

[Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements](#)

Pension app of Samuel Hand W10

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State of Tennessee, Warren County

On this the 6th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the court of pleas and quarter sessions for said county, Samuel Hand, a resident of said county & state aged about seventy one 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 volunteered about the 1st of June 1779—and served under the following officers, to wit, Captain William Gaston, Lieutenant Thomas Robinson, Col. Edward Lacey and under General Williamson marched from Union District in South Carolina to Saint Augustine in East Florida—his time having expired, left the service the latter part of August 1779—in a few weeks again volunteered for three months, under the following officers, to wit: Captain William Gaston, Colonel Hammond [LeRoy Hammond], and marched to the Savannah River opposite Augusta from thence through Georgia to the Ogeechee River in pursuit of the Indians and Tories. This expedition was commanded by Col. Hammons [sic, LeRoy Hammond]. At Ogeechee, our troops overtook the enemy and defeated them, after which we marched back to Bacon's Bridge in South Carolina where we joined General Lincoln who marched his whole army of the regulars and militia from thence to Stono, the term of service for which the militia entered expired, we were discharged and returned home.

In a few weeks he entered the army again as a substitute for three months in the place of ___ Young under the following officers: Capt. Young, Lieutenant Edmond Bishop, Col. Thomas Brandon and Lieutenant Colonel James Steene [James Steen]; marched down towards Charleston South Carolina to the ten mile Branch, ten miles from Charleston for the purpose of securing General Lincoln who was then in Charleston with

his main army—endeavoring to defend the place against the enemy—We remained there until our time of service expired, when we were discharged and sent home.

From that time until about the 17th of January 1781 this deponent was almost constantly engaged in the service of his Country under different officers, generally under Col. Thomas Brandon and Lieutenant Col. William Fair [William Farr], who had been driven from their homes by the enemy, with a handful of men sometimes not more than a dozen hovered about the British and Tories & inflicted a blow whenever an opportunity occurred. One of these excursions, Col. Brandon engaged the Tories commanded by Captain Stallions, Fannon & Barry—on Turkey Creek and killed and took the whole party, about the time of Stallion's defeat, Col. Brandon hearing of the British and Tories in the upper parts of South Carolina marched in pursuit of them and met with them upon the Enoree River, where he attacked and defeated them. They were said to be Cruger's men. Col. Brandon then marched his little Band in to N. Carolina and in a short time Col. Brandon joined Col. Williams, Shelby and others who were then on their way to King's Mountain for the purpose of attacking a large party of the British and Tories commanded by Col. Ferguson. We went on and met the enemy at King's Mountain who were drawn up upon an immanence ready for battle—our army attacked them in every direction except towards the East, after a considerable battle the enemy surrendered. In a few months while Col. Brandon was hovering about the enemy with his little band, at a place called Fair Forest, Col. Tarlton [Banastre Tarleton] with a large body of the enemy came up the Country in pursuit of Col. Morgan & Col. Washington, who was then encamped within 1 mile of Grindal Shoals on Pacolet River—Col. Brandon dispatched this applicant with an express to Genl. Morgan informing him of the approach of the Enemy – he set out about dark for Morgan's Camp some 15 or 20 miles off when he came to Pacolet River he found it swimming—lunged [? looks like "balged"] in and swam across—and got to Morgan's Camp before sun up and delivered his express—Col. Brandon came immediately and found Morgan who marched to the Cowpens and in a few days was attacked by Tarleton who was defeated. Says he lived in Union District South Carolina when he entered the service, was always a volunteer except the third tour when he entered the service as substitute for three months in the place of ___ Young in Captain Young's Company; served at King's Mountain with Cols. Williams, Shelby, Campbell and Cleveland; at the Cowpens with Morgan & Col. Washington.

He has no documentary evidence and he knows no person by whose testimony he can he can procure who can testify to his services nearer than South Carolina—and perhaps if he were there those with whom he served are now dead.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court 6th Oct. 1832

S/ Jos. Colville, Clk

S/ Samuel Hand

By S/ L. Colville, D. C.



[Clemma Sullivan, a clergyman, and John Cain gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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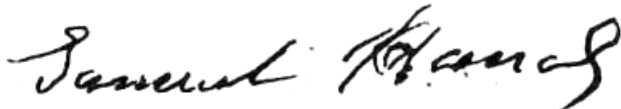
Answers to the Interrogatories directed to be put by the Secretary of War by the Court. Says he was born in the State of New Jersey on the 11th of June 1761. Says he has a copy of the Record of his age taken from his father's Bible. Says he lived in Union District South Carolina when he entered the service—after the Battle of the Cowpens in 1781, he moved to Washington County East Tennessee where he remained for about 3 years, moved back to York District South Carolina, remained there upwards of 20 years—moved to Pulaski County, Kentucky, remained there about 4 years—and lived ever since in Tennessee, a few months in Bedford [County]; 2 or three years in Rutherford [County], the balance of the time in Warren [County], where he now lives. Says he entered the service every time as a volunteer except the third time when he entered as a substitute in the place of _____ Young, in Capt. Young's Company—for 3 months. Says he was acquainted with Generals Lincoln, Morgan & Col. Washington who commanded the horse—never received any written discharge—he in his present neighborhood is acquainted with Harrell Bears, John B. Perkins, Isham Perkins, Thomas Clark, all of whom would testify to his character and veracity.

