Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Birchmore SC590 AA18 Audited Account Microfilm file No. 494

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No. 62

No. 168

9th August 1785 Lib. W

William Birchmore for Sundrys for Cont'l & Militia use in 1781 & 1782 [&] say 132 days duty 1,2 yr. old steer

Amount £12.11.2 Stg. [Sterling] More 1.6 3⁄4 £12.12.8 ³⁄₄

Ex^d. W. G. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed [by] William Galvan & John McCall, Adjutant General]

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Received the 9th of August 1785 full Satisfaction for the amount of the within Account in an Indent No. 168 Book W by Virtue [of] an Order

S/R. Richardson Michardson

[p 4] The State of South Carolina 1781 1st July To 72 days duty in Genl. Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade at /5 To one, two year old Steer wt. 250 lbs at 25/ 12 Decr. 1782

To William Birchmore

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5 July	To 60 days duty guarding Publick Stores		£4.5.0
	132	Sterling	£12.11.2

South Carolina Camden District} William Birchmore maketh oath that the above Account is Just & true, and that he has received no pay for the same Sworn the 27th of August 1784 before me

S/ Wm Murrell, JP

S/ Wm Birchmore

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South Carolina Camden District Please Deliver to Colonel Richard Richardson any Indents that are in the Treasurer's Office that appear in my Name & the Interest thereon

S/Wm Birchmore

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To the Honorable the President & Members of the Senate of South Carolina

Your petitioners beg leave to represent William Birchmore as a fit subject to be placed on the pension list from the following considerations viz. - That the said William Birchmore is an Englishman by birth & had settled in America previous to the commencement of the War, joined the American Cause & served with fidelity the whole of the contest – that he is now infirm and about eighty-eight years of age – that he enjoyed the confidence of General Marion, in whose Brigade he mostly served, as well as of Colonel Richard Richardson & Captain Dukes [William Dukes] his immediate commanding officer – that he raised by his own industry a large family – that during the last War he was so unfortunate as to lose three of his sons in the service of the Country (under Captain R. J. Manning) - whose labour contributed in a great degree towards his support – They beg leave further to state that the said William Birchmore is in extreme indigence having lost a valuable Negro fellow by the British – Under all his misfortune and for all his services which has been performed for his Country – your Petitioners believe he has never asked or received the bounty of his State or the charity of his more fortunate fellow citizens. Your Petitioners do therefore pray your Honorable body to take the claims and Services of the said William Birchmore into your consideration and afford such assistance to him as his merits seem to claim – and your petitioners will ever pray

References –

General Sumter

S/ John Jones S/ Richard E. Fraser S/ Wade T. Store S/ R. Richardson S/ John Thurston S/ Thomas R. Morgan S/ Jno. A. Morgan S/ Wm Morgan S/ Henry Remley S/ Lemuel Manning

S/ John Ballard S/ Thomas Maples

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The petition of sundry inhabitants of Clarendon praying that William Birchmore a revolutionary soldier be allowed a pension

Pensions John R Richardson Report in favor

[p 10: identical petition addressed to the SC House of Representatives]

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Having been called on to state my knowledge of the services performed by William Birchmore during the Revolutionary War – So far as my recollection serves me, state the following from my own knowledge – Viz. – That William Birchmore was present at the taking of Fletcher [Thomas Fletchall] at the Snowy Camps² – that he served under General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] at & about Augusta – that he also served in Colonel Richard Richardson's Regiment Captain Dukes' Company the remainder of the war – I do further state that William Birchmore did his duty always to the satisfaction of his officers – I have known William Birchmore ever since & have never heard any other character of him, than that of an honest sober and industrious make. Given under my hand this 20th November 1826

S/ John James³

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William Birchmore who petitions for pecuniary assistance, did service in the South Carolina Troops during the Revolutionary War within my own knowledge, & I do certify that I have frequently heard my Father (Colonel Richard Richardson in whose Regiment he mostly served) often say that Mr. Birchmore did his duty always with willingness & fidelity – that I know him to be an honest, sober & industrious man. 21st November 1826

S/R. Richardson

In addition to the above I do certify that William Birchmore lost a valuable Negro fellow by the British during the Revolutionary War & that he never has received any compensation for him. S/R. Richardson

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The Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of William Birchmore unfavorable

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² <u>http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html</u>

³ John James S18051

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of William Birchmore Report that your Committee or of opinion the prayer thereof ought to be rejected S/ E. Benborn, Chairman

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Report of Committee on pensions on the petition of William Birchmore in favor
To the House of Representatives
December 12, 1826
Resolved that the House disagree to the Report
Ordered that it be sent to the Senate for concurrence
By order of the House
S/ R. Anderson, CHR

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Sundry inhabitants of Clarendon praying that William Birchmore a revolutionary soldier be allowed a pension, Report

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend to the house that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and that the said William Birchmore be allowed a pension. December 1826

S/ John McComb, Chairman