

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Abner Hammond ¹ W25753 Sarah Hammond f66GA
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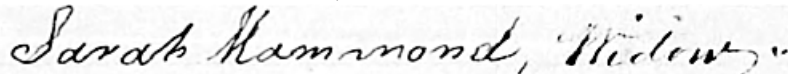
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State of Georgia County of Baldwin

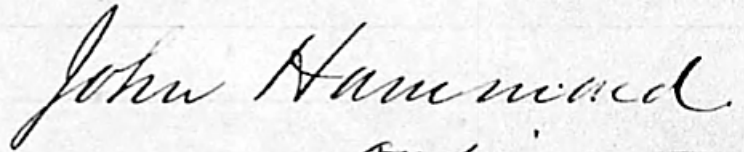
On this the fourth day of May 1853 personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary of the County and State aforesaid, Sarah Hammond a resident of the County aged Seventy years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed on the 3rd day of February 1853, Granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the Revolutionary war, That she is the widow of Abner Hammond who was a Lieut. in the South Carolina State troops under Col. Samuel Hammond² and served in different capacities & at different times during the whole of the war as she is informed and believes but she cannot state the details of his service. And she further declares that she was married to the said Abner Hammond on the 27th day of March 1803, that her said husband died on the 9th day of July 1829. That she was not married to him prior to the 2nd day of January 1800 but at the time above stated, And she further declares that she is now a widow.

S/ Sarah Hammond, Widow



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before the Court aforesaid (which is a Court of record) as witness my hand and official seal.

S/ John Hammond, Ordinary



[p 11: Copy]

This is to certify that Abner Hammond was one of those were the Citizens they joined up my Regiment in the 1st Siege of Augusta, and fled British protection, and took refuge in the other States, and faithfully did his duty as a good Soldier in the Regiment of Refugees under my command.

State of Georgia

S/ Wm Candler, Col.

¹ BLWt3533-160-55

² [Samuel Hammond S21807](#), veteran's brother

R. County

of the Regimt. R. R. C.

[undated]

[The above is certified as a true copy made from the records in the Executive Department of Georgia on March 10, 1853.]

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State of Georgia County of Baldwin

Personally appeared before me Samuel B. Brown a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Everett H. Pierce and Robert Micklejohn who being duly sworn depose and say, that they were well and intimately acquainted with Col. Abner Hammond from the year 1815 up to the time of his death, which according to the best of their knowledge, recollection and belief took place on the 9th day of July 1829. That during the same time that he knew Mrs. Sarah Hammond as the wife of said Abner Hammond and that they know Mrs. Sarah Hammond now as his widow and that she has never intermarried with any other person. They know that Col. Abner Hammond was commonly reported during his lifetime to have been a Revolutionary Soldier and they have often heard him say in conversation with his friends that he entered the service as a private in the Regiment of State Troops in South Carolina commanded by his Brother Col. Samuel Hammond and was afterwards promoted to the rank of Lieut. That when the British had possession of the Colony of South Carolina and pressed the inhabitants to swear allegiance to the Crown, Himself with others fled to the Colony of Georgia, and attached themselves to the Refugee Service in said colony under the Command of Col. Candler. From their own knowledge of the uprightness, integrity and veracity of Col. Hammond they never doubted any of these statements -- and so far as they know or believe the truth of them were never questioned by any of his fellow Citizens.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of March 1854

S/ Samuel D. Brown, JP

S/ Everett H. Pierce

S/ Robert Micklejohn

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"Extract from the Family record of Abner Hammond deceased

"Sarah Dudley was born on the 24th day December 1782, and married to Abner Hammond 27th March 1803"

"Abner Hammond Senior was drowned on Thursday evening the 9th day of July 1829."

[verified by Elisa Stubbs, but her relationship, if any, to the family is not stated.]

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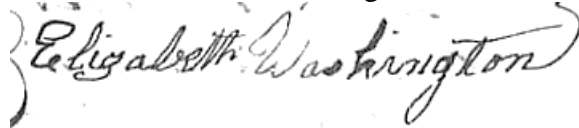
State of Georgia County of Baldwin

Personally appeared before me a justice of the Inferior Court in and for the County and State aforesaid, Elizabeth Washington aged eighty-five years, who being duly sworn deposes and says that she was well acquainted with Abner Hammond in his lifetime, being his sister. That he removed from the then Colony of Virginia about the year 1775 or 1776 to what is now called Edgefield District in the then Colony of South Carolina, being at that time about 15 years of age. In 1777 or 1778 he volunteered in the service of the Colonies in the struggle then pending between them and Great Britain for their Independence. Deponent does not remember at this remote period the names of the officers under whom he first entered the service of his country, but knows that he was attached to Col. Samuel Hammond's Regiment of State Troops. That he

served his country actively and faithfully sometimes in Carolina and sometimes in Georgia from the time of his Volunteering until the close of the war, except for short animals, when absent on furlough. Some years after the Independence of the Colonies was acknowledge by the Mother Country he removed to the State of Georgia where he remained until his death which happened some time in the year 1829. I think in the month of July.

Sworn to and subscribed before made this 28th day of March 1853.

S/ Elizabeth Washington



[p 55: Certificate dated February 17, 1854 issued by the Comptroller General Office of South Carolina indicating that the records in its file reflect that the "State Troops" were in service for ten months commencing April 5, 1781; and that such records do not indicate that Lieutenant Abner Hammond served in the State Troops.]

[p 45: On March 27, 1854 in Baldwin County Georgia, Everett H Pierce and Robert Micklejohn gave testimony as to the neighborhood reputation of Colonel Abner Hammond as a soldier of the revolution having served as a private under his brother Colonel Samuel Hammond; that the veteran was subsequently promoted to the rank of lieutenant; that the veteran became a refugee under the command of Colonel Candler.]

