

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Hammond S21803

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

On the first day of November 1832 Personally appeared in Open Court before me Richard Gantt – now sitting – Joshua Hammond a Resident of at present in the State of Georgia – and many years a Resident of the State and District aforesaid in the Seventy Sixth or 77th year of his Age, and being first duly Sworn as the Law directs, doth on his said Oath make the following declaration in Order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

The Applicant states that he was born in the State of Virginia as he is informed by family Record – that he Removed into the State aforesaid while very young with his father, John Hammond, & Resided in the District aforesaid until the Commencement of the Revolutionary War, that his father was then appointed a Captain of a Volunteer Company, in the Ninety Six Regiment of Militia, in the year date not recollected – he entered as a Volunteer in his father's Company and served with him in an Expedition against the Tories, then called Drayton's [William Henry Drayton] Campaign & Snow Camp – That he was in the attack upon the Tories at big Cainbrake [Great Cane Brake, December 22, 1775]– he thinks the time was something over three months, that he continued some time in Service, after, which he again went with his father's Company as a Volunteer upon an Expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the Command of Colonel Andrew Williamson, & attached to Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment, that he was in the Battle at Seneca [August 1, 1776], when Salvador [Francis Salvador] was killed in the battle of Tugaloo – in a skirmish at the Apple Orchard at Tomassee & the Dark Holes – that he was in Service upon that Occasion about four months that he then Joined Captain F. Sinquefield [Francis Sinquefield], and served with him upon the frontiers; on Seneca River & served there six months – Shortly after his return from that service, he Joined Captain John Carter, in which Company he was appointed a Lieutenant & marched with the company under the Command of General Andrew Williamson upon an Expedition to East Florida & continued in that Service to the Close of the campaign about ten months – that he was then a short time Out of Service, but when the British took Possession of Augusta in the Early Part of 1779 – he again Volunteered in his father's Company, until the British Retreated from that Place – after that he performed a Tour of Duty as a Militia man, three months at the Two Sisters ferry on the Savannah River, from that time to the fall of Charleston in May 1780 – was Out of service, Except occasionally riding Expresses & that soon after that he was made a prisoner & Paroled & continued so until that Paroled was violated by the British --, that on the arrival of Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke] of Georgia near Augusta, in his attack upon the British fort at Augusta, considering himself absolved from the Obligations of his parole, he Joined Colonel Clarke and was with him in his attack a British fort at a place called the White House, that on Clarke's retreat he was out on a Detachment, & not being informed of the Retreat, he was taken prisoner, &

confined 10 weeks in Close Confinement – That he then was again Paroled by Giving Security that he would remain as Such until Exchanged or other way liberated; that he afterwards found himself liberated and on Colonel Samuel Hammond's arrival in the District of Ninety Six – with the intention of embodying the friends of the Revolution in aid of the force he & Colonel James Jackson of Georgia brought with them – he Joined them and was with them during the Siege of Augusta until Brown's Surrender of that Place; that upon General Green's [sic, Nathanael Greene's] Retreat from before 96 he Retreated also under the Command of Colonel Leroy Hammond & Joined General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] West of Ninety Six and continued with that Command until they Joined General Greene North side of Congaree [River], and still continued with General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] into the Present District of Edgefield, after which he was continued in service under the Command of Captain John Carter on the Enoree River, constantly actively employed watching the movements of the Enemy Occasionally skirmishing with Tory & British parties – and continued in that Service until the British retired below Dorchester that he was in the whole never out of service from the Commencement of the Siege of Augusta, until the Troops were Generally Discharged on the news of Peace & altogether that he was in actual service for more than three years & he hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to a pension or Annuity except the Present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of Any State.

