

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Entrekin <sup>1</sup> W3532 Sarah Entrekin f78SC  
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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this twenty fifth day of September one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared William Entrekan [sic, "Entrekin" is how the applicant signed his name], a resident of the State and District aforesaid in open court being the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas for said District who 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

This Deponent was seventy years of age on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February last when in his fifteenth year residing in that part of South Carolina now known as Laurens District. He enlisted for Eighteen Months under a William Jones who was raising a company intended principally as it was said for service in Georgia & were called Minute Men. Jones failing to raise a sufficient force to constitute a company, this Deponent was removed to a company commanded by Captain Baldwyn and was chiefly under the command of a Colonel Stewart; was stationed during the first winter at Clark's Station on Long Creek. In the Spring or breaking up of the winter, [we] marched to Augusta and there were attached to the Florida Expedition. The troops became excessively sickly and were informally disbanded and each man left to shift pretty much for themselves. This Deponent was amongst the sick—from the Hospital [he] was taken to Cat head and thence to Sunbury and at last procured a conveyance in a wagon back home having done his country but little service though exposed to extreme suffering and hardship.

In 1781 he was on a tour of three months at the siege of Augusta [May 22-June 6, 1781] under the command of Captain Ervine, Colonel Clement and General Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee].

In June 1781 he enlisted in the Georgia Light Dragoons under Captain James Stallions for the term of one year and was in active service during that time. The company officers were Lieutenant Ezekiel Stallions, Lieutenant Stephen Blunt and Ensign Harvey—commanded by Colonel James Jackson and at the expiration of his term [he] received his discharge in Savannah from Colonel Jackson which has been long since lost.

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<sup>1</sup> BLWt26272-160-55

After his return home and until the close of the war he was often engaged in scouts and skirmishes through the Country under various leaders as often as opportunity offered or necessity required though never afterwards engaged for any limited [?] term.

He neglected to mention a tour of three months which he served under Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] and Colonel Williams [James Williams] whilst the British were in Augusta the Americans being stationed at Liberty Hill.

This Deponent feels confident that he is entitled to full pay as a private having served considerably over the two years—He has no documentary proof whatever of his service.

His name is not on the Pension Roll of any State or agency and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any other pension or annuity than the present.

S/ Wm Entrekin



Sworn to & Subscribed in open Court.

S/ Van A. Lawhon [?], C. C. P.

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South Carolina Anderson District

Major William Millwee<sup>2</sup> appears personally in open Court and being sworn declares that he was personally acquainted with William Entrekan during the Revolution -- He understood at the time in the neighborhood that he had enlisted in the Georgia Minute Men, knows that he was absent for some time and saw him after his return from Florida sick at his Father's -- He knows that he went on the tour to Liberty Hill under General Williamson -- He understood in the neighborhood as it was currently talked of at the time that he enlisted in the Georgia Dragoons & knows that he came home after peace having been discharged as it was said in Savannah – William Entrekan was universally esteemed a Whig during the War and he has never heard anything contrary from that day to this.

Sworn to in open Court

S/ William Millwee



S/ Van A. Lawhon, C. C. J.

[attested September 26, 1832]

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State of South Carolina Laurens District

Additional Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June the 7th 1832.

On this the 25th day of October in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared in open court before me John S. Richardson one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions in and for the District and State aforesaid now sitting: William Entriiken a resident of the District of Anderson and State aforesaid, aged 71 years; who being duly

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<sup>2</sup> [William Milwee W9200](#)

sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following additional declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein Stated.

In the month of July 1777, while residing in what is now called Laurens District State aforesaid He enlisted as a private for the term of 18 months with one Captain William Jones in the service of the State of Georgia in a Corps of militia called the Georgia minute-men.

