

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Benjamin Hatcher W21275 Lucy Hatcher f99SC
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South Carolina, Edgefield District

On this 27th day of March 1838, personally appeared before the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for the District and State aforesaid (His Honor Josiah J. Evans presiding) Lucy Hatcher a resident of Edgefield District in the State aforesaid, aged ninety three years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress, passed July 4, 1836: That she is the widow of Benjamin Hatcher, who in the war of the Revolution was a Captain of a Volunteer Company of South Carolina militia, and that the said Company belonged to Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment, which Regiment was attached to Brigadier General Andrew Williamson's Brigade of South Carolina Militia. By reason of extreme old age and a failing memory, this deponent is unable to give a distinct and connected narrative of the services of her said husband in the Revolutionary War. She cannot recall the period when the said Benjamin Hatcher, first entered the service as a soldier; but she remembers clearly that he served as a Captain aforesaid, under Colonel Hammond & General Williamson aforesaid in the Campaign against the Cherokee Indians in 1776, and that he continued in service holding his said Commission, from that time until his death near the close of the year 1780. In the Spring of 1779 were Captain Hatcher and his Company Composed a portion of the detachment of volunteers, which under the Command of said Colonel Hammond marched to Spirit Creek¹ (a stream in Georgia eighteen miles below Augusta) and broke down its bridges for the purpose of delaying the British force under Colonel Campbell [Archibald Campbell] then advancing from Savannah to Augusta. In consequence of the services of this detachment which succeeded in arresting the march of the British for three days time was given for the concentration of the American forces. Colonel Campbell after reaching Augusta was shortly afterwards compelled to retreat. This force in its retreat was followed by the Detachment above mentioned under Col. Hammond, including Captain Hatcher and his Command; which said Detachment attacked and captured a body of British and Tories, and a Stockade Fort at Paris' Mills² on Briar Creek [Briar Creek], between forty and fifty miles below Augusta. Shortly after this a Detachment under Col. Hammond aforesaid was dispatched by General Williamson to intercept a party of British & Tories, a few miles South of the Ogeechee [River] in Georgia. The hostile force were surprised, defeated, and dispersed, their horses and baggage taken, twenty one or two Indians slain and scalped, a few whites were killed, and several influential British agents taken prisoners among

¹ <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/spirit-cr.htm>

² Paris Mill was near present Millhaven GA. Millhaven is about 40 mi SE of Augusta.

the killed on our side was Major Ross [John Ross] of Colonel Neil's [sic, Thomas Neel's] Regiment.³ Captain Hatcher aforesaid, and his command were likewise in this engagement and his conduct on the occasion was highly commended. A few months after these events, the force under General Williamson moved towards the Coast for the purpose of resisting Colonel Provost [Augustine Prevost] who had made an incursion into South Carolina and threatened Charleston. They marched from there Encampment in that portion of the State now included in Edgefield District, to a Ferry on the Savannah River called Summerland's Ferry, forty miles below Augusta. From thence they turned to the left, and approaching the Edisto [River], marched down that river some considerable distance, and crossed, and at length arrived at the banks of Ashley River. Captain Hatcher aforesaid and his Company formed a part of this body of troops & accompanied General Williamson in his march and the said Captain Hatcher & command were engaged in the battle of Stono Ferry, on the 20th of June 1779. From the battle of Stono until the Siege of Augusta in 1780, Captain Hatcher still continued in arms, but this deponent is unable to recite what particular services were performed by him during this interval. In the Summer or fall of 1780, Captain Hatcher was with the forces were collected by Colonel Clark [Elijah Clarke], and remained with them during the period they besieged the British Garrison in Augusta until they were compelled to retreat by the approach of Colonel Cruger [John Harris Cruger] from the British post of Ninety Six. From that time until November 1780 Captain Hatcher still continued in service. In that month or the following month of December of that year Captain Hatcher was slain. Whilst engaged in a reconnoitering expedition he was fired upon by a British party in ambuscade, and shot through the body. Ephraim Leadbetter since dead, who was one of the American party with Hatcher aforesaid, effected his escape and by him the intelligence of Captain Hatcher's death was communicated. This Deponent further swears that Captain Hatcher aforesaid was a resident of that portion of South Carolina now included in Edgefield District, at the time of his entering the Service of the State aforesaid as a soldier, and that she is unable to produce any documentary evidence of his rank, or his services as above set forth, his commission as Captain aforesaid having never been in her possession. She further deposes that she was married to the said Benjamin Hatcher in Henrico County Virginia where they resided previous to their emigration to South Carolina; but she is unable through decay of memory to state the date of her marriage, that her husband the said Benjamin Hatcher and herself removed to South Carolina several years before the war of the Revolution; and that since the death of said Benjamin Hatcher she has continued to reside in Edgefield District, and has ever since remained a widow: As will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written in open Court before me.