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State of Tennessee Warren County: Personally appeared before me George W Jewel an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County Samuel Hand and makes oath to the following facts to wit – I entered the revolutionary service as a volunteer on the first day of June 1779 and attached myself to Captain Lacy's [Edward Lacey] Company Colonel Wynn's [Winn] Regiment and served a three months tour against the Indians and Tories and was discharged by General Williamson near fort Augustine in East Florida. I returned home and shortly afterwards volunteered again and attached myself to Captain Gaston's Company, Colonel Wynn's Regiment and was stationed opposite Augusta in Georgia in South Carolina during which I was one of a detachment under Colonel Hammons [Hammond] that went to the relief of a Fort on the Ogeechee [Ogeechee] River in Georgia (name not recollected) previous to the arrival of the detachment, the Fort had been evacuated by the Indians and Tories, pursuit was made [paper torn, text missing] three successive days and nights and on the morning of the 4th day they were overtaken and after an action in which I was engaged some of them was killed – others taken prisoners and the balance dispersed, I then returned with the detachment to head quarters and resume my place in Captain Gaston's Company immediately afterwards I was one of another detachment under Colonel Hammons, that went and was present at the making of a treaty with the Cherokee Indians at Seneca old Town in South Carolina, the detachment returned to head quarters, I then took my place in Captain Gaston's Company and marched with the Regiment down to Bacon's Bridge in the lower part of South Carolina and joined General Lincoln and marched with him to Stono near Charleston South Carolina where I was discharged by General Lincoln after having served a tour of four months. I returned home and very shortly afterwards volunteered again and attached myself to a company commanded by Lieutenant Edmund Bishop in Colonel Brandon's Regiment then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Steen and was stationed at the ten mile branch above Charleston South Carolina where I served a three months tour and was discharged by General Lincoln, immediately after my return home, I reentered the Service as a volunteer and attached myself to General Sumpter's [Sumter] Regiment

where I remained but a short time before I became attached to Colonel Brandon's Regiment in which I served under different captains names not remembered at the defeat of Cruger's men in the battles of Kings Mountain and the Cowpens during which I served a tour of eight months. I then left the service of North Carolina and went to Nolichucky then that part of the Territory of North Carolina but now Washington County Tennessee there I attached myself to a company under Captain Jacob Brown and was engaged in an expedition against the Indians and Tories during a tour of 6 weeks.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of February 1834
S/ G. W. Jewel, JP S/ Samuel Hand



[fn p. 12: On June 7th, 1844 in Warren County Tennessee, Mary Hand, 69, made application for a widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Samuel Hand, a revolutionary war pensioner; that she married him in 1792 but has no record of the time of her marriage; she has a record of the dates of birth of her children and it shows that her oldest child James C Hand was born March 10th, 1793 and that she was married about a year before he was born; that her husband died June 19, 1840.]

[fn p. 16: family record:

Samuel Hand born the 11th of June 1761
My Son Elkins Hand born the 12 of October 1783
My daughter Affee [?] Hand born the 10 of March 1786
My daughter Temperance Hand born the 28th of February 1788
My son James Campbell Hand born the 10 of March 1793
My daughter Elizabeth Hand born the 3 of September 1794
My daughter Jene Hand born the 18 of January 1798
My William Bradford Hand Born the 2 of January 1801
My daughter Asenath Hand born the 27 of May 1804
My son Samuel Hand born the 19th of March 1807
My Daughter Harriet Hand born the 16 of [indecipherable] 1809
My daughter Nancy Hand born the 20 of October 1812

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Abner C. Womack Jur was born the year of our Lord February the 7th 1799
Aseneth Womack was born the 27 of May 1804
Elizabeth Womack was born May these 17 1822
William Pinkny Womack was born March the 31 1824
Samuel H Womack was born April the 21 1826
Maryan Womack was born November the 10 1829
Abner Hand Womack was born January [could be February] 10 1832
James Jackson Womack was born July 7 1834

[fn p. 26: Sarah Clark testified in Warren County Tennessee that she was the sister of Mary Hand; that she was present at the marriage of her sister to Samuel Hand; that the

marriage took place before the year 1794; that her sister Mary is 2 years older than she is and that she was about 15 at the time her sister married Samuel Hand

Sarah Clark]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$26.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 8 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]