At the time he enlisted 2 other men residing in the same neighborhood Ambrose Hudgens<sup>3</sup> and Luke Lamar enlisted with him for the same service. A short time after their enlistment the Applicant with Hudgens and Lamar were ordered by Jones to proceed to a place on Long Creek in Wilkes County, Georgia called Clarks [word obliterated, probably 'station'] where they arrived he is sure in less than one month after his enlistment. On his arrival at the Fort He with the other 2 men were attached to a company there stationed then commanded by Captain W. Baldwin belonging to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Stewart. This company was stationed there to protect the Georgia frontier from the Indians. At this Fort He remained on constant duty from the time of his arrival until the spring of 1778 when they together with the Regiment of Stewart were marched to Augusta where they joined other troops intended for an expedition to Florida. Does not recollect all the Troops at officers that joined this expedition but well recollects that Colonel Jack with his Regiment there joined them: After remaining in Augusta one month they were marched on the expedition to Florida. The applicant at or near St. Mary's River was taken sick and placed in a Hospital at that place they there joined the Continental troops commanded by General Howe. The Troops becoming extremely sickly and some collision having taken place among the Officers the expedition was abandoned and the troops of his Regiment directed to make their way home in the best manner he could. The Applicant being unable to travel remained in the Hospital until a wagon sent by Governor Houston of George him to remove the arms baggage and stores from that place to the Town of Savannah. In this wagon he was conveyed to a place called Attached-He had on the Altamaha River from thence by a boat together with the stores &c He was conveyed to son very -- He was there again joined either wagon and conveyed with the stores to Savannah. Then the Waggoner who resided in the neighborhood where this applicant enlisted left the stores and came home with the applicant. He arrived at his father's residence in Laurens District South Carolina in the month of October 1778. In this service the applicant is sure that he served at least 14 months.

The applicant again volunteered as a private in the militia of South Carolina for the term of 3 months, under the command of Captain Charles Saxon -- James Young and Samuel Saxon were subaltern officers in the company but the applicant cannot remember their graves. Captain Saxon's company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Williams, Andrew Williamson was the General and commander in chief of the expedition. This expedition was intended to town arrived and operate against the British forces then about Augusta. They were marched from Laurens District and stationed on the bank of the Savannah River opposite Augusta called Liberty Hill. Applicant does not recollect the date of the commencement of this term of service he but knows that while stationed at Liberty Hill General Ash [sic, John Ashe] was defeated at Briar Creek in Georgia. From Liberty Hill Williams' Regiment were marched to Ninety Six now called Cambridge, with prisoners taken on that expedition. While at Cambridge his term of service

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<sup>3</sup> [Ambrose Hudgens \(Hudgins\) S18888](#)

expired & he was discharged verbally and came home. This applicant can neither state the date of the commencement nor ending of this term, but knows that he served out before term of 3 months sometime in the year 1779. Again in the first of the year 1780, the precise time he cannot recollect he knows that he was at the time the British forces under General Clinton were threatening or actually besieging the City of Charleston. He was drafted, in the Militia of South Carolina and called into service as a private in Captain Charles Saxon's company – Hugh Ware Lieutenant -- Major Robert Gilliam commanded the Battalion & ~~Col. McCray~~ the Regiment. They were marched on towards Charleston for the purpose of defending the Town, and had got on as far as Bull Swamp in Orangeburg District -- there they learned the Surrender of Charleston. Therefore they went no further and after remaining some time were discharged. The Applicant knows that he served at least 2 months in this term. After the fall of Charleston to avoid being compelled to take protection he refuged to Georgia. In the first of March 1781, He volunteered in the militia of Georgia and then Burke now Jefferson County, for the term of 3 months, in Captain Alexander Ervin's Company, first Lieutenant Tobias Boykin, field officers Major Frank Boykin and Colonel John Clemmons. This Regiment was forthwith marched to assist Colonel Clarke of the Georgia Militia then besieging Colonel Brown in Augusta. Some 2 or 3 weeks after the Regiment arrived General Lee with the Continental Troops arrived and General Lee took command of the whole -- Here he served out his full tour of 3 months. Colonel Brown surrendered while he was there. After the expiration of his term of service He was discharged but not in writing. The applicant then started for home to his Father's residence in Laurens District South Carolina. At Scott's Ferry on Savannah River within 20 miles of Augusta he fell in with a Captain James Stallions, an officer recruiting for a Regiment called the Georgia Light Dragoons, and learning that it would be extremely hazardous to return to his father's residence He enlisted with Captain Stallions for the term of 12 months, and immediately returned to Augusta and joined the Regiment, the first week in June 1781.

