

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Jonathan Hanby W4687 Sarah Hanby VA
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State of Virginia – Patrick County SS.

On this 17th day of September 1840 personally appeared before one Archelaus H. Carter a justice of the Peace in and for said county Sarah Hanby resident of the county of Patrick and state of Virginia aged eighty-six years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836. That she is the widow of Jonathan Hanby of that part of Henry County now Patrick in Virginia, who was a Captain of Militia in the Army of the Revolution, and that he at the head of his company made several excursions against the Tories who infested the country lying along the Yadkin river and its tributaries on both sides of the border of Virginia and North Carolina and the country near and upon the Blue ridge of Mountains at and about the point at which the mountains cross the said state line. That as near as she can recollect it was in the summer and fall of the year 1780 that her said husband marched commanding his company in pursuit of the Tories who rendezvoused at the home of one Hedgepeth in the Hollow on the Arrarat [sic: Ararat River] and the branches of the Yadkin river and scouring the country thereabouts in pursuit of them and from point to point down the Arrarat river in the State of North Carolina to Old Richmond Town, now called Surry Old Courthouse or Old Town on the Yadkin river at which place he and his company aided in the capture of some tories that he was in actual service during this expedition above referred to at least two months. That he was called out or volunteered this affiant does not recollect which but she recollects well that it was a very important service to repel the invasions of the Tories who were committing almost daily depredations on the Whigs by stealing their slaves, horses, and other property and driving off their stock. But from her advanced age and consequent loss of memory she cannot state the names of the field officers under whom her husband served or the regiment to which he was attached. In fact she can barely refer to the time he was from home from the strong impression left in her mind produced by his absence in those times of peril and danger.

This affiant would further state that some time in the month of March in the year 1781 her husband the said Jonathan Hanby paraded his company in the County of Henry in the State of Virginia (that part of Henry now Patrick) and took the line of march again, to go to the aid of General Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] in the State of South Carolina. he and his company being drafted as she was informed and march off immediately through the County Surry in North Carolina (that part now Stokes [formed from Surry County in 1789]) crossing at the Shallow ford of the Yadkin, through Rowan and other counties in North Carolina into South Carolina where he joined General Greens Army at Ninety-Six [Ninety Six SC]. That this affiant felt great solicitude about her husband during the Siege of Ninety Six [22 May - 19 Jun 1781] from the frequent rumors and reports of [three illegible words] between the Americans and British during that long [illegible word] siege and kept in a constant state suspense about her husband whilst he was in that siege and contending with the British at other points and continuing until his return home to Virginia which was in the month of September in the same year (1781) That in the last mentioned tour she is satisfied that her husband was in actual service at least four months. That on husbands return he related the circumstances of the Siege of Ninety-Six and other [illegible word] with the British which he had during the said tour to the South. She heard him speak of Lord Rawdon's arrival with a corps reinforcement of the British compelling her husband and the rest of Genl. Greens Army to raise the siege and fly. She heard him speak of Genl. Green, Col. [Henry] Lee of the Light horse and other field officers but owing to the loss of her memory as aforesaid she can not state many of their names except Major Ward from Va. [John Ward of Bedford County] or the regiment in which her husband and his company fought or were attached. She would therefore beg that the affidavit of William Going [pension application W7546] who was one of her husbands men, be referred to also the affidavit

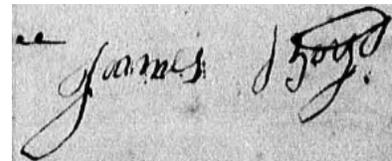
of James Boyd [S12269] and the Declarations of the said Going and Boyd now on file in the War Department. That she has no Documentary evidence to which she can refer The discharges of her husband have been mislaid or lost.

Her Husband the said Jonathan Hanby resided in that part of Henry County now Patrick in the State of Virginia anterior to the Revolutionary War and resided there until his death. That he march from the last mentioned place upon every tour which he performed. She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Hanby on the sixth day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine, and that her said husband died on the twenty-sixth (26th) day of March 1817, aged 76 years. and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first herein written before me}

A. H. Carter J Peace} Witness J. D. Cheatham Wm. Carter Sarah herXmark Hanby

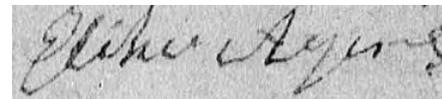
State of Virginia } ss
Patrick County }

this day [14 July 1840] James Boyd of the County of Patrick aged 78 years personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and sayeth that he was acquainted with Jonathan hanby of the County of Patrick and State of Virginia in time of Revolutionary war – that he saw said Hanby in the Service of his country at Richmond Surry old Court house North carolina, and at headspeaths in Virginia [the Tory Hedspeth’s or Hedgepeth’s in present Patrick County] but how long the said Hanby continued in the service this deponant does not know but he believes he was two months at least at the two above mentiond places this deponant cant say whether the said Hanby at the time above spoken of was an officer or privat this reponant states that he has been acquainted with said Hanby ever since the revolutionary war and knows him to have been the reputed Husband of Sarah Hanby his widowe



