

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of David Hamilton W10053 and James George X294

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Elizabeth H. George (widow of both men)

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston:

Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton George, widow aged about 82 years having been duly sworn saith, that she makes the following declaration in order to be entitled to receive the benefit of certain provisions made by act of Congress. Saith, that she is the widow of David Hamilton who served as a volunteer private Soldier in the Militia of the State of South Carolina, and in the City of Charleston, during the Revolutionary War.

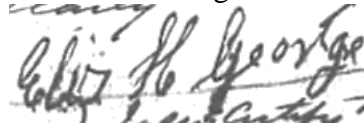
Saith that her said husband David refused to take an oath of allegiance to the British King, when required to do so after his forces took the City of Charleston [May 12, 1780]; for which offense he with other Citizens were put on board the *Torbay* until exchanged and permitted to go to Philadelphia.¹

Saith that after peace was concluded with England, he returned to Charleston where he resided until the time of his Death which happened about the year 1794 -- Saith that she was married to said David about the year 1774, and that at the time of his death he left Eight children, five of whom were under 16 years of age, three of those last mentioned still survive -- Some of the other deceased children have left descendents.

Saith that she has received no compensation on account of her said husband's revolutionary services, nor did he receive any to this Deponent's knowledge.

Saith that she is now a widow, aged -- straightened circumstances, feeble and health, and a cripple nearly ten years.

S/ Eliz. H. George



Sworn to before me this 15th day of December 1837.

S/ Patk Cantwell, NP

¹ The fact that the veteran was not paroled upon the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780, I am lead to believe that this veteran likely served in the South Carolina Continental line rather than in its militia as claimed by his widow. I base this on the fact that there are innumerable instances in the pension records of the militia being paroled immediately following the fall of Charleston while the members of the Continental line were retained as prisoners of war.

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston:

Mr. Joseph Righton² aged about Seventy-six years, a revolutionary soldier, and in consequence thereof a recipient of a pension; Having been duly sworn saith, that he was well acquainted with the late Captain James George³ ship carpenter of Charleston, that he this Deponent remembers said George as serving during the revolutionary war in the City of Charleston in the Militia of the State of South Carolina with what rank this Deponent cannot say -- Saith that said George died about the year 1822 and that Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton George is his widow, and that there are no surviving children of this marriage. Saith that the said Mrs. George is very aged and infirm and gives this testimony in order to enable her to receive the benefit of the acts of Congress in relation to the widows of Revolutionary soldiers.

Sworn to before me this 15th day of December 1837.

S/ Jos Righton



S/ P. Cantwell, NP

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston

Mr. Joseph Righton aged about seventy-six years, a revolutionary soldier, and in consequence thereof a recipient of a pension having been duly sworn, saith, that, he was well acquainted with the deceased David Hamilton ship carpenter of Charleston, that, he remembers him as having served in said City, as a volunteer private soldier in the State Militia during the War of the Revolution, that, at the time of the surrender of the City to the British forces, this Deponent was imprisoned by the British on board the ship *Torbay*, with several other faithful Americans & that said David was one of them, and that after their release from imprisonment, said David accompanied this Deponent in a Cartel hired by the prisoners to Philadelphia, That after the evacuation of Charleston by the English [December 1782], said David returned to said City and died there about the year 1794:

Saith that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton George, the widow of said David, and with their surviving children, and having read the affidavit of said Elizabeth in relation to the services of her husband the said David, and of the number and age of children who survived him, and of her own age, and condition, believes the same to be true, and therefore as a proper object for relief under the acts of Congress.

Sworn to before made this 15th day of December 1837

S/ Patk Cantwell, NP

S/ Jos Righton

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston:

On this 17th day of January 1838 personally appeared before me Patrick Cantwell Notary Public and QU for said District Joseph Righton, a soldier of the Revolution, and a resident of said City aged seventy-six years, who being duly sworn according to law, Doth, on his oath make

² [Joseph Righton W22074](#)

³ [James George X294](#) [the papers relating to this veteran are included as part of this widow's application.]

the following declaration, in order that, the widow Elizabeth H. George, may obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress in relation to the widows of revolutionary soldiers, Deponent saith that he was well acquainted with the late David Hamilton deceased and that, he this Deponent served in the Revolutionary War with said David, and that he said David served under arms more than two years during the War of the Revolution, as a private volunteer soldier in the Militia of the State of South Carolina, and that he the said Captain David was under arms at the time of the surrender of the City of Charleston in 1782 the Enemy, and was then made a prisoner, and imprisoned with this Deponent on board the "*Torbay*" Prison ship, then in the harbor; and remained there until they were permitted upon an exchange of prisoners to proceed to Philadelphia, Deponent saith said David remained a prisoner about 18 months, and saith, he accompanied said David to and dwelt with him for a time in Philadelphia, Deponent saith he heard & believes said David done duty in some of the forts in or near Charleston but cannot recollect under what officers --

Deponent saith, that, said David died about the year 1794, that he was married to said Mrs. George about the year 1774, that, said Mrs. George is a widow now, feeble and health, reducing circumstances, and a cripple for several years, and saith that, having read the affidavit of said Elizabeth in reference to this he has every reason to believe the same to be true. Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me...