Sworn to in Court before,

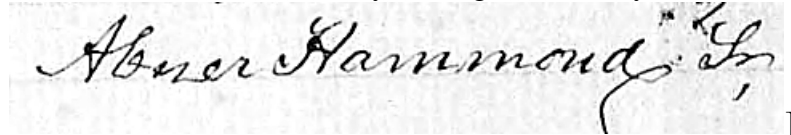
S/ Joshua Hammond

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S/ Richard Gantt, P. J.

[Thomas Norris, a clergyman and William Garrett, Senior, gave the standards supporting affidavit.]

[p 11: Affidavit of Abner Hammond dated November 27, 1854 and given in Spalding County Georgia that Joshua Hammond died March 22, 1853 and that Charles Hammond, Joshua Hammond, Abner Hammond and Nancy Hammond were his only surviving children and that he left no widow, his wife, Mary, having died "Many Years Previous."

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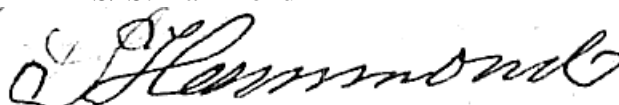
State of South Carolina, Richland District

Personally Appeared before me James S. Guignard, Clerk of the Court, Common Pleas, of Appeals & Judge of Quorum -- Samuel Hammond who being duly sworn as the Law directs States that in the Month of January 1779, he saw Joshua Hammond in Camp in Carolina opposite Augusta serving as a Volunteer in Captain John Hammond's Company of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment of Militia & General Andrew Williamson's Brigade, that said Joshua Hammond Volunteered with Deponent upon several Partisan Expeditions under the Order of General Williamson, in the State of Georgia, & on Return from those Scouts as they were then termed rejoined his own Company – that they were often together for three months, and the Deponent left him in Service, & with his own Command Marched to the lower part of South Carolina under the Order & the command of General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], & had no further intercourse with him until some short time after the Battle of Stono – when the Deponent

Returned to Ninety Six & collected a Company of Volunteers to March towards Savannah to Rejoin General Lincoln & General Williamson, Joshua Hammond Volunteered in that Company but taken ill was obliged to decline the service. Sometime in April 1780, the Deponent was ordered with his own Company & the Drafts from Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment, into Georgia, & being appointed assistant Brigade Quartermaster Joshua Hammond was employed by him in that service while preparing for a March under the orders of General Williamson & Governor Howley of Georgia – the fall of Charleston, being surrendered the Expedition was Given over & the troops Disbanded; refusing to surrender upon capitulation, as it was proposed by the General [Andrew Williamson] & field Officers of the District of 96 he Deponent Raised a Company of Volunteers upon his own Responsibility & Joshua Hammond enrolled himself as One of that Company, but going home for Equipment was taken prisoner; by the Tories & carried into confinement – the Deponent further states that in May 1781 Colonel James Jackson of Georgia & himself arrived in the District of Ninety Six, under the Order of General Greene & Pickens, for the purpose of Raising a force from our friends to prepare for the siege of Augusta & 96 Joshua Hammond Joined them immediately & from his knowledge of the County & the character of the inhabitants was actively useful, & from that time to the General Discharge of the Militia on news of peace, the Deponent knows he was constantly in active service, in Commission in the Confidence of General & field Officers – and Generally employed by them in Confidential Service & further saith not.

Sworn to before me 18th of June 1833.

S/ S. Hammond



S/ James S. Guignard

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State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

On the 29th day of April 1833 Personally appeared before me Charles Hammond one of the Justices for said District, Joshua Hammond at Present in the State and District aforesaid, where he has lived many years, but is now moving to the State of Georgia, aged as set forth in his application for a Pension dated on the first day of November 1832, being first duly Sworn as the law directs, doth on his Oath make the following Amendatory Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress Passed 7th June 1832.

The applicant states that he served as a Private in John Hammond's Company 96 Regiment Militia as stated in his Previous declaration & Performed duly three months.

That again went into service & performed a Tour of duty under then Colonel Andrew Williamson afterwards General A. Williamson that on that Occasion he was in Service four months.