State of Virginia } SS
Patrick County }

this day [14 July 1840] Elihu Ayres [Elihu Ayers, pension application R335] of the county aforesaid aged Eighty years and after being duly sworn according to law Deposeth and Sayeth, that in time of the revolutionary war he had a slight acquaintance with Captain Jonathan Hanby the state of Virginia and for the last fifty years untill the death of the said Hanby he has been personally acquainted with him often heard him state his said Hanby’s services in the revolution his going as commissary to the Long Islands of Holsten [sic: Long Island of Holston River at present Kingsport TN] and a Captain to 96 as captain as a Company of a militia as well from the statements of said Hanby as from the report of others this deponant is bound to believe that said hanby was a Captain in the revolution and performed services for his Country



State of Virginia – Patrick County S.S.

This day [3 Aug 1840] personally appeared before me William Carter a justice of the Peace in and for said county William Going who was a soldier in the arm of the Revolution aged seventy-nine years, and now a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States, resident in the County of Surry [sic: Surry] in the State of North Carolina, who being first sworn upon the Holy evangelist of Almighty God

says that he this affiant was drafted in the company of Capt. Jonathan Hanby in that part of the county of Henry State of Virginia which now constitutes Patrick County, in the latter part of the month of March 1780, and the said Hanby marched off immediately with his company to join Gen'l. Green at Ninety Six in South Carolina. And this affiant not being furnished with necessary equipment wasted a day or two, and went on crossing Dan river at the Red Shoals passing near Salem (where they had the small pox) and overtook Capt Jonathan Hanby and his Company in the march a short distance south of the Yadkin river near Saulisbury [sic: Salisbury] in the state of North Carolina, and the Hanby and his company marched on across the Cawtawbaw river [sic: Catawba River] near the lands then possessed by the Catawba [sic: Catawba] Indians, thence across Broad River in South Carolina and on to "ninety-six" in South Carolina where said Hanby and his company arrived some three or four weeks before the siege was raised. Capt Hanby and his company were placed under Gen'l Green in the Battalion of Major John Ward of Campbell County Virginia the number of the Regiment and the commandant thereof not recollected by this affiant. But this affiant recollects Col. Washington and Henry Lee of the Light horse and Col Daniel Morgan of the rifle men were at Ninety-Six and that this affiant saw them frequently there. [sic: see endnote] This affiant returned home to Henry County Virginia during fodder getting the first of September in the same year 1780 having left Capt. Hanby near Broad river where this affiant was detailed to guard a mill. It not being deemed necessary this affiant did not guard the Mill as he intended when he separated from his Capt (Jonathan Hanby) at Broad river with Gen'l. Green and his army, he set out for Virginia where he arrived some time before he saw Capt Jonathan Hanby whom he had left with Gen'l. Greens army as before stated. As well as this affiant recollects that this affiant worked on the intrenchments which surrounded the British who had fortified in at "ninety-six" and that it was confidently expected that the Americans would capture the British until they were driven off and compelled to raise the siege on account of the approach of Lord Rawdon with a reinforcement of the British army from Charleston. This affiant having lived at Capt. Jonathan Hanbys a short time doing some carpenters work, before he and said Hanby went into the service hereinbefore stated, knows that he the said Hanby was married and living with Sarah Hanby his wife now his widow in the county of Patrick, who is an applicant for a pension before the said service was rendered. William hisXmark Going Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3^d day of August 1840/ Wm. Carter J. Peace

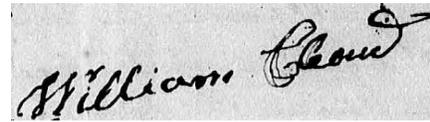
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This day personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Carter [W3385] and made oath in due form of law that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Hanby, that he though small was present at the wedding when said Jonathan Hanby was married to his wife Sarah that he has been acquainted with him since until the death of said Hanby and that in the time of the Revolution this affiant was repeatedly at the house of the said Jonathan Hanby who was a Captain of a company of Militia that he understood and believes that said Hanby was at the Siege of Ninety six, that said Hanby has frequently told this affiant of the engagements he had with the British at ninety six and that Lord Rawden came on from Charleston and reinforced the enemy and drove Gen Green and his army and pursued them to Broad River, and that this affiant well recollects that he served a tower of duty for the term of three months against the Cherokee Indians in the year 1777 and that said Hanby was with him at that time and that he acted as Commissary for the Soldiers That he also recollects that Captain Hanby was in the Borders of N. Carolina with a party of whigs endeavoring to free that Country from the Tories. Given under my hand this 17th day of Sept 1840. Martin Cloud J.P.

