

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Diamond S30991

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State of Illinois Fayette County

Be it remembered that on this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared before the County Commissioners Court of the County of Fayette, now sitting, the same being a Court of Record, John Diamond a resident of the County of Fayette and State of Illinois aged eighty-two years on the 15th of February next, 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Derry in Ireland on the 15th day of February 1750, but has no record of his age. That according to the best of his recollection sometime in the year 1775 or 1776, he then living in Camden District in the State of South Carolina, he volunteered as a private under the command of Major Frank Ross [Francis Ross],¹ in Colonel Neal's [sic, Neel's] Regiment of mounted militia -- And then marched to Brier Creek in the State of Georgia, where was a battle with the British & Tories, called the battle of Brier Creek, or Ashe's defeat [March 3, 1779].² He being that day ordered to storm a garrison about ten miles below was not in the battle. Generals Ashe [John Ashe] & Albert [sic, Samuel Elbert] had the command of the American troops. After this defeat, he repaired with Major Ross to Augusta Georgia, where hearing that the Cherokee Indians were about to join the enemy, he marched after said Indians, and came up with them at a River called Rocky Comfort -- And a battle ensued in which Major Ross received a wound, of which he afterwards died in Augusta [Ross died March 31, 1779]. He was then in service about seven weeks. He soon afterwards enlisted in Captain Patton's [Robert Patton's] Company in Colonel afterwards General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Regiment, where he ranged about South Carolina. He was in the service then about six weeks. He was then in Captain Robert Thompson's Company, in the bounds of Colonel Neal's [Andrew Neel's] Regiment, employed as Rangers in said State of South Carolina, and continued with him according to the best of his recollection 6 months or more. He was afterwards a volunteer under General Greene [Nathanael Greene] and guarded the South Carolina Legislature at a town called Jacksonborough, in the forks of Edisto [River] -- at the same time he was with a party that when

¹ Francis Ross (1744-1779) served as a captain under Col. Thomas Neel on the Cherokee Expedition in the summer of 1776. Moss, *Roster*, p. 831. In the spring of 1779, Ross was wounded in a skirmish with the Cherokees and died from his wounds on March 31, 1779. William A. Graham. *General Joseph Graham and His Papers on North Carolina Revolutionary History*, Raleigh: 1904.

² Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>
Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779

out to gather cattle & supplies for the Army. This tour lasted about 5 or 6 weeks -- Afterwards he repaired to Ninety Six, and continued there under General Greene, during the siege of that place, and was with him there about 3 weeks.³ He was also in the battle of Guilford Court House⁴ in North Carolina, under Col. Billy Washington [sic, William Washington].

The deponent says that almost during the whole war he stood as a minute man, & kept a horse ready for service at a moment's call -- that it is impossible to recollect and State all his services -- but this he states, that on account of the unsettled state of the country, & his frequent calls to the service, for 2 years during the time embraced in the above account, he never raised a crop, or stayed with his family a month at a time.

He received several discharges signed by Major Ross & Colonel Washington, but a few years ago, all his papers were destroyed by water, his discharges included.

He states that Robert R. McLaughlin & William Lee D Ewing have for a long time been acquainted with him, and also the Reverend Francis Brown who promised him to attend this court & make the necessary Certificate -- but who was suddenly called from home on account of the death of his brother.

That since the revolutionary war he has lived in the State of Georgia, 25 or 26 years, afterwards in the Cherokee Nation, afterwards in the State of Tennessee about 13 years, and for the last 14 years in this State. He further states that he knows of no one by whom he can prove any of the services aforesaid nor has he any documents to establish any of said facts.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the Agency of any State.

Sworn to and subscribed in Open Court

S/ Jas. W. Berry, Clk

S/ John Diamond



[Robert R McLaughlin & William L D Ewing gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$36.55 per annum commencing March 4, 1831 for service as a private for 10 months & 29 days in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁵ relating to John Diamond
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1913

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[Transcriber's note: Page 6 of Audited Account file No. 1912A starts of record for John Diamond's for reimbursement for sundries supplied to the militia in 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782. These documents have been erroneously placed in William Dial's file. The file for John Diamond is file number 1913 but there is only the cover sheet in that file.]

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

⁵ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

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[No. 657 Book P]

Mr. John Diamond his Account of Sundries for Militia use in 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782.