[p 7: On March 24, 1855 in Baldwin County Georgia, Sarah Hammond, age 73 years, filed for her bounty land entitlement as the widow of a revolutionary war soldier. In this application she states that she was the 2nd wife of her husband.]

[p 41: On March 28, 1861 in Baldwin County Georgia, the widow filed an affidavit in which she states that her pension certificate was destroyed by fire on the morning of February 24, 1861 about 3:00 AM when the Court House in the City of Milledgeville, Baldwin County, was destroyed by fire.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$133.33 per annum for her husband service as a Lieutenant in the Georgia militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ³ relating to Abner Hammond	AA17
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 3270A	
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1785

Colonel Hammond

1 March

Petition of Lieutenant Abner Hammond, Colonel Hammond, Major Middleton & Mr. Purvis
P.37.1785

³ 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.

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To the Honorable Speaker & Commons of the House of Assembly of South Carolina

The Petition of Abner Hammond, Sheweth

That he Received a Commission (as Lieutenant) in Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hammond's late Regiment South Carolina State Troops Early in the raising of said Regiment and acted as such until it was Disbanded. Your petitioner being Neglected, on the Returns, which has been laid before a former House, by the Major of the Regiment, therefore Prays, that you take ye matter into your Consideration, After which he doubts not that you will order him the payments Justly due, agreeable to his Rank in Service, and your petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c

S/ Abner Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Abner Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end.

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State of South Carolina 96 District} I do Certify that Abner Hammond was appointed a second Lieutenant in my Late Regiment of State Troops, and Received a Commission, as such, of which I made General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Acquainted, & Had his approbation, agreeable to the Orders I received from General Pickens for raising the said Regiment, it was to consist of Five Troops. Each Troop to have a captain & two lieutenants, I accordingly appointed the full number of Officers for the whole, & after some time, by Deaths & Desertion, the Number of Soldiers were considerably Decreased, the whole then was put into four Troops, Two Officers retired and one remained a supernumerary in service to the End of the Ten months, which was Lieutenant Thomas Spraging [Thomas Spurgins], Lieutenant Abner Hammond belonging to Captain Harvey's [Thomas Harvey's] Troop, in which he Acted & at Times commanded, sometime before the Regiment was reduced – and after, to the End of the Term it was Raised for. Certified by me this 8th January 1784

S/ S. Hammond

Late Lt. C. C.sd. R

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "S. Hammond". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end. Below the signature, there is a faint, handwritten note that reads "Late Lt. C. C. sd. R".

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I do hereby Certify that Sometime in seventeen eighty-three I called on the officers of my then Regiment of South Carolina State Troops to make returns of their several Troops, which was done on the Oaths of the Commanding Officer of each Troop Which Returns I approved, I took to General Henderson [William Henderson] who assisted me in making a Regimental Return, which he Examined, and Audited, and the said Return was left with Governor Matthews Together with the Officers Different Returns in which said Return Lieutenant Jesse Johnson who commanded Captain Harvey's troop after said Harvey's Death returned Lieutenant Abner Hammond as his Second Lieutenant. Sometime after, when I had removed to Georgia, the said Regiment was ordered to meet & a Second Return was made, by the major & officers, and Lieutenant Hammond left out, and also two or ^{say three} soldiers which faithfully served the Term they were engaged for. Certified this 8th January 1784

S/ S. Hammond

[p 10: Printed form of the Commission by which Abner Hammond was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the State Troops of South Carolina. The commission is dated June 13, 1781.

South Carolina. By his Excellency *John Rutledge, Esq*
 and Commander in Chief of the said
 To *Abner Hammond Esquire.*
 I Reposing special Trust and Confidence in your
 good Conduct, and in your Fidelity and Att
 of *America* have commissioned and app
 these Presents do commission and appoint you the
 to be *second Lieutenant in a Troop of the*
Commanded by Lieut Colonel Samuel Hammond,
 which said *Troop* you are to lead
 and exercise, according to *the Rules and Discipline*. And you are to
 follow and observe all such Orders and Instructions as you shall, from Time to
 Time, receive from me or the Commander in Chief for the Time being, or any
 of your superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, pursuant
 to the *Rules and Discipline of the Continental Army*
 And all inferior Officers, and others belonging to the said *Regiment*
 are hereby required and commanded to obey you as their *Lieutenant*
 This Commission to continue during Pleasure.
 Given under my Hand and Seal at *Charleston*
 this *thirteenth* of *June* A. D. *1781*
 and in the *Fifth* Year of the Independence of *America.*

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In the House of Representatives
March ye 5th 1785

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Lieutenant Abner Hammond setting forth that he had a Commission in Lieutenant Colonel Hammond's Regiment of State Troops, and has been neglected in the returns made for the Officers and Soldiers of said Regiment –

Report

That said Lieutenant Abner Hammond had a Commission and did duty as Lieutenant in said Regiment & it is the opinion of your Committee that said Lieutenant Hammond is entitled to the same pay as other Officers of his rank from the date of his Commission until the time the Regiment was disbanded –

Resolved that this House do agree with the report

Ordered that the Report and Resolution be sent to the Honorable the Senate for their concurrence

By order of the house

S/ John Dart, CHR [Clerk of the House]

[p 14: concurrence of the Senate dated March 8, 1785, signed by Felix Warley as clerk of the Senate]

[p 15: Printed form of Indent No. 656 Book M dated October 1, 1784 in the amount of £141.0.0 and bearing interest at the rate of £9.17.4 per annum issued to Mr. Abner Hamond [sic]]

[p 17: Reverse of the above Indent bearing the following: I assigned my title to the within Indent to George Whitefield – this 8th July 1785

S/ Abner Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Abner Hammond", enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.