

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Daniel [Daniels] SC1771 AA72
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Petition of James Daniel praying compensation for Services rendered in the Revolutionary War
Claims

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To the Honorable the President, and Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Petition of James Daniel most respectfully Sheweth – That at a time, which is justly and enthusiastically called a time that tried Men's Souls, in the year 1780, 1781 & 1782, your petitioner was called out by a Sense of Justice, and his hatred of tyranny to defend the rights of his invaded country; under the banner, and in the Brigade of General Francis Marion, in the Regiment of Colonel McDonald, and under the immediate command of Captain James Brown. For these services, your petitioner now for the first time asks for Compensation, nor would he now perhaps, but for the cold hand of penury and the Weight of years, which bows him beneath the toils and cares of this world, and would make com [? some?]² this small pittance very acceptable.

Your Petitioner feels confident that no claim has ever been presented to the Legislature that has been better supported by vouchers, than his, he conceives there can be nothing wanting to make his claim perfect, except it is indeed the Certificate of Colonel McDonald who died about the close of the War, which precluded the possibility of obtaining it. Colonel Hugh Horry who it is well known to your Honorable Body served in the same Brigade has certified my claim. My demand is not the less just because of long standing and small amount. It will not be argued that a Soldier of the revolution has slept over his rights and thus forfeited them. The only Questions will be did he do the duty? has he fought in the battles of his country? and has he never been paid? To these Questions, the accompanying vouchers will answer satisfactorily – Your petitioner therefore think it only necessary to appeal to the elightned [enlightened] liberality of your Honorable Body & fairness of his claim to have his Services remunerated. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

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Williamsburgh
8 November 1822

S/ James Daniel

James Daniel

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The State of South Carolina

To James Daniel

Dr.

To 8 months Duty done in General Marion's
Brigade and in Colonel Archibald McDonald's Regiment
in the year 1781 and 1782 at 1/6 per day
some part above duty was in 1780

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S/ James Daniel

James Daniel

Personally appeared Before me James Daniel who being Sworn maketh oath that the Above
account is Just and True and that he has Received no part thereof
Sworn before me this 25th day of June 1792
S/ Stewart Dickey, JP

S/ James Brown Capt.

S/ Hugh Horry, Lt. Collo. Comt.

*James Brown Capt.
Hugh Horry Lt. Collo. Comt.*

State of South Carolina

Williamsburgh District}

Personally appeared before me James Daniel who being Duly
Sworn Saith the above Account of Eighteen pounds against the State of South Carolina for
Revolutionary Services is Just and true & that he never Received no part thereof either by
Discount or otherwise

Sworn to this 8 day of November 1822

S/ Samuel Jenkins, Quorumer

S/ James Daniel

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Certified that James Daniel Done Twenty Eight days duty in General Marion's Brigade 24
March 82}

S/ Wm McCottry, Lt. [William Robert McCottry?]

Wm McCottry

Certified that James Daniel has done 33 days duty in General Marion's brigade
August 1782

S/ James Brown, Capt.
S/ Thomas Elliott, Aid de Camp

*James Brown Capt
Thomas Elliott
Aid de Camp*

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The Committee to whom was referred the petition of James Daniel

Report – That they have carefully considered the merits of the petition & beg leave to present that the following facts for the consideration of the Senate

There appears to be not the smallest reason to doubt but that the Petitioner was a worthy meritorious & patriotic Soldier of the Revolution – & that he fought with & under the command of General Marion – that he performed in particular eight months duty in Marion's brigade during the year 1780, 81 & 82 – for which it would seem from satisfactory evidence, he has received no remuneration – that he has heretofore from patriotic motives & independent feelings declined making application for a pension – but is now obliged to ask it as he states in consequence of the cold hand of penury and the weight of years, which bows him beneath the toils & cares of this World. This account against the state for the small sum of eighteen pounds & it is duly certified by his Officers Indeed his claim is supported & by strong vouchers – as can will be obtained & expected after the lapse of so many years.

~~The Committee fully impressed with all these Circumstances cannot be otherwise than sympathize with the Petitioner & feel every disposition to grant his prayer. They feel themselves however precluded from doing so by a positive Act of the Legislature passed in 1786 limiting the time for bringing in accounts of this kind & by the apprehension – if a precedent is given in the present instance that the door will be opened for a large & overwhelming amount of Claims for which had they been presented in due time remuneration would have been obtained from the US but the further of which it may be paid must fall entirely and exclusively on the State. The committee therefore finds themselves under the principle necessity of recommending that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted & that he have leave to withdraw his petition & the Honorable vouchers which accompany it.~~

S/ Benjamin Huger, Chairman

12 December 1822

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Your Committee, strongly impressed with the foregoing Circumstances & facts, and considering that the Legislature have granted relief in cases certainly not more if equally meritorious with the present respectfully offer the following Resolution

Resolved – That the prayer of the petitioner James Daniel be granted & he be allowed the sum of 18 pounds equal to \$77.12 ½ without Interest

S/ Benjamin Huger, Chairman

18th December 1782

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The Petition of Martha Daniel Praying to be placed on the Pension list In the place of her husband lately Deceased

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To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate of South Carolina

Williamsburgh District. The petition of Martha Daniel Sheweth, That she was the wife and is now the widow of James Daniel to whom your Honorable body at their last session resolved that a pension should be granted in consideration of his valuable services as a revolutionary soldier.

The said James Daniel died in September last leaving your petitioner in her sixty-ninth year, infirm and troubled with rheumatism and in very low circumstances – Your petitioner's husband had received a pension for only one year when he died. He did not crave aid from the state until urged by age & infirmity – His widow therefore hopes that you will give her humble petition due consideration and grant a continuance of the pension to her and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District} Personally appeared before me Martha Daniel who after being duly Sworn made oath that the facts stated in the above petition is true

Sworn to 20th November 1826

before me

S/ Philip Stone, QU

S/ Martha Daniel, X her mark

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Martha Daniel praying that she should be placed on the pension list in the place of her deceased husband James Daniel

Report that your committee are of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be granted so far as to allow her a pension of thirty dollars and recommend that she be placed on the pension list at thirty dollars per annum

S/ E. Benbow, Chairman

[Note: The balance of the documents in this file reflect the administration of a pension to the widow initially at the rate of \$30 per annum and subsequently increased to \$60 per annum with the last payment being March 4th, 1838.]