S/ Josiah J. Evans, C. Clk

S/ Lucy Hatcher, X her mark

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State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Justice of the Peace of the District and State aforesaid, Samuel Hammond,⁴ who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with Benjamin Hatcher, the individual named in the prepared declaration of his widow, Lucy Hatcher, that the said Benjamin Hatcher bore the commission of Captain in the Militia of South Carolina, and that the company commanded was attached to Colonel Le Roy Hammond's Regiment, and to General Andrew Williamson's Brigade of South Carolina Militia.

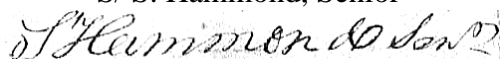
3 The engagement referred to is probably the engagement at Rocky Comfort Creek, Georgia on March 22, 1779. <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/rocky-comfort-cr.htm>

4 [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

It was not until the year 1789 [sic 1779] that this deponent knew certainly that the said Benjamin Hatcher was in the service of the United States, though he had before that time been often informed by others that the said Benjamin Hatcher was a Captain in the service of the United States. In the first week of January 1789 [sic, 1779], however, this deponent knows that the said Benjamin Hatcher was a Captain of a volunteer Militia Company of South Carolina and that he continued in the service of the United States as Captain aforesaid until his death which did not occur until the month of November in the year 1780, making a period of service of one year and ten months at least. This deponent further swears that the following brief history of his (Captain Hatcher's) services is faithful and true. The said Captain Benjamin Hatcher accompanied Colonel LeRoy Hammond when he marched to Spirit Creek in Georgia in January 1789 [sic, 1779], and broke down and destroyed the bridges over that stream to arrest the British forces under Colonel Campbell then advancing from Savannah upon Augusta. The Detachment under the Command of Colonel LeRoy Hammond on that occasion was composed exclusively of volunteers, & among them was Captain Hatcher aforesaid and his Company. The facts also related in the prepared Declaration of the said Lucy, as to the services of the said Captain Hatcher, at the affair at Paris's Mills, as also to his services in intercepting the Party of British and Indians The South of Ogeechee and likewise as to his services in the battle of Stono, and his mother and subsequent services up to the period of his death, above mentioned are true. This Deponent also swears that Captain Hatcher above mentioned has been uniformly regarded and spoken of as a revolutionary soldier, and that the traditionary evidence upon the subject is overwhelming.

Sworn to before me this the 12th of March 1838.

S/ S. Hammond, Senior



S/ M. Gray

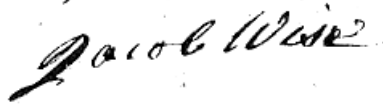
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South Carolina, Edgefield District

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the District and State aforesaid, Jacob Wise,⁵ who being duly sworn deposed and saith, that the said Benjamin Hatcher the deceased husband of the said Lucy Hatcher, was a Captain in the war of the Revolution, as stated in the prepared declaration of the said Lucy, and that he has every reason to believe that the said Benjamin was engaged in the battle of Stono Ferry, this deponent having been within a few miles of the battle ground at the time of the engagement, and knowing that the forces under the command of Colonel Leroy Hammond, whose Regiment Captain Hatcher's Company belonged, were engaged in the fight. It does not come within the deponent's Knowledge that Captain Hatcher aforesaid was engaged in the service as above stated for a longer period than seven months computing from the 1st January 1779, to the end of July in the same year; but this deponent had always been informed that the said Captain Hatcher entered the service at very early period of the said war, and continued therein until the time aforesaid of his death. This deponent further swears that Samuel Hammond above mentioned was a Colonel in the troops raised by this State of South Carolina in the War of the Revolution, and that he the said Samuel, had opportunities of knowing the facts to which he has deposed. This deponent further swears that the said Lucy Hatcher is a person of unquestionable credibility, and that her prefixed declaration was written out and draw though not signed or sworn to previous to the depositions accompanying it.

Sworn to, and Subscribed before me this 24th March 1838

S/ Jacob Wise



S/ Robert Kenney, Qu.

