

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John W. Hunter S10899

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Washington County District of Columbia: SS

On this twenty eighth day of July 1832 personally appeared before me William Cranch, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, John W Hunter and 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he first enlisted for ten months in the State troops of South Carolina, commanded by General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] in the latter part of the year 1780 or the beginning of the year 1781, in Captain McKinzy's [probably Capt. William McKenzie's] Company, Colonel Hill's [Col. William Hill's] Regiment of cavalry, as Trumpeter and was entered by agreement of the Officers on the Muster & Pay rolls as Brigade Trumpeter and was to rank as Sergeant Major, that he was in a short time afterwards transferred to Colonel Henry Hampton's troop of Horse, and served occasionally, with Colonel Wade Hampton and Colonel Henderson [probably William Henderson], during the spring and summer of eighty-one, that he lived in Lincoln County North Carolina at the time of his enlistment, That he acted with Colonel Washington [William Washington], Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee] of the Continental line, and with Colonel Marion [Francis Marion] and Colonel Horry [probably either Daniel or Peter Horry], and was in several engagements and was in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781]<sup>1</sup>, when this deponent was wounded, that he was at the taking of Orangeburg [possibly referring to the siege of Orangeburg by Sumter, July 8-10, 1781]<sup>2</sup>, in the skirmish at Dorchester,<sup>3</sup> was with the party that was routed near Orangeburg [possibly the engagement on November 12, 1781]<sup>4</sup> by the Tory Colonel William Cunningham, was in the party defeated by the Queens Rangers at the Juniper Springs [June 18, 1781]<sup>5</sup> by a part of Lord Rawdon's Forces on their March to Ninety Six, then besieged by General Green [Nathanael Greene] all in South Carolina, That after the battle of the Eutaw Springs and this Deponent having recovered of his wounds he was detached with Major Frank Moore to the State of Georgia with eighty or one hundred

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<sup>1</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/eutaw.htm> and [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html)

<sup>2</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/orangeburg.htm> and

<sup>3</sup> There were a number of engagements in and around Dorchester. See generally,

<http://gaz.jrshelby.com/dorchester.htm> and [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC\\_Revolutionary\\_War\\_Known\\_Battles\\_Skirmishes.htm](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/SC_Revolutionary_War_Known_Battles_Skirmishes.htm)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_orangeburgh\\_3.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_orangeburgh_3.html)

<sup>5</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/junipersprings.htm> and

[http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_mydeltons\\_ambuscade.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_mydeltons_ambuscade.html)

Cavalry to reinforce General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], then laying before Savannah,<sup>6</sup> That they did join General Wayne, and remained with him reconnoitering between Savannah & the Altamaha & Darun [rivers] until the ten months service expired, when Major Moore with all of his men, except this deponent, returned to South Carolina & were dismissed, But this deponent, again entered into service with Colonel James Jackson at a small village called Ebenezer, where he was recruiting and organizing a troop of Horse as Trumpeter to continue during the War, is Deponent thinks this was about the beginning of the year 1782, or a little afterwards, that he did continue with Colonel Jackson scouting between the Ogeechee and the St. Marys River in pursuit of the Tory Colonel McGirt [Daniel McGirt], until the news of peace was announced. He was with Colonel Jackson, when Savannah was delivered up to the American Troops, That Colonel Jackson's Troop was in the advance in taking possession of the City, That this deponent remained with Colonel Jackson until the winter of eighty-two and then he was permitted to return home Peace being certainly known. This deponent never asked for or obtained a discharge, That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service with Colonel James Jackson, that he has made every inquiry in Savannah and generally through the State of Georgia, but cannot find one man alive that belonged to the Troop, He declares that he is not a Pensioner, and that his name is not on any Pension roll or ever was in the United States, and that the whole of his Services in the Revolutionary war, was fully two years.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid  
S/ W. Cranch

S/ John W Hunter



[David Breasley and Overton Carr gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

The following interrogatories were put by the Judge, and answered as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

Answer, I was born in North Carolina in the year 1767, on the 22nd day of November.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record of my age, but in my youth often recollect to have seen it written in a Bible then belonging to my Father, but have not seen it for the last 40 years, nor do I now know what has become of it.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer to the 3rd Question. I lived with my Father's Family in Lincoln County North Carolina when I enlisted. I moved to Georgia in the year 1786, & in the year 1795 came to Pennsylvania, & remained there until the year 1822, & then moved to Baltimore & lived there one year, & in 1823 moved to Augusta in Georgia where I have lived until last November & I now live with my Family in Washington City District of Columbia.

Question 4th is answered already

Question 5th Is also answered in the body of my Declaration

S/ John W. Hunter

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<sup>6</sup> <http://ourgeorgiahistory.com/wars/Revolution/revolution17.html>

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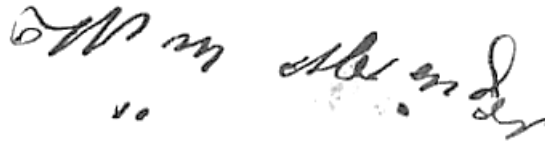
I do certify that I was Captain in Colonel Wade Hampton's Corps of Horse, in time of the Revolutionary War, called the ten months Service, in general Sumpter's Brigade, in the year 1781. That I knew John W Hunter, Served as a Trumpeter in said Service during the ten months for which time those troops were engaged, that I saw him in the performance of his duty at the taking of Orangeburg, and at all the different skirmishes, on the Congarees, that said Hunter was at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs, and at Dorchester, and continued in service until the expiration of the time of service.