He then Joined a Company of Militia Raised for the Protection of the frontier Settlements between Savannah River & Saluda [River] Commanded by Captain Francis Sinkfield [Francis Sinquefield] & Served in the said company six months -- & then Discharge but Discharge lost.

After that he went into service as a Lieutenant in Captain John Carter's Company of Col. LeRoy Hammond's Regiment & marched in May under Command of General Andrew Williamson attached to General Howe in Continental service, on an expedition to East Florida and served six months – to the month of October precise day not now remembered.

That he again went into service in January 1780 & continued in service until General Ashe's defeat on Briar Creek three months.

Next service was in the same year 1779 he marched to the Two Sisters ferry on Savannah

River with Part of John Hammond's Company under Command of Major Hugh Middleton of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment – South Carolina Militia -- & was stationed there three months as a Guard.

That after the fall of Charleston, he was made a prisoner of war & paroled to his farm – but soon after being ordered to surrender his parole, & become Subject, believing himself absolved as Stated in his former Declaration, he Joined General Clarke, as also Stated in said Declaration; & he considered himself while a prisoner as in the Worst kind of service, & when released, he entered the service & the Regiment to which he belonged & remained in Actual service until the militia was Generally Discharged near the Close of the war, the Precise time he does not now Remember, or has he at this distant date any Person who can prove the Exact length of those Services.

Sworn to & And subscribed or me the day & date first written.
S/ Charles Hammond, Sr., JQ

S/ Joshua Hammond

[Note: For reasons not clear to me the following obituary appears on page 15 of the pension file of [Benjamin Hatcher W21275](#)

OBITUARY.	Obituary
<p>DIED, at the residence of his relative, CHARLES HAMMOND, Esq., in this District, on the 20th March last, Capt. JOSHUA HAMMOND, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 101 years, 2 months and 20 days.</p> <p>Capt. HAMMOND was born in the State of Virginia, on the 1st day of January A. D. 1752, and removed to this State with his wife, who was his first cousin, and a sister of the late Col. SAMUEL HAMMOND— previous to the Revolutionary war. He entered the army of the Revolution as a private in the Company of Capt. JOHN HAMMOND, of the Regiment commanded by Col. LEROY HAMMOND, commonly known as the "Snow Hill Regiment," and served in that capacity until he joined the expedition to Florida under Gen. LINCOLN, as a Lieutenant, which office he continued afterwards to hold in the service of his adopted State, until the close of the war.— On the failure of this enterprise, led by the brave and patriotic, but unfortunate General alluded to, and the defeat of his objects, Capt. HAMMOND returned to his adopted State, in whose service he remained and to whose fortunes he clung to the close of the war; contributing his full portion of the zeal, gallantry, vigilance and activity, which characterized her true sons in the bold and partisan warfare which they waged at this memorable period, against her enemies, the British and Tories.</p> <p>As a soldier and officer, Capt. HAMMOND was distinguished for vigilance, activity and adroitness— qualities invaluable in the service in which he was engaged,—and which frequently procured him the command of "Scouting Parties" against the Tories and "Out Liers" of that period, from which expeditions he rarely ever returned without success. And the writer of this feeble tribute to his memory, remembers to have heard, when a youth, frequent narrations of the skill and address with which he planned and executed the capture of a notorious ruffian and outlaw of that day (whose name is not now remembered) and his followers,—an enterprise for which he had volunteered and was specially detailed. Indeed, the activity, vigilance, and success, which characterized the military movements of Capt. HAMMOND, though more circumscribed in their sphere, were not less noted in the immediate theatre of his exploits, than were those of his more illustrious, but not more meritorious compeer and com-patriot, Gen. FRANCIS MARION.</p>	<p>Died at the residence of his relative, Charles Hammond, Esquire, in this district, on 26th March last, Captain Joshua Hammond, a soldier of the Revolution, aged 101, 2 months and 20 days.</p> <p>Captain Hammond was born in the State of Virginia on the 1st day of January A.D. 1752, and removed to this State with his wife, who was his first cousin, and a sister of the late Colonel Samuel Hammond – previous to the Revolutionary war. He entered the Army of the revolution as a private in the company of Captain John Hammond of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond, commonly known as the "Snow Hill Regiment," and served in that capacity until he joined the expedition to Florida under General Lincoln, as a Lieutenant, which office he continued afterwards to hold in the service of his adopted State, until the close of the War. – On the failure of this enterprise, led by the brave and patriotic, but unfortunate General alluded to, and the defeat of his objects, Captain Hammond returned to his adopted State, in which service he remained and to whose fortunes he clung to the close of the war; contributing his full portion of the zeal, gallantry, vigilance and activity, which characterized her true sons in the bowl and partisan warfare which they waged in this memorable period against her enemies, the British and Tories.</p> <p>As a soldier and officer, Captain Hammond was distinguished for vigilance, activity and adroitness – qualities invaluable in the service in which he was engaged – and which frequently procured him the command of "Scouting Parties" against the Tories and "Out Liers" of that period, from which expeditions he rarely ever returned without success. And the writer of this feeble tribute to his memory, remembers to have heard, when a youth, frequent narrations skill and address with which he planned and executed the capture of a notorious ruffian and outlaw of that day</p>

