergyman, and David Witts gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 58: September 15, 1838, Joyce Hampton, 72, filed for a widows pension in Jackson County Georgia stating that she is the widow of John Hampton, a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the Revolution; that she married him September 19, 1782; that he died June 18, 1837 and that she remains his widow.]

[fn p. 8: On February 14, 1844 in Jackson County Georgia, Joicy Hampton, 77, filed for a widow's pension under the 1843 act stating that she is the widow of John Hampton a pensioner at the rate of \$80 per annum for his services in the Revolution]

[fn p. 12: family register]

John Hampton Junior son of John & Joyce was born April the 28, 1790

Mary Hampton Daughter of John & Joyce was born March the 19, 1792

The twin two sons was born February the 12th 1794 -- & died the same day

Rachel Hampton Daughter of John & Joyce was born February the 27th 1795

Robert Brooks Hampton son of John & Joyce was born April the 14th 1798

Elizabeth Daughter of John & Joyce was born July the 3 1800
John Hampton was born December the 22 1761
Joyce Malone was born June the 24 1766
John Hampton & Joyce Malone was Married September the 19th 1782
William Hampton Son of John & Joyce was born February the 27th 1783 & died the 15th of June 1795
Joseph Hampton son of John & Joyce was born July the 24 1784
James Hampton son of John & Joyce was warned February the 4 1786
Lucey Hampton daughter of John & Joyce was born February the 20 1788

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Georgia Franklin County: Personally came before me the Robert Williams one of the Justices of the Inferior Court Joel Mabry⁷ and being sworn as the law directs deposeth and saith that he was well acquainted with John Hampton during the Revolutionary war that on or near the first of April 1778 he returned home from service in General Lincoln's Army and that the said Hampton was said to be out on a tour of duty under General Williamson into Georgia which he believes was the case and further saith that about the last of May 1780 he saw the said Hampton set off as he said to join anybody of men that would oppose the British and that he has reason to believe and does believe he joined General Sumter and continued with him I cannot say how long and was with him in most or all the services performed that year in particular at the battles of Rocky Mount, Hanging Rock, Fish dam Ford, Musgrove Mill and Sumter's defeat I believe he continued until sometime in the [year] 1781. Sworn to and subscribed this 13th of June 1833

S/ Robert Williams JIC

S/ Joel Mabry

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South Carolina}

Ninty Six Dist.} Febry 28 1782

This is to Certify that John Hamton hath

Done four monts Duty in my Company as Volun-

teer and is Discharged for the Same Given

under my hand the Day and Date above

mentioned S/ Jer^h Williams Capt. [sic, Jeremiah Williams?]

of the Vol: Teers [sic, Volunteers]

A handwritten certificate on aged paper. At the top left, it reads 'South Carolina' and 'Ninty Six Dist.' followed by a bracket and the date 'Febry 28 1782'. The main body of the text is written in cursive and reads: 'This is to Certify that John Hamton hath Done four monts Duty in my Company as Volun- teer and is Discharged for the Same Given under my hand the Day and Date a bove mentioned'. The signature 'Jer. Williams Capt.' is written at the bottom right, with 'of the Vol: Teers' written below it.

⁷ I could not find any application filed by a man by this name for services in the revolution.

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