

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Hamilton R4516

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Logan County October the 30th 1834 [State of Virginia]

We the undersigned Justices of the peace for the County of Logan in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that at the request of John Hamilton, who from old age and infirmity is unable to attend at the Courthouse of the County: We have therefore met him at the House of Edward Chapman, near his place of residence: And after He the said Hamilton having been duly sworn, Made the following declaration; in order to obtain the benefit of an Act passed by Congress on the 7th day of June in the year 1832. That he enlisted into the Seventh Regiment of North Carolina Militia: and was placed in the Company commanded by Captain John Griffith with which Regiment he continued for two months: when he volunteered into the light Infantry of the line, and served in the Company of Captain Archibald Little [Archibald Lytle]; the Company was then stationed at Pruningsburg [Purrysburg] in North Carolina [sic, South Carolina] from whence he was marched to Augusta in Georgia, was under the orders of General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter]<sup>1</sup> at the Savannah, with the British on Briar Creek [March 3, 1779];<sup>2</sup> after our defeat in this affair we marched to White House in Carolina; after continuing at this post some time, we joined the Army at Pruningsburg and served with the light Infantry in many services; until he was discharged near Charleston late in the year 1779. He never received any pay for his services, except \$5 received as bounty when he entered the light Infantry Regiment.

Sworn to & subscribed before us the day & date above written

S/ Anthony Lawson, JP

S/ John Hamilton, X his mark

S/ Nathaniel Mullins, JP

Questions put by the undersigned Justices to John Hamilton

Q Where and when were you born?

Answer. I was born in the year 1756 in the County of Chester in the State of Pennsylvania

Question. Have you any record of your Age?

Answer, no: my knowledge is traditionary.

Question. Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas Sumter was not at the Battle of Briar Creek. The Whig forces in that engagement were commanded by Genl. John Ashe of the NC Continental Line.

<sup>2</sup> Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

Answer. I lived in North Carolina when I entered the service after the revolutionary War I moved into Montgomery County Virginia and have lived in Logan County Virginia for the last 10 years –

Question. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you Volunteer, or were you a Substitute, and if a Substitute for whom?

Answer. I enlisted first & served 2 months in the Militia, then volunteered into the light Infantry or rifle service, where I continued 7 or 8 months.

Question. State the names of some of the Regular officers, who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect; and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer. I remember General Sumpter, Lieutenant Colonel James Thackston and Major Dickson: besides the other officers names given in my declaration

Question. Did you ever receive a Discharge & if so by whom was it given; and what has become of it?

Answer. I received a Discharge from Lieutenant Colonel James Thackston which I carried in my pocket book until it literally wore away

Sworn to and answered before us this 30th day of October 1834

He relinquishes all claim to any pension but the present & declares that his name is not on any pension roll in any State in the Union

S/ Anthony Lawson, JP

S/ Nathaniel Mullins, JP

[Richard Brooks, a clergyman, gave the standard supporting affidavit]

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State of Virginia Russell County to wit

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace, for the County aforesaid John McLaughlin<sup>3</sup> and made oath in due form of law & states that he was acquainted with John Hamilton now of the County of Logan in the State during the war of our Revolution and served with him in the 7th Regiment in the Company of Captain Griffith until they joined the light Infantry under Captain Archibald Little [Archibald Lytle] at Pruningsburg [Purrysburg] in South Carolina was present at the Skirmish with the British on Briar Creek hours troops were commanded by General Sumter James Thackston was Lieutenant in the Company of Light Infantry believe said Hamilton served at least nine months & further deponent saith not – Given under my hand & seal this 28th day of August 1836

S/ Thos Hunt [Justice of the Peace]

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid, do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war, that John Hamilton a Sergeant in Captain Boman's Company of the first Regiment enlisted in the year 1777, was omitted in January 1778 Mustered as a private in January 1779 in the 4th Regiment – nothing more is said of him on the rolls.

Given under my hand this 24th of January 1835

S/ Wm Hill

State of North Carolina Secretary of State's Office

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<sup>3</sup> Probably [John McLaughlin \(McGlothlin\) W7436](#)

I William Hill Secretary of State in and for the State aforesaid do certify that it appears from the musterrolls of the Continental line of this State in the revolutionary war that John Hamilton a private in Captain Steadman's company of the 5th Regiment enlisted in 1777 for the war and that nothing more is said of him on said rolls.

Given under my hand this 24th of January 1835

S/ Wm Hill