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<p>As a private citizen Capt. Hammond was remarkable for honesty, sobriety and industry; and tho' always above want, he never coveted, nor did he ever acquire much of this "world's store." A love of truth, was perhaps, his most prominent trait of character. And though often importuned by persons—as the writer of this has occasion to know he frequently was—to furnish evidence of the Revolutionary services of their ancestors, he uniformly refused, unless the facts were strictly within his own knowledge. Modesty, manliness and candor, were qualities which marked his intercourse with his fellow-men; and to these were added a remarkable degree of "diffidence", a fault (if it may be so termed) for which he was proverbial among those who knew him, and which a long intercourse with the world never enabled him to overcome.</p> <p>It is a remarkable fact,—and one somewhat coincident with the character of this worthy and venerable personage,—and mentioned here only as being due to historic truth—that he breathed his last within two miles (and almost within full view) of the spot (Snow Hill) which gave name to the Regiment in which he so long and so gallantly acted. K. Edgefield District, July 4th, 1853.</p>	<p>As a private citizen Captain Hammond was remarkable for honesty, sobriety and industry; and though always above want, he never coveted, nor did he ever acquire much of this "world's store." A love of truth, was perhaps, his most prominent trait of character. And though often importuned by persons – as the writer of this has occasion to know he frequently was – to furnish evidence of the Revolutionary services of their ancestors, he uniformly refused, unless the facts were strictly within his knowledge. Modesty, manliness and candor, were qualities which marked his intercourse with his fellow-men; and to these were added a remarkable degree of "diffidence", a fault (if it may be so turned) for which he was proverbial among those who knew him, and which a long intercourse with the world never enabled him to overcome.</p> <p>It is a remarkable fact, – and one somewhat coincident with the character of this worthy and venerable personage, – and mentioned here only as being do to historic truth – that he breathed his last within two miles (and almost within full view) of the spot (Snow Hill) which gave name to the Regiment in which he so long and so gallantly acted. K Edgefield District, July 4th, 1853</p>

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$119.99 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private and Lieutenant for 24 months in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to
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No. 60

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[No.] 368 22nd June 85 [1785]

Mr. Joshua Hammond his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private since the reduction of Chas. Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency

£30

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Stg [Sterling]

£4.5.8 ½

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina

Dr. to Joshua Hammonds[sic]

for Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

£30

Stg.

£4.5.8 ½

Received 22nd June 1785 full satisfaction for the above Account in an Indent No. 368 Lib. T

S/ Joshua Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Joshua Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background and is somewhat stylized and difficult to decipher.