The Regiment was commanded by Colonel James Jackson and intended to operate in harassing the British foraging parties on the Georgia side of the River between Augusta & Savannah. And in these duties he served out his full 12 months. The applicant was in but one engagement during this service of any consequence, and that was with the British commanded by Colonel Campbell, 15 miles from Savannah.

British were driven to their Main Body then stationed at the Governor's plantation -- About 30 of the British were killed.

A Colonel Carr with some Infantry cooperated with Colonel Jackson in this attack. Jackson with his Regiment, towards the last of this applicant's service joined General Wayne, where he remained until the British evacuated Savannah. After his discharge as stated in his original Declaration, He returned to his father's residence in Laurens District South Carolina & there remained until sometime in the year 1783 he removed to Georgia and lived in that state until the year 1827 when he returned to Laurens District where he remained one year then removed to Anderson District South Carolina where he has resided ever since.

The applicant further states that he is sure that he served in expeditions before mentioned, and as a private as stated putting them all together at the least 31 months and for such service he claims a pension. He further states that he was born in Pennsylvania York County – Mash Creek on the 28th day of February 1762 -- Has no record of his age but gives it from the information of his Father and elder Brother.

Robert Long<sup>4</sup> Esquire and Major William Dunlap<sup>5</sup> and Samuel Ramsey can state of their own knowledge as to the applicant's services -- And Reverend Samuel Neil and Major William Dunlap can testify as to their belief of his age and veracity.

The Applicant further states that the reason why he has made application to the court in Laurens District to amend his Declaration is that in the District of Anderson to which he has lately moved -- 70 or 80 miles there is no clergyman who can testify as to his age or belief of his services -- He has therefore come to the District where he was raised and where the most of his Revolutionary fellow soldiers reside.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Wm Entreken

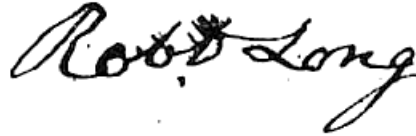
S/ John Garlington, Clk

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State of South Carolina Laurens district

Personally appeared in open court Robert Long who being duly sworn saith that he knows of his own knowledge the Declarant William Entriken was a Soldier in the Georgia Minute men for he saw him sick in the unit used for a Hospital, in the camp of Governor Houston in East Florida in the year 1778 in July. He also saw him as a militia soldier under the command of Captain Saxon -- Major Gillam, in 1779 going to Stono. He also served a tour with this Deponent to the Creek Nation under General Williamson -- and further believes he served as a soldier in the Revolution the full time as stated in his Declaration.

S/ Robt Long



Sworn to and subscribed the day and [year] aforesaid

S/ John Garlington, Clk

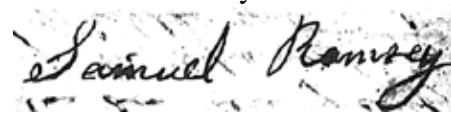
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State of South Carolina Anderson District

Samuel Ramsey<sup>6</sup> came before me and upon being sworn in due form of law, deposeseth & saith, that he was well acquainted with the applicant William Entrekin during the revolutionary war, and knows that the said Entrekin with this deponent were attached to a Troop of Cavalry or Light Dragoons commanded by Colonel James Jackson & Captain James Stallions and that he served with him from the \_\_ day of June 1781 to the 10th day of June 1782 and that this deponent when discharged left the said Entrekin still in the Service --

Troop was generally confined to Savannah & Augusta and to the region of country between these two points.

