Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Martin Hook SC2029 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3736

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[No.] 268 Book R

Mr. Martin Hook his Account of 31 days Militia Duty as Sergeant in 1782

Amounting to £2.15.4 ¼ Stg. [Sterling]

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

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

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December the 1st 1782}

The Public of South Carolina to Martin Hook

Dr.

To 31 days of actual duty

Done in American Army as Sergeant

at 12 6 [12 shillings £0.06 old SC currency] per day

£19 old

currency

I do Certify that the above account is Just and true Gabriel Fridig Capt.



Martin Hook saith on his oath the above Account is Just & no part received Sworn before me
December 29 [?], 1789
S/ Wm Arther, JP
S/ Martin Hook, X his mark

Gentlemen

Congaree May 16th, 1786

Be pleased to Deliver my Indents Both principal and Interest to the Amount of my Accounts Both Militia Duty and of William Arther Esquire account in your Office to Mr. Randolph Shwitzer in Charles Town & oblige

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Your

Most Obedient & humble servant S/ Martin Hook, X his mark 168. R

To the Gentlemen Commissioners of the Treasury in Charles Town Certified by me S/ Daniel Tateman, JP

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Received the 12 May 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 168 Are in Virtue of an Order

S/ J Randolph Switzer



[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 168 Book R]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements by Switzer among others.]

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The Petition of Martin Hook Senior praying pay for Revolutionary Services Senate

J. Swygert Claims

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To the Honorable the President & others Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Martin Hook Senior Sheweth that having been attached to
the Cause of Independence in the Revolutionary War, he did after the performance of other
services in that cause enlist in the year 1781 for the Term of 10 months under Captain Alexander
[William Alexander] of North Carolina. He enlisted at a place then called Ancrum's, now owned
by General Hampton near Columbia, and was of the Regiment of Cavalry commanded by [Lt.
Col.] Wade Hampton, & under the Command of General Thomas Sumter: – He further states
that he was promised a Negro for his Term of Service, as was then the usual Custom, & terms of
enlistment.

Your Petitioner was detached soon after his said enlistment by the commanding officer & put on the clothing department & placed under the control of Frederick Class who was the chief of that department: He remained with said Class for some time, & as the necessity of the service required it, he was at length separated from said Class; but was still kept employed in the business of making Cloths for the Officers & Troops when necessary: and was for the whole of the Term of his enlistment with the said Troops and subjected & obedient to the orders of his officers. He faithfully served out the Term of his enlistment, and was at the expiration thereof discharged at Orangeburg by his commanding officer in 1782. But he has lost the said discharge.

Your Petitioner further states that he has never received the pay for his said services either by obtaining the said Negro which was promised him, or the certificate of Indent which he understood was afterwards given as a commutation for said Negro, nor has he ever received any pay or remuneration in money or otherwise either for his bounty or for the work which he actually did for the public during that time.

Your Petitioner states that he did Petition the Legislature for his pay, soon after the Seat of Government was removed to Columbia: but has never obtained the prayer thereof, since which time he has never petitioned until the present time. Your Petitioner is unable to state what were the causes which prevented him from obtaining his pay at the proper time, for he was then but a recent settler here, having but a few years before emigrated to this Country, & being of course but little acquainted with the Customs, or even with the language of the Country.

Your Petitioner states that he is old and in indigent circumstances but he trust he has established a Character of unimpeachable Honesty & Integrity and he assures the House that it is not for all that he expects to obtain for these services, nor indeed for all that the House can give, that he would swear to an untruth. – If on inquiry your Honorable body should be disposed to believe what he states, & what he has sworn to, he trust that you will see the justice of his Claim. He cannot at this late period produce full proof by other witnesses, because most of those who then knew him are now dead; but he feels confident of the justice of his claim & he trust your Honorable Body will be the more willing to allow him his right, when you reflect that it is not much longer now, that these claims can harass you, for from the nature of things the claimants cannot survive much longer to trouble you with their Petitions –

He therefore prays your Honorable Body to cause him to be paid for his said claim for a Negro, by directing his claim to be settled on the same terms that others were there is by a certificate of Indent for £80 Sterling bearing Interest as others did, or in what ever other way your Honorable body may think proper according to Equity and Justice

S/ Martin Hook, Sr., X his mark

[p 19] South Carolina Richland District Lt [?] Columbia

Personally appeared before me Martin Hook Senior who being sworn deposeth and says that he enlisted in the year 1781 in the service of the United States for ten months under William Alexander of Rowan County North Carolina at Ancrum's place now General Wade Hampton's place, and was attached to Wade Hampton's Regiment of Cavalry and for his service he was promised a Negro. – He was soon after he enlisted detached by Colonel Hampton to be of the Clothing department & was put under Frederick Class who was the principle of the Taylors [tailors]. He continued for some time with Class & then was separated from him, but was still kept at the tailoring business in making Clothes for the Officers & Soldiers – that he has never received any pay for his bounty either in a Negro or any thing else, nor has he ever received any pay for the Work which he did. He worked at the Taylors business by the orders of his officers & did whatever they ordered him: He was discharged by his officers afterwards in 1782 at Orangeburg but he has lost his discharge: he petitioned the Legislature some 12 or 15 or 18 years ago for his pay or Negro but his Petition was rejected as he was informed & he has never received anything for his Service. He further swears that he was always attached to the Rebel Cause & volunteered his service before that time viz. in the year 1775 at the Congaree bridge to go up to 96 [Ninety Six District] against Fletcher [Thomas Fletchall].

