

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joseph Hand W7625

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State of Georgia Henry County: On this the 1st day of July in the year 1833 personally came before the justices of the Inferior Court now sitting for said County Joseph Hand a resident in the County of Henry aged as near as he can tell seventy-eight years, who being duly sworn, according to law makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service under the following named officers and served as herein after mentioned. He entered the service in the year General Gates was defeated at the seven mile Branch near Campden [Camden] – he thinks in the latter part of summer as a Substitute for Elijah Joice [Elijah Joyce?] who had been drafted in Guilford County North Carolina, under Captain Richard Varnum, marched & met the main Army under General Davis, Colonel Sowell below Charlotte in Mecklenburg County – Captain Davy commanded the Cavalry – lay there until Cornwallis attempted to go through North Carolina – William Heith, James Conner & John Conner was in the mess with deponent. The American Army approached Cornwallis's – Colonel Sowell ascertained and informed us that the reddish only was approaching. A retreat was made to the mouth of the Atkin River [Yadkin River] crossing the same at a ferry called Sloans Ferry & there halted – Deponent & others a detail party marched after Tories in the fork of Yadkin River, was gone two or 3 weeks & returned to head Quarters at a Mill near Sloans Ferry where the Army lay several weeks during this time a volunteer Company (from the Army) took Colonels Roberts & Bryan (Tories) prisoners – they were sent to Hillsboro jail & confined there till peace was made. Cornwallis about this Cornwallis returned to South Carolina deponent took sick & lay at Salisbury until Captain Shark [?] procured his discharge from General Butler (in writing which is lost). He was three months in this service. He entered the service again as a substitute for one Matthew Shaw in Roan County [Rowan County] – near Salisbury under Captain Sharp in the spring of the year he thinks but cannot recollect the date of the month or month or year – Deponent entered this service for one year & a half or 18 months service. Deponent marched to Head quarters at Ashley Hill 7 miles below Bacons Bridge, General Green [Nathanael Greene] commanded & Colonel Lightell [Archibald

Lytle] – Major Blunt [Redding or Reading Blount] was our officers of deponent's Regiment. Deponent remained there until the British Army left Charleston & went into Charleston on the morning afterward – remained there until Christmas holidays & returned to Head Quarters at Ashley Hill. Deponent was then carried on James Island on New Year's day. The main body crossed Wapoo Cut [Wappoo Cut] – a water communication between Stono & Ashley River made by the British when in Charleston. Deponent remained until July (except two weeks he was on John's Island) he and others were then marched to the Ten Mile Spring, on the North Carolina road and was there discharged by General Green – he received a private discharge signed by Green – this discharge he placed in the hand of John Carmichael in Surry County North Carolina, said Carmichael informed deponent that the discharge was lost – when at Ashley Hill, Captain Rayfor [sic, Robert this is an Raiford] Lieut. Campaine [James Campen] and him second, __ Pastors [possibly John or Thomas Pasteur] was his company officers. Deponent served above fourteen months, he thinks near eighteen but is not willing to say more than fourteen months of which he is certain – making with his first service seventeen months – Captain Thomas Cook¹ of Henry County is only witness he knows of to prove anything in relation to his service. As to the last service – it took place in the following manner – under a regulation made at that time Each Company was to furnish a certain number of men for 18 months service – The Companies were classed and each class furnished one. In a class in one company in Surry County it was Matthew Shaw's lot to go. Deponent took Shaw's place for which he got \$10 – he enrolled as one furnished by the Company as its quota – without being regarded or entered as a substitute. He was born in Pytssylvania [Pittsylvania] County Virginia, the year he does not recollect = he has no record of his age – he was living in Guilford County North Carolina when he first entered the service.

He entered the service as before stated & has stated the officers names – he has lived in North Carolina two or three years in South Carolina Pendleton District – about 30 years & in Georgia since. He is known to John Williams and Jesse Johnston in Clay County as some of his neighbors. He has no documentary evidence. Captain Thomas Cook & officer of the revolution, will testify to his service – 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 and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Joseph Hand, X his mark

Georgia Henry County: Before the Justices of Henry Inferior Court personally came Thomas Cook the witness named in the foregoing declaration who after being duly [sworn] saith that he was acquainted with Joseph Hand who is now before him, he has heard his declaration read and knows he served first service of three months & served it out. He knows he entered & was received with the second service for 18 months – he was absent the term mentioned. Deponent saw him & others of the same Company after he returned – but was not acquainted with his marches during the second service. He is absolutely certain that he is the same man. – Sworn to and subscribed the first July 1833

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Hand', with a large 'X' mark to its right, indicating it is a signature made by a person who cannot write.

¹ [Thomas Cook S31618](#)

[Jesse Johnston & John Williams gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 9: On November 1, 1851 in Tallapoosa County Alabama, Kisiah Hand, 80, a resident of said County filed for her widow's pension under the 1838 act stating that she is the widow of Joseph Hand, a revolutionary pensioner; that she married him in 1792; that he died August 4, 1835; and that she remains his widow.]

[Facts in file the children of the veteran and his wife named in the file are: William D, John C, Izah, Simson, Mary Parkins and Kiziah Edge. William D was born July 25, 1793. The dates of birth of the other children are not given.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$56.66 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 16 months service as a private in the North Carolina militia. His pension was reduced from \$66.66 per annum.]