S/ Patk Cantwell, NP

S/ Jos Righton

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston:

Mrs. Elizabeth H. George, widow being duly sworn, saith that she makes the following declaration in order to be entitled to receive the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress in relation to the widows of revolutionary Soldiers, saith that she is the widow of Captain James George, who served in the Militia of the State of South Carolina in one of the volunteer companies of the City of Charleston during the War of the Revolution, but this Deponent cannot positively say in what rank, but believes he must have held a commission as an artillery officer as she heard him addressed during that period by the title of "Captain George."

Saith that she was married to the said George about the year 1795, and that he died at his residence in the City of Charleston in the year 1822, and that there were no children by this marriage, Saith, that, she now resides and has continued to reside in said City since said it thence, That, she is a widow, is very aged, feeble, in limited circumstances, and rendered by reason of an accident a cripple for nearly 10 years.

S/ Eliz. H. George

Sworn to before made this 15th day of December 1837

S/ Patk Cantwell, NP

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston:

On this 16th day of January 1838, Personally appeared before Patrick Cantwell notary public and QU for said District, Mrs. Elizabeth H. George, a resident of said City, aged 82 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 act of Congress, in relation to the widows of revolutionary soldiers, That, she is the widow of David Hamilton deceased, who served as a volunteer private

Soldier in the Militia of the State of South Carolina during the War of the Revolution. That is to say, that, he took up arms in the year 1776, and continued in the service with but short intervals of absence, until, he was taken prisoner while under arms at the surrender of Charleston in 1780, That, he refused to take the Oath of allegiance to the British, and was among those prisoners who were confined on board the Prison Ship "*Torbay*", That, the time of his imprisonment was about 14 months, & the said David, rendered more than 2 years service during the war of the Revolution, That, during this period of service as aforesaid, he served in a company as this Deponent believes called the "Greens" Commanded by Captain Doughty and was present and assisting in the assault upon Savannah in 1779 and was one of the forlorn hope. Deponent saith that she cannot recollect the particulars as to his other tours of service, save those above mentioned & that, he served for some time before, and during the siege of Charleston, She further declares that she was married to the said David Hamilton in the year 1774, and that her husband the aforesaid David died in the year 1794 and that, she is now a widow, aged, straightened in circumstances, feeble and health and a cripple nearly 10 years.

S/ Eliz H. George

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written, before me the said notary, and I do also certify the credibility of the affiant, and that she is unable to appear in Court –

S/ Patk Cantwell, NP & QU

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State of South Carolina District of Charleston

On this 16th day of January 1838 personally appeared before Patrick Cantwell notary Public & Q. U. for said District Mr. Nicholas Cobia⁴ a resident of the City of Charleston, aged Seventy Nine years, who being first duly sworn according to law Doth on his Oath declare That, he was well acquainted with the late David Hamilton ship carpenter deceased, and that, said David, served under arms during the War of the Revolution as a private in the Militia of the State of South Carolina, and as this Deponent believes for more than two years, for he has frequently seen him from the commencement to the end of the War; Deponent saith, that he heard and believes that there was a company called the "Greens" or wearing Green uniforms turned up with white, at the Siege of Savannah [September 16-October 18, 1779] and that, said David was there with said Corps: Deponent saith, he heard and believes said David after the capture of Charleston was made a prisoner and confined in the ship *Torbay* and that, said David was married to Mrs. Elizabeth George, widow, about the year 1774, and that said David, died about the year 1794, and that said Elizabeth George is now a widow aged in poor circumstances and a cripple for several years.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me the notary, and I do hereby also certify to the credibility of the affiant.

S/ Patk. Cantwell, NP and QU for said District

S/ N. Cobia



⁴ [Nicholas Cobia W22843](#)

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"1774 Nov. 20 David Hamilton and Elizabeth Reynolds, Spinster Mar. Lect. [?]"

"1795 Sep. 17 James George & Elizabeth Hamilton Widow, M. L. T. Frost."

I hereby certify that the above records are a True extract from the Parish Register of Marriages of Saint Phillips Church in Charleston South Carolina

S/ Christopher E. Gadsden
Rector of Saint Phillips Church
and Bishop of the diocese of
South Carolina

Charleston December 6, 1851

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State of South Carolina Charleston District On this 9th Day of December A.D. 1851 -- Before me James M. Bee a Notary Public and Ex officio Magistrate, in and for the State of South Carolina, J L Egleston, well known to me -- being a resident of the City of Charleston aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law declares and says, -- That he is well and personally acquainted with Mary T. Sullivan late of the City of Charleston and now residing in Beaufort District, State of South Carolina, and that he hereby certifies that the said Mary T. Sullivan is of the age of 62 years -- and is the only surviving child of Elizabeth Hamilton and David Hamilton, who were married in Charleston in the year 1774 -- that the name of the said Elizabeth Hamilton before her marriage was Elizabeth Reynolds -- They all so certify that after the death of said David Hamilton -- his widow said Elizabeth Hamilton was married to Captain James George which marriage took place in the City of Charleston in the year 1795 -- That the aforesaid Captain James George departed this life sometime in the year 1822 -- And his widow Elizabeth George aforesaid died in the City of Charleston on the 6th day of April A.D. 1839 -- In the 85th year of her age -- having remained a widow to the time of her death. He believes that said David Hamilton was a Revolutionary Soldier.

S/ J. L. Egleston

[attested by James M. Bee, NP]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 for her husband's, David Hamilton's, service for 2 years in the South Carolina service. The pension on the widow's death on April 6, 1839.]