Given under my hand this 10th day of September 1829

Witness

S/ Dan Alexander

S/ Wm Alexander [William Alexander]<sup>7</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm Alexander".

NB Capt. Alexander was unfortunately partly blind when he wrote his name, by misfortune and old age.<sup>8</sup>

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Augusta Georgia July the 16th 1826

I do Certify that JW Hunter Served as a Trumpeter in the ten months service in South Carolina in the year 1781 under the Command of General Sumpter & that he was at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, & I know he was wounded there

S/ S. Hammond [Samuel Hammond]<sup>9</sup>

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Raleigh June 10, 1832

Dear Sir

I have received your letter requesting information from the of your being in the ten months service in the State of South Carolina. I have a distinct recollection of your being in that service; but whether as a Trumpeter or Soldier, I cannot say – Living proof for services performed in the Revolutionary War, now 50 years past bye, is hard to be found – time has destroyed the living as well as the documentary evidence.

It would afford me much gratification to serve you or any other of my fellow soldiers in obtaining compensation for revolutionary services & anything within my recollection will be cheerfully do rendered.

With respect

I am your most Obedient Sert.

S/ Will Polk [William Polk]<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>7</sup> [William Alexander S6496](#)

<sup>8</sup> On page 26, there is a handwritten letter dated February 12, 1827 from Alexander to Hunter regarding the service Hunter rendered during the 10-month service.

<sup>9</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

<sup>10</sup> [William Polk S3706](#)

*Will. Beck*

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$50 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a trumpeter in the South Carolina State troops for 10 months.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John W. Hunter SC  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3887A

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Gentlemen

You will Please Deliver Colonel Wade Hampton all the Indents now in your hands Due me for Services Clothing &c as Trumpet Major in the State Troops Commanded by General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] and this shall be your Discharge for the same  
November 7<sup>th</sup> 1790

from Gentlemen your most Obedient

Humble Servant

S/ J. W. Hunter, T. M.



To the Commissioners appointed  
to Settle with the State  
Troops  
Test  
S/ Rt. M Campbell [?]

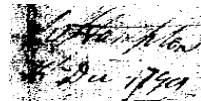
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Gent.

You will please pay the within to Captain John Sumter & oblige  
your humble Servt.

S/ W. Hampton

5<sup>th</sup> December 1799 [last digit unclear]



<sup>1</sup> 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.

To the Commissioners for paying the State Troops

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To the Honorable

The Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of John W Hunter, respectfully represents, That in the year 1781, your Petitioner the said John, being then thirteen years of Age, enlisted as a Trumpeter, and was entered on the muster Rolls, which are now lost, as Brigade Trumpeter, of the Brigade of State Troops of South Carolina under the Command of General Sumter, and that he served in that character among the Troops enlisted for what is known by the name of the Ten Months Service.

Your Petitioner further Represents, That he was, by the terms of his enlistment, to have received as compensation for his services, two Negroes, being confiscated property – But that being always out on duty with reconnoitering parties, he was never fortunate enough to be present, when payments of that kind were made, & that in consequence thereof he never did receive his Stipulated compensation.

Your Petitioner represents moreover, that he was present, and took part in all the different engagements that occurred in the year 1781, during the period of his enlistment – That after the British had evacuated Dorchester, your petitioner was ordered to proceed under the command of Major Moore, with the auxiliary forces, sent into the State of Georgia to reinforce General Wayne [Anthony Wayne], who was then lying before Savannah. – That whilst on this expedition, his term of enlistment expired, and before his return to South Carolina, the Ten Months Men had been dismissed – That your Petitioner, in consequence of the disbandment of the Troops in his absence from them, did not then, nor has he to this date, received one dollar for all the Service rendered by him during the Ten Months Service – a Service in which the Troops were incessantly active on fatiguing & perilous tours of duty.

Your Petitioner further Represents, that he has not made an earlier application to your Honorable Bodies, because he removed in the year 1795 into the State of Pennsylvania, after having Served during the year 1791 – 2 – 3 – & 4, in the Georgia Troops which had been kept in military activity by the hostility of the Indians on the frontiers of that State. – That he resided in Pennsylvania from the time of his removal thither, until the year 1822, when he removed to Augusta, Georgia, & had fondly hoped that no necessity would ever compell him to revive an old & long dormant claim upon the justice, if not the gratitude, of your State. But years have come upon him – & with them adversities – So that he finds himself so circumstanced as to render it necessary, however reluctantly, to appeal to your justice for compensation for services rendered in the State while your Petitioner was yet in the greenness of Boyhood, and the State, in common with her Sisters, was struggling for independence – Under the circumstances herein set forth, should your Honorable Bodies concur in opinion that your petitioner's Services are worthy to be compensated, and award a due recompense therefore, he would acknowledge with grateful sensibility the Honorable returns of Justice & Kindness which he has received for the toils endured for his Country, and in duty bound will ever pray –

S/ J. W. Hunter

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. W. Hunter", written in black ink on a white background. The signature is written in a fluid, somewhat slanted style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of John W Hunter praying compensation for Revolutionary Services beg leave respectfully to report

That they have considered the same and recommend that the prayer thereof be not granted

On examining the records in the Comptroller's Office Your Committee find that the Petitioner has been paid in full for the services for which he seeks compensation.<sup>2</sup>

S/ Jacob Axson, Chairman

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<sup>2</sup> a search of the South Carolina Audited accounts did not result in finding records which would indicate that this claimant had been paid for his services in the Ten Months Service