2 December 1822

Sworn to before me the above Day & date S/ James Boatwright Warder

S/ Martin Hook, Sr., X his mark

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South Carolina Lexington District Personally appeared before me Mr. Frederick Class who after being sworn deposes & says that he knew Martin Hook Senior during the Revolutionary War. That the said Hook was enlisted for the Term of Ten months in General Sumter's Brigade and that said Hook was, after his enlistment, detached from the active field duty, and placed under this deponent's superintendence & direction in the Clothing department. That he continued with this deponent for the greater part of the Term of his enlistment, but that the said Hook did his duty faithfully – whilst he was under the direction of this deponent, and he believes he did so for the full Term of his enlistment. – He further believes the said Hook never received a Negro, which was promised him for his service, nor the Commutation in indents; or any other pay or reward for the said Service. The said Hook, as well as this deponent, was detached as aforesaid by order of the Officers of said Brigade & were under the orders of said Officers.

Sworn to before me this 6th of December 1822

S/M. Hook, JP

S/ Frederick Class

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Martin Hook Senior praying payment for Revolutionary Services beg leave to report

That they have duly Examined the same from which it appears that the Petitioner was a faithful Soldier during the Revolutionary War that he was enlisted for Ten months under Captain Alexander of North Carolina in the year 1781 – that he was attached to the clothing department shortly after he had enlisted that for his Services he was promised a Negro which he states he has never received. Your Committee are not Satisfied of the correctness or Justice of the claim of this Petitioner and would therefore recommend that his prayer be not granted.

S/ John K Griffin, Chairman

[pp 30-31: On November 24, 1824 the veteran again petitioned for his pay]

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Mr. George Slappy [sic] made oath before me that Mr. Martin Hook Senior was a friend of his Country in the revolution war was in Colonel Hampton's Regiment of State Troops & further particulars deponent does not recollect at this time Sworn this 2nd day of December 1824

S/ George Slappey George Slapper [p 33]

South Carolina Lexington District}

Before me personally appeared Gabriel Fridig who after being duly sworn deposes and says that he was present at Ancrum's place when the Troops who had surrendered at Granby were called up, & when many of them were taken out of the Ranks & allowed to remain behind, & not to go to Charleston, that Martin Hook Senior & Frederick Class were of the number who were not to be sent to Charleston; That afterwards, at the same place the officers of the Americans offered to enlist these men, who were allowed to stay, & promised the Bounty of a Negro, – That said Martin Hook & Frederick Class did enlist with Sumter's men for Ten Months

This deponent further says that he knew both Class & Hook before the Revolutionary War & since; that they were good man & friends to their country – that after the fall of Granby² some time, this deponent received a Captain's Commission in the militia & said Hook served under him. This deponent does not know that said Hook served out his enlistment but he believes he did for he never heard it doubted, He always understood that he did serve the full term of it. This deponent knew the many other men, who were good Whigs, were taken at the Fort at Granby when Hook & Class were.

Sworn to before me this 3rd December 1824 S/M. Hook, JP

S/ Ga. Fridig

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Martin Hook Senior beg leave to report

That they have had the same under their consideration and from the Evidence submitted it appears that said Hook did enlist in the Brigade Commanded by General Sumter during the Revolutionary War, for the Term of Ten months, and that he was promised a Negro as pay for said service, which was then the usual pay given. It also appears that said Hook did serve out the Term of his enlistment and that he was employed in making Clothes for the Army. It also appears that this pay was afterwards commuted by the Government & Indents were issued & given to those Troops at the rate of £80 Sterling for a grown Negro & £40 pounds for a small one.

It also appears that said Hook was heretofore petitioned the Legislature for pay for this service, but that the claim was not allowed because of your Committee supposes the Evidence was not satisfactory. It also appears that the Petitioner is aged and Indigent.

From the foregoing facts your Committee are satisfied that the Petitioner is entitled to pay for his services; but as he has heretofore failed to produce satisfactory evidence on the subject, they think he is not entitled to Interest thereon, they therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution.

Resolved that the prayer of the Petitioner ought to be granted, and that he be allowed the £80 equal to \$342.87 ½ in full satisfaction of his Claim; and that if he accepts the above Sum it shall be a full and perfect bar to his Claim for pay & Interest for said Service

² May 14-15, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_granby_2.html

S/ Jos. Black S/ Jn. Swygert S/ Jos. Koger

[p 39: Copy of a petition by the veteran and to be placed on the pension list stating that he is quite old and infirm as a look family to support and is unable to labor.] Undated

[p 43] undated

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Martin Hook praying to be placed on the pension list.

Report that your committee has had his petition under their consideration and are of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted and that he be placed on the pension list.

S/ E. Benbow Chairman

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Martin Hook praying to be placed on the Pension list

Respectfully report

That the same has been taken into Consideration and your committee recommend to this House that Martin Hook be allowed a Pension from and after the Session of this Legislature, December 1825

S/Wm Kemp CSC