S/ Samuel Ramsey



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<sup>4</sup> [Robert Long S7157](#)

<sup>5</sup> [William Dunlap W2723](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Samuel Ramsey S21437](#)

Sworn to & subscribed this 9th day of July 1833 before me  
S/ James B. Reese, NP & QU Ex Off.

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Columbia, 11<sup>th</sup> March 1834

Dr Sir I have received your Letter of the 6th Instant, in Reply to which I can State that I knew Colonel James Jackson of Georgia, Captain James Stallings & Ezekiel Stallings as also Stephen Blount, I knew that Colonel Jackson Commanded a Regiment of Cavalry & mounted infantry, as a Regular Regiment of State Troops in the State of Georgia & continued in that service until the evacuation of Savannah at the Close of the War of the Revolution, I frequently served with them in both Carolina & Georgia, Lieutenant Stephen Blount came to my Regiment as the Bearer of Dispatches to General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene] from General Wayne & Colonel Jackson, & with Letters to myself and he served with me as a Volunteer officer in the Battle of Eutaw [Eutaw Springs] & then Returned with Dispatches to General Wayne then in Georgia. These facts I can State upon oath if they will [be] useful to the Old Soldier & will do so if required the Testimonial, Certificate, & Justice of Gov.[?] fee, must be paid -- to the Depy Secretary of State here, my Deposition will cost nothing -- the Sooner is done the better as I shall not be here more than 8 to 10 days, & after that in Charleston.

Respectfully your most H' Servt.

S/ S. Hammond<sup>7</sup>

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Hammond', with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

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State of South Carolina Pickens District

Before me personally appeared John Gray<sup>8</sup> of said District and made Oath, That during the War of the Revolution he deponent lived in the State of Georgia -- That he Enlisted under Captain James Stallions of Colonel James Jackson's Regiment of Cavalry in what he understood & was called the State Troops for the Term of one year -- That some little time after deponent Enlisted one William Entrekin now resident in Anderson District also enlisted in the same Company and Regiment and joined the said Company as well as he recollects in Augusta Georgia -- This deponent is certain the said Entrekin was in the same Company and they did duty together the greater part nearly a year deponent was Enlisted in a short time before Entrekin & served out his time & left Entrekin in the service -- This deponent knows that said Entrekin was a good soldier while they served together & this deponent does believe from circumstances which are within his knowledge that the said Entrekin viz., one and a half years Service as a Minute Man & served against the Indians & Tories & as deponent believes went to Florida in the said Service This deponent & Entrekin was commanded by Captain James Stallions, Major \_\_, Colonel James Jackson and General Wayne and when in the Service was acquainted with Colonel White, Captain Gill and Captain Gunn -- This deponent is also of opinion that the said William Entrekin is as well Entitled to a pension as any of those who are now on the Roll --

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<sup>7</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

<sup>8</sup> [John Gray W419](#)

S/ John Gray, X his mark

Sworn to & subscribed this 26th day of April A.D. 1834 Before me  
S/ Nathan Boon, JQ

[p 8: On April 5, 1853, in Pickens District, SC, Mrs. Sarah Entrekin, 50, filed for a widow's pension under the act of February 3, 1853, stating that she is the widow of William Entrekin; that she married him in Anderson District, SC, on April 14, 1831; that they were married by Thomas Carpenter, Esq., Magt.; that her name prior to her marriage was Sarah Hunnecutt; that her husband died in Anderson District on November 3, 1844. She signed her application with her mark.]

[p 9: Sarah's application was supported by an affidavit given by her brother, William Hunnecutt of Pickens District, SC. April 3, 1853

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Hunnecutt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a closing bracket "]" on the right side of the line.

[Facts in file: The date of death of the veteran is stated variously in different documents in the file as November 2 or 3, 1844; the widow's age likewise varies from document to document, in 1853 she said she was about 50; in 1855, she said she was 67; in 1866, she said she was 76 and in 1868, 85.]

[p 76: Saml. Neill, a clergyman, and William Dunlap gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$90 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Infantry & Cavalry. His widow was pensioned at the rate of \$96 per annum.]