State of Virginia }
 County of Patrick }

this personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid William Cloud Esqr [W5247] aged ninety one years who being first duly sworn according to law deposes and sayeth that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Hanby deceased in time of the Revolutionary war and was one of his Lieutenants in time of the war and knows the said was a captain of

a company of Malitia and acted as such, he also states, that Captain Hanby went in command of a company to the South, this deponant left at Home, and when Captain Hanby returned this deponant was informed by said Hanby and his men who returned with him that they had been to 96 - this deponants states that he at that time lived in the immediate neighbourhood of Capt Hanby was well acquainted with him and his wife Sarah Hanby that they were then living together as man and wife and had children and that he never heard it Contradicted but what they were legally married, he further states that he was acquainted with Capt hanby up to his deceased & about the Close of the Revolution Captain Hanby resigned his command as captain and the command of the company devolved on this deponant Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of February 1841 Martin Cloud JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Cloud". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Hillsville CarrollCtyVa March 9th 1845

Dear Doctor [James A. Craig] Enclosed you will receive the papers in relation to the Widow Hanby's pension. I send you also an affidavit of my Father William Carter who is a revolutionary Pensioner and who is in his Eighty forth or fifth year of age and who is so palsied that he can scarcely write his name legibly - You will find sealed to the margin of the affidavit a part of a leaf of my Grandfathers old Hymn Book on which is written in his own hand writing the date of his marriage, [page torn] is also in his family Bible but not written in that by him; I have made a search among his old papers to see if I could find any commission, but can find none; below I will give you such facts as I have ascertained- Sarah Hanby's maiden name was Sarah Dalton When married she lived in Guilford County N. Carolina now Stokes County She lived in Henry County Va now Patrick During the War. I have not ascertained when she made her declaration I think in the fall of 1839. I suppose It was made under the act 4th of July 1836. She died on the 17th of Sept 1841. I can ascertain the time that her Declaration was certified by the County Court of Patrick if that will be of any service. I can also send you the leaf out of the family Bible If you wish it. I thought that the entries he Jonathan Hanby made him self would be the best evidence; if my Fathers affidavit is not sufficient as to the hand writing I can prove it to be his hand writing by others.

You are hereby authorized to take whatever course you may think best in relation to the pension, if the whole Seven months is not proven there is a less time proven. You will see by the Letter of J. L. Edwards [Commissioner of Pensions] that my Grandmother alledged that [paper torn]band served Seven months. Any further aid that I can give you I will gladly do. Write to me and let me know what you think of the chance &c.

Your obt servt M. D. Carter

Hillsville Carroll County Va May the 1st 1846

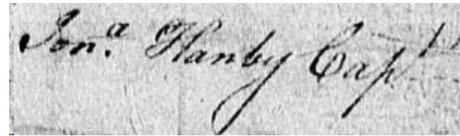
My Dear Sir [Dr. James A. Craig/ Ruffins Mills NC] I hope that we will now be enabled to satisfy the War Department that my Grand pa was a Captain in the war of the Revolution, by a careful and thorough search (by my Brother Archelaus H. Carter of Patrick County, who is the Administrator De Bonis Non with the will annexed of Capt Jonathan Hanby Decd) amongst the old papers of the said Jonathan Hanby He has found a number of old papers which show conclusively that he Jona. Hanby was a Captain in the war of the revolution You will see that the first papers attached to the enclosed affidavits is a Discharge to Sampson Stephens, marked A, which paper was written and signed by my Grand pa, as is proven by the affidavit of Colo Abraham Staples and my uncle Samuel Hanby. Severall other papers you will see are also attached the last of which is the List of Capt Jona. Hanby's Militia Company. [See endnote.] You will see at the end of the name Gerrald Burch 2nd Lieutenant written in a fine hand by Jona' Hanby (the words absconded [sic: "absented"] June 26th 1781. —) I send you also other old papers found by my brother with the papers attached You will took to them and see if they will be of any benefit.

