Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Robert Hand R4557
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State of South Carolina Laurens District: SS

On this the fifth day of August in the year 1850 personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Lawrence District Robert Hand a resident of Laurens District South Carolina who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the provisions of the acts of Congress granting pensions to certain officers and soldiers who served in the revolutionary war and to their children or representatives after the death. He states that he is the son, & Executor of his Father Robert Hand deceased. That he has heard his Father say he was drafted in the service in the State of North Carolina, that he performed service in the country about Salisbury in that state, the upper District of South Carolina, and on the Georgia side of the Savannah River. That he was engaged in the Battle of Bryar Creek [Brier Creek, March 3, 1779]. He states that after the death of his Father Robert Hand, he took possession of his papers as Executor under his will and that he found among them the enclosed discharge which shows the names of the officers under whom he performed service, and the date of his discharge. He respectfully asked reference to the discharge and the paper source from which the time of service can be ascertained, he being without knowledge on that subject. From the best information he has his Father removed to Lawrence District South Carolina where he resided until his death. That he died on the 25th day of June in the year 1841. That his Father never made application for a pension. He states he has no doubt that his Father was the identical person who performed service under the enclosed discharge. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written.

S/W. D. Watts, Judge & Clerk of the C. O. L. D.

S/ Robert Hand

Robert Hain

[Genl. Thomas Wright gave testimony that he was well acquainted with the veteran and that the veteran was reputed and esteemed in his neighborhood as a veteran of the revolution.]

This is to Certify that Robert hand a solder in Capt Shepards Company in Colo Bruvards Regiment of on G Rutherfirds Brigade of No. C. militia hath Served as a true and faithful Soldier the time for which he was Drafted and he is herby Discharged from the Sd. Service Given under my hand thirt 0 Day of Aprile 1779

H A Brevard Colo [?? very faint, not sure of signature, could be Hugh Brevard or Alexander Brevard, both of whom are thought to have been with the NC militia at the Battle of Brier Creek]

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