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State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

Personally appeared before me Matthew Gray, a Justice of the Quorum, in the District and State aforesaid, Samuel Hammond, who being first duly sworn deposes as follows, That it comes within his own personal knowledge that Captain Benjamin Hatcher (for whose services as a soldier in the War of the Revolution his widow, Lucy Hatcher, has recently applied for a pension) served as a Captain of a volunteer South Carolina Militia Company in the War of the Revolution continuously and without intermission from the first week in January 1779, down to the fall of Charleston and its capture by the British in May 1780 a period of sixteen months uninterrupted service. This deponent further swears that the particular facts of service performed by the said Captain Hatcher during the period of service above mentioned between the 1st January 1779 and the capture of Charleston in May 1780 are correctly and accurately set forth in the declaration of said Lucy Hatcher recently submitted to the Pensions Department. In addition to the particulars of service therein stated this deponent further swears that soon after the battle of Stono Ferry Captain Hatcher aforesaid joined the forces under the command of Major Hugh Middleton of Colonel LeRoy Hammond's Regiment, which were stationed at Sisters Ferry situate on the Savannah River, between the towns of Augusta and Savannah. This deponent also swears that the said Captain Benjamin Hatcher was in service as Captain aforesaid from the first of October 1780, when he joined the forces under Colonel Elijah Clarke who were about to besiege of Augusta down to his death at the end of November 1780, making a period of two months more, at least, of continuous service. This deponent further swears that the said Benjamin Hatcher was married to the said Lucy at the time of his death, and therefore the expiration of his last period of service aforesaid.

Sworn to before me this 8th of May 1838.

S/ S. Hammond

S/ Matthew Gray, J. Quorum

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South Carolina, Edgefield District

Before me, Robert Anderson, a Magistrate in and for the District aforesaid, personally came and before me appeared Joshua Hammond,⁶ who being duly sworn according [to] law, say on oath that he was a soldier in the Revolution war, a volunteer in Captain John Hammond's Company; which Company was raised immediately after the war was declared, in the year of 1776, and Commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond Senior, & General Andrew Williamson; and further deposes that Benjamin Hatcher was a Lieutenant in said Captain John Hammond's Company aforesaid and remained in said Company as Lieutenant eighteen months to two years; Afterwards the said Lieutenant Benjamin Hatcher was promoted to the rank of Captain in the Militia, and was also under the Command of Colonel Leroy Hammond, Senior & General Andrew Williamson, during which time Captain Hatcher was in many battles, to wit, at Parris's Mills on Brier Creek in the State of Georgia; at Spirit Creek, in the State of Georgia; at or near

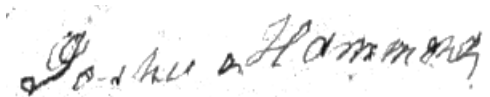
⁶ [Joshua Hammond S21803](#)

the high Shoals of Ogeechee [River] in the State of Georgia with the Creek Indians, from thence he came into South Carolina and marched & fought in the Battle at Stono against the British; and again fought the British and Indians at, & near Augusta Georgia & to my knowledge said Captain B. Hatcher & his Company fought the British at or near the tree runs [?] in this district or Barnwell District S. C. in which engagement B. Hatcher captured & took from the British a large cannon, 36 pounder, which deponent has seen often; afterwards Captain Hatcher marched to join the Main Army under General A. Pickens and on way, was killed by the Tories, somewhere in the upper part of South Carolina on the waters of Saluda River, sometime in the fall of the year 1780. This deponent further says that the aforesaid Captain Benjamin Hatcher died, left a widow, Lucy Hatcher, & survived [by] five leaving children, to wit, John Hatcher, Benjamin Hatcher, Mary Hatcher, Elizabeth & Lucy Hatcher all of whom he knew well. This deponent further saith, that the said Captain Benjamin Hatcher served as Captain in the Revolution War as aforesaid about two years & six months.

Sworn to before me at Hamburg S. C. the 8th day of September 1852.

S/ Robt. Anderson, Magistrate

S/ Joshua Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joshua Hammond". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

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State of South Carolina, Edgefield District

