

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Hamilton<sup>1</sup> R14776

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Know all Men by these Presents that I William K Johnson, having been by Power of Attorney legally executed, constituted and appointed the true and lawful Attorney of John Woods, one of the devisee of William Hamilton, devisee of Hans Hamilton legal representative of Thomas Hamilton deceased who was a Captain in the Virginia State Line in the Revolutionary War, which said power of Attorney contains a clause and power of Substitution giving me the said William K Johnson full power to constitute and appoint one or more attorney or Attorneys under me.

And I, the said William K Johnson having been by Power of Attorney legally executed, constituted and appointed to the true and lawful attorney of James Hamilton Woods, Andrew Woods and Martha Woods – devisees of William Woods, one of the donees of William Hamilton, devisee of Hans Hamilton, legal representative of Thomas Hamilton, deceased who was a Captain in the Virginia State Line in the Revolutionary War – which power of the Attorney contains a clause and power of Substitution giving me the said William K Johnson "full power to constitute and appoint one or more attorney or attorneys under" me.

Now therefore, I, the said William K Johnson, in pursuance of said powers of Substitution contained in the above-mentioned powers of the Attorney have made constituted and appointed and by these presents do make constitute and appoint William Nourse of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, my true and lawful attorney... [balance of the boilerplate language of the power of attorney omitted.]

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1852

S/ W. K. Johnson

[Attested in Coshocton County of Ohio]

[p 7: Copy of the last will and testament of William Woods in which he names his nephews William, John, James Hamilton and Andrew Woods and his niece Martha Woods, children of Archibald Woods; brother-in-law Archibald Woods & Elizabeth his wife; brother John Woods; brother Thomas Woods; William Woods the son of a certain Nancy Toy of County Derry in Ireland.]

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<sup>1</sup> VA. Half Pay: N.A.Acc. No. 874 See 050082 Half Pay Thomas Hamilton

Nashville 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1834

Sir,

Agreeably to your request I have caused my sister Mary Hamilton to come before me who makes the following statement to wit

“That more than 50 years ago she intermarried with Hance Hamilton the only son of Thomas Hamilton who has been dead 5 or 6 years and his son has been dead some 20 years leaving 10 children, some of whom are now dead, that she became intimately acquainted with the various branches of the connections of said Thomas Hamilton, and the many conversations she has it was stated that Thomas Hamilton served as an officer in the revolutionary war, that the first acquaintance she had with him was at the Guilford Battle [March 15, 1781], if she ever heard what line he served in she has forgotten it, but again & again she has heard it stated that he was in the Army, and he would boast of his powers [?]<sup>2</sup> before the Guilford Battle he and a large connection of his lived in the State of Virginia near the South boundary of the state, about the close of the war he and a large connection moved from Virginia and settled in North Carolina, Guilford County nearly all of whom, are dead. She feels confident the said Thomas would not mislead her, that she nursed him for 20 years before his death. For a year before his death indeed 4 years and he lamented at not being able to move about to obtain his just claim. She further states that she is informed that Frank McAmev [?]<sup>3</sup> who was a witness examined in support of this claim, made oath that he was with Thomas Hamilton in the Virginia line, and that there was another witness named Lane who confirmed what McAmev [?] had said, as to the Virginia Line.”

I have no personal knowledge of what line Mr. Hamilton served in as an officer. I believe what my sister has stated above. It seemed to be universally spoken of as a fact acknowledged by all, that he had been an officer in the revolutionary war. I am informed that Mr. Thompson makes about the same statement with my sister.

I am Sir with much respect

your Obedient Service

S/ John McNairy

The Honorable Levi Woodberry  
Secretary of the Treasury Washington City

[p 46—unsigned note reads:

"Thomas Hamilton Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Virginia  
died 1786? must have died prior to January one 1787.

Single

State of Virginia granted land March 4, 1788 on account service of Thomas deceased to his brother Hans Hamilton, whose will, probated in December 1788, made his brother William Hamilton his heir – who in turn bequeathed the property in America (inherited from Thomas & Hans) to his nephews John Woods, William Woods, & Hans Roulston [?] for the purpose of canceling the original warrant & the office at Richmond issued Exchange Warrants to said heirs

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*Provas.*  
*McAmev*

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(Sct. 30 May 1830) but location of said lands was suspended"

Capt. Thos. Hamilton	Brother to Hans Hamilton	Brother to Wm Hamilton	nephews John Woods Wm Woods Hans Roulston	to	nephews & niece William Woods James Hamilton Woods Andrew Woods Martha Woods
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[From [Virginia Half-Pay record on Fold3.com](https://www.fold3.com)  
<https://www.fold3.com/image/616518400>]

The United States, Dr. [Debtor]

To Thomas Hamilton, a Captain of Infantry  
in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment in the Virginia  
Line  
in the Revolutionary War

For his half pay from 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1783 to the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1829 in pursuance of the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of an act of Congress "to provide for liquidating and paying certain claims of the State of Virginia," approved 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1832, being 45 years 348 days at £32 Virginia currency, equal to \$240 per annum, amounting to Dollars 11,029.82

Note By the endorsement on the documents herewith, The Secretary of the Treasury authorizes "payment to the Attorney of the Administrator," but does not mention the name of either –

It appears that Andrew M. Hamilton is the Administrator de bonis non on the Estate of Captain Thomas Hamilton and a Power of Attorney has been given by Andrew M Hamilton to John M Walker & George W Gaines to receive the Amount but the Power is not duly acknowledged or proven.

Auditor's Office  
June 7 – 1834  
William Parker  
Comptroller's Office  
June 7, 1834  
Examined  
William Anderson