## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to William Douglass SC2444 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2007B

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To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

The humble petition of the undersigned Sheweth,

That your petitioner was the latter part of the Glorious revolution of 1776, engaged with William Stretch, and the late Major James Campbell in making Swords, and Horse Shoes, by the order of Colonel Marion [Francis Marion], for the troops under his command, and that there never was any work done for the British or Tories by him or anyone that worked with him, but they were at all times prepared with several loaded Guns in the loft to repel them should they make their appearance – William Stretch was a British deserter, and James Campbell Served as Common Soldier at the close of the Revolutionary war and bore a Majors Commission in the United States Service in the last war [the War of 1812] – Your petitioner would state that he has two Daughters living, one married, with a large family & the other unmarried, that he neither has real or personal property (except as he supposes) one third of a tract of land in Arkansas of 160 Acres (quality unknown) which his deceased William A. Douglass was entitled to as bounty for his services during the last war, who enlisted & died at Columbia under the command of Captain T. L. Gourdin.

Your petitioner further Sheweth that he is old, and infirm, and unable to support himself, which compels him reluctantly to ask of your Honorable body that he may be placed on the list of Revolutionary pensioners for the short time he has to live, that he has no property either real or personal (except the land above Stated) and your petitioner will ever pray

S/ William Douglass

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <a href="http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/">http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/</a>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the <a href="Just take me to the search page">Just take me to the search page</a> link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

South Carolina Williamsburg District Personally appeared William Mouzon who being duly Sworn deposeth & saith that he saw William Douglass the within petitioner working with William Stretch and James Campbell and assisting them in making swords for Colonel Marion's Troops in the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me 9 February 1843

S/R. G. Ferrell, C. C. P.

S/ Peter Mouzon

South Carolina Williamsburg District} Personally appeared William Douglass the Within Petitioner who being duly Sworn deposeth & Saith that the Contents and facts set forth & Stated in the Within Petition are Just & true –

Sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup>

February 1843

S/R. G. Ferrell, C. C. P

S/ William Douglass

[p 18: Receipt dated May 22, 1844 indicating that William Douglass of Williamsburg District received a payment of \$60 as an annuity signed by Joseph Chandler.]

[p 19: Receipt dated April 9, 1844 signed by William Douglass acknowledging receipt from Joseph Chandler tax collector of Williamsburg District of a payment of \$60 being the full amount of the pension due for the year 1843.]

[p 21: Power of attorney given in Sumter District South Carolina and dated October 6, 1853 from Eliza M Plowden as the only surviving child of William Douglass whereby she empowers her attorney, James Taylor, to collect the pension due her father at the time of his death. The date of his death is not stated in the power of attorney.

Eliza M Phowden

[p 24: In his petition dated November 1856 seeking the pension due William Douglass at the time of his death, James Taylor states that William Douglass departed this life September 15, 1844.]

[p 25: In a certificate dated October 6, 1853 and signed in Sumter District South Carolina, Eliza M Plowden states that her father died September 15, 1844 leaving her as his only surviving child.]

Personally appeared before me a Magistrate in and for the district and State above written the Subscribers hereunto being respectively sworn according to law on their of said make the following declaration that according to the best of their Knowledge and belief the declaration above made by Mrs. Eliza Plowden is true and correct in every particular and further declare we attended the funeral of the said William Douglass as near as we recollect at the date mentioned. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1853

S/ C. G. Capell, Magistrate

S/ John C. Plowden

S/ Samuel M. Plowden

[p 30: The South Carolina legislature authorized the disbursement of \$32.30 as the amount due the pensioner at the time of his death.]