Amounting to £81 Stg. [Sterling]

£332 Currency or £47.8.6 ¾ Sterling of which is not certified.

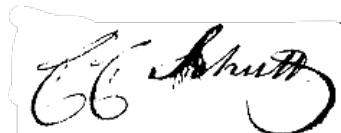
Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M^c. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Pass for 22 pounds .0 .11 Sterling S/ R?

Received the 25th May 1785 full Satisfaction for part of the Account of the amount of thirty-three Pounds eleven and Six pence in an Indent [No.] 657 [Book] P By order

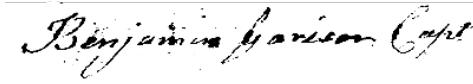
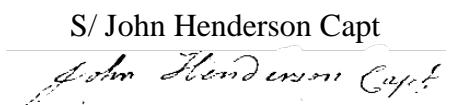
S/ C. C. Schutt



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State of South Carolina

Dr. to John Diamond

June 1780		Days	£	S	d
	For Service Done as horseman in General Sumpters [Thomas Sumter's] brigade under the Command of Captain Thompson at 20/[20 shillings old SC Currency] per day S/ Robt Thomson Capt 	41	41	0	0
in June 1781	For Services Done at Ninety Six as [undeciphered word] the fetegue [Fatigue?] Party at work under the Command of Colonel Henderson [William Henderson] at 20/per Day – 32 Days	32	32		
July 1781	to twenty four Days as horseman to the Quarter House under Captain Garrison of Colonel Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment at 20/per day Benjamin Garison Capt 	24	24	0	0
February 1782	to fourteen Days on Command to Jacksonburgh as horseman at 20/per Day S/ John Henderson Capt 	14	14	0	0
July 1782	to forty Six Days Service as horseman under Lieutenant Henry Corswell [Henry Carswell] in General Henderson's Creek Brigade in the forks of Edisto at 20/per day S/ Henery Carswell, Liftenont [Lt.]	46	46	0	0

	<i>Mary Bowd Lieutenant</i>				
January the 6 th 1779	for Services Done at brier Creek under Capt. William Byers in General William Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Brigade as horseman at 20/ pr. Day John Andrews Capt [?]  one bay horse [text obliterated] Creek	50	50	0	0
	Total	£207			
		200	0	0	

To a bay horse Lost at 96 Appraised at £100 is

£60.0

£567

Sterling £81.00

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[No.] 1746

[Book] X

Mr. John Diamond his Account of Sundries for Militia use in 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782 being the Balance of £22.0.11

Vid Book P

No. [Obliterated]

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Received 1 March 1786 full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 1746 – X per Order

S/ C. C. Schutt

C. C. Schutt

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Gentlemen

Please deliver to Mr. C. C. Schutt what ever Indents I may have in the Treasury his receipt shall be sufficient I am

Gentlemen

your humble servant

S/ John Diamond

John Diamond

To the Commissioners of the Treasury

Charleston 10 Feb 86

Witness S/ John Drennan, JP

[p 18: Printed form of indent No. 1746 Book X dated March 1, 1786 in the principal amount of £22 0 11 1]

[p 19: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements including among others one by the Veteran.]

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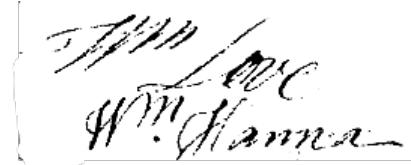
[text too faint to discern]} The State of South Carolina Dr. to John Diamond two hundred pounds it being for One Bay horse six years old not Branded Natural Trotter which horse I lost the third day of last March at Briar Creek when Attacked by the English went under the Command of Major Francis Ross since Deceased who at that time Commanded that Division of Colonel Thomas Neel's Regiment –

The above Described horse was appraised by us the subscribers being sworn as the Law Directs

State Dr. to Jno. Diamond

S/ Wm Love [William love]

S/ Wm Hanna [William Hanna]



Two handwritten signatures are shown side-by-side. The first signature, "Wm Love", is written in cursive script above a horizontal line. The second signature, "Wm Hanna", is written below it in a similar cursive style.

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South Carolina Camden District} Personally appeared John Diamond Before me and made Oath that he never Received any value for the within mentioned Articles nor has any prospect unless from the public of this State. [Balance of the document as posted online is too faint to discern.]