On this 19th day of November A.D. 1852, before me A. M. Perrin, a Notary Public for the district and state aforesaid, personally came, Joshua Hammond, aged one hundred (100) years who being duly sworn according to law declares upon oath that he is the identical man who was a Lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain John Carter and in the Regiment of South Carolina Militia commanded by Colonel Leroy Hammond, in the war of the American Revolution, and who was also a Captain in the same Regiment, at the close of the said war; that he was intimately acquainted with Captain Benjamin Hatcher, Deceased, and from his personal knowledge declares that Benjamin Hatcher, Deceased, aforesaid entered, or volunteered, in Captain John Hammond's Company, and Col. Leroy Hammond's Regiment of South Carolina Militia, at the commencement of the Revolution; that Benjamin Hatcher, Deceased aforesaid, was immediately upon his volunteering in said Company and Regiment elected First Lieutenant of Captain John Hammond's Company, aforesaid; that Benjamin Hatcher aforesaid continued to serve as First Lieutenant, in the aforesaid company and Regiment until sometime in the year 1777, during all which time he was actively employed in the service of his country, and served under Colonel Williamson and Colonel Leroy Hammond, in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians, and was in several battles and skirmishes with said Indians; that he was also up to the year 1777, actively employed subduing the Tories; and was in frequent skirmishes with them; that sometime in the year 1777, Lieutenant Benjamin Hatcher aforesaid was promoted to a captaincy in Colonel Leroy Hammond's Regiment aforesaid, and fought the Indians, Creeks at the High Shoals of the Ogeechee [River] in Georgia, under the command of Colonel Leroy Hammond aforesaid; was at the siege of Augusta under Colonel Elijah Clarke, and continued to serve as Captain, and fought in many skirmishes with the British and Tories, until sometime in the year 1780 when Captain Benjamin Hatcher aforesaid was killed, in a battle with the Tories, on Saluda River in South Carolina; that Benjamin Hatcher aforesaid served, to the best of the recollection of this deponent, from sometime in the year 1776, to the day of his death, first as First lieutenant, and afterwards as Captain, during all which time he was actively in Commission as aforesaid, was always when there was occasion for it actively employed, was throughout the

war, or until his death, a zealous Whig; and entirely and universally devoted to the cause of liberty; that this deponent makes the above declaration from his personal knowledge, as he was during nearly all the time the companion in arms, of the aforesaid Captain Benjamin Hatcher, Deceased; and deponent further says that he is disinterested.

Attest:

S/ Joshua Hammond

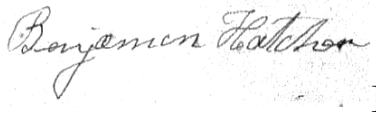
S/ A. M. Perrin

S/ Frances A. Hammond

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of November A.D. 1852.

S/ A.M. Perrin, Notary Public—E. D.

[p 3: On December 10, 1851, Benjamin Hatcher appeared in open court in Edgefield District South Carolina and made oath that he is the only surviving child of Lucy Hatcher who died in February 1839.



Benjamin Hatcher]

[Facts in file: the veteran and his wife had the following children:

John Hatcher

Benjamin Hatcher

Mary Hatcher

Elizabeth Hatcher

Lucy Hatcher]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$600 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending February 5, 1839, for the services of her husband as a Captain in the South Carolina Cavalry.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁷ relating to Benjamin Hatcher
Audited Account No.

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No.

No. 180 Book R

Estate of Captain Benjamin Hatcher his Account of a Bay Horse disabled in Militia Service in 1781

Amounting to £15 Stg. [Sterling]

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

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

[p 3: Printed form of Indent No. 180 Book R dated May 12, 1785]

⁷ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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No. 59

[No.] 483

[Book] X 25 of August 1785

Mr. Benjamin Hatcher (deceased) his Account of a Baby Mare, Saddle and Bridal Lost in 1779 on Militia Account Amounting to £1950

p: D ^t . Currency	<u>165.13.6</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£23.13.4 ¼

“the above appeared 4 years after the Mare was killed”

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

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

Baggage lost, not allowed for, The Mare supposed might have been worth Fifteen pounds

Pass £15 Stg

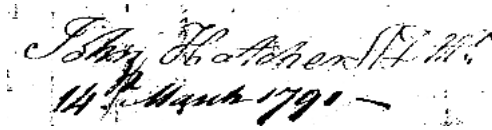
S/ TJ

Sir Please deliver unto Mr. William Minor all the Indents and Money due to Benjamin Hatcher due unto myself as Heir and Administrator to the said Benjamin Hatcher deceased.

180 R

S/ John Hatcher [undeciphered letters]

14 March 1791



John Hatcher
14 March 1791

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State South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Benjamin Hatcher for 1 Mare, Saddle & bridal appraised together at

p Dt. in June 1779 Currency	<u>£1950</u>
	<u>165.13/6</u>
Stg.	£23.13.4 ¼

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I do hereby Certify that John Hatcher was Administrator to the Estate of Benjamin Hatcher as appears by record. Given under my hand and Seal this 11 October 1791

S/ James Goudy {Seal}

D. C. 96 Dst. [Ninety Six District]