You will also see the affidavit of Gowing which will I trust satisfy the Department that Jona Hanby served at least sic months My Mother will also swear that Grand pa left home in the Spring and did not return untill the fall, but cannot recollect the pecise time he was gone to the Seige of Ninety Six She being the oldest child of the said Jon'a Hanby if you should find it necessary I can take her affdavit and send it to your.

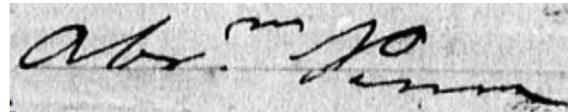
Write to me on the receipt of this so that I may know that you have received the enclosed papers. William M Tredway is the name of the member of Congress from the Patrick District, I presume that he is not acquainted with my Relations on my Mother Side the Hanbys, but He is well acquainted with A. H. Carter and myself you may also say to Mr Tredway that any aid given by him in this matter will be fully appreciated by his strong Democratic friend A. H. Carter of Patrick County and by myself,

Very Respectfly/ Madison D. Carter

Samson Stevens one of my Militia Company being Call'd upon to Drive a Waggon this is to Certify that his time will be Expir'd the Last day of this Instant - Given under my hand this 26th day of June 1781
Jon'a. Hanby Capt.



1790 Apr'l. 27th I hereby Certifie that I took a Bond of William Higginbotham to Perform a Tower of Duty which Bond hath been Complied with
[Col. Abram Penn, County Lieutenant of Henry]

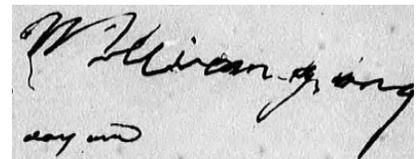


State of Virginia } ss

County of Patrick } March the 21st 1846

be it known that before me Martin Cloud a Justice of the peace in and for the said County personally appeared William Going aged Eighty five years and after being duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that in the year 1781 as he believes he marched from the County of Patrick and State of Virginia as a private soldier under Captain Jonathan Hanby to the seige of ninety six that he served under the same officer four months at least before discharged. he states that he was detailed for a three months tour of duty which length of service he claimed in his declaration for a pension. he should have claimed four months in his declaration but the writer of it advised him he could only claim for the length of time he was detailed. he further states there can be no doubt that the said Jonathan Hanby was a Captain of the Militia and that he was the husband of the applicant Sarah Hanby that he was acquainted with the appicant in time of the revolution and untill her death which happened a few years since – he further states that it was reported that the said Hanby performed a tour of service to the long Islands of Holsten but this affiant not being along along cant state the fact of his own knowledg but frequently heard the said Hanby speak of having performed a tour to that place – and that he is of opinion from the knowledge he has of the service performed in the Revolution by Captain Hanby that he must have served at least as much as six months.

Sowrn to and subscribed before me the day and date above
Martin Cloud JP



NOTES:

Neither Lt. Col. William Washington nor Gen. Daniel Morgan was at the Siege of Ninety Six.

The list of men in Jonathan Hanby's company at the Siege of Ninety Six was not found in the file. It was probably removed to the National Archives and is available at (<http://www.fold3.com/image/246/9946858/>). James Lynch has transcribed it (<http://revwarapps.org/b55.pdf>).

On 29 June 1840 Mary Hughes stated that she had been present at the marriage of her younger sister, Sarah Dalton, to Jonathan Hanby at her father's house on Mayo River in Rockingham (then Guilford) County NC in April 1769.

On 23 June 1846 it was certified that Sarah Hanby died on 16 Sep 1841 and was survived by the following children: Susannah Carter, Polly Smith, and Nancy Mitchell. On 30 April 1851 Fowlkes G. Smith stated that his wife's father, Samuel Hanby, son of Jonathan and Sarah Hanby, died on 4 May 1847, and that Susan Carter and Nancy Mitchell "may be dead for one of them lived in Georgia, and the other in Mississippi."

In the file is the following family register said to have been written by Jonathan Hanby on back of the title page of *The Office and Authority of a Justice of the Peace* by Richard Starke:

Jon'a. Hanby Was Born Dec'r The 9th 1741

Sarah Hanby Was Born March 12th 1754

Jon'a Hanby Married His Wife Sarah April 6 the 1769

Susannah Hanby Was born May 2 the 1770

John Hanby Was Born Nov'r 16 the 1771

Mary Hanby Was Born Nov'r 8 the 1773

Nancy Hanby Was Born Dec'r 17 the 1775

The family register mentioned in the letter by M. D. Carter is on the back of the title page of *Hymns and Spiritual Songs in Three Books* by I. Watts and transcribed below.]

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Sarahy Hanby Daughter to [page torn] and Sarah His Wife [page torn] 1775[?]