

militia duty in 1782 pr. account audited
Principal £19.2.10¼ no 40 Annual Interest £1.6.9
36.2 No 40 5th May 1785

[The following are from The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/> . The federal file includes copies of some of the following.]

State of South Carolina

To William Cato	Dr	
To 133 days Service as a Horseman	}	
in Capt'a Grays Comp'y commencing the	}	@ 20 S £133
27 th day of Ap'l 1782, and Ending the	}	lmon[?]
7 th of Sept'r (both days Inclusive)	}	Sterling £19.2.10¼

April 26, 1784 – I have this Day rec'd from General Richard Winn, the full Value of my Acc't against the Public, now lying in the Auditors Office for auditing, and afterward to get an Indent for the same, from the Treasury, and I do request the Commissioner of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina to make out the Indent for the same, with the Interest pursuant to the Resolve of the Legislative in that Case, to him, the said Richard Winn, and to accept this as a Receipt in full against the Public, for the said Accompt;
Tho Baker JP



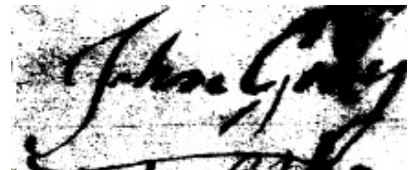
Camden District} Before me John Buchanan Esq'r. personally appeared William Cato who being duly sworn saith the above account as it stands stated is just and true
Sworn before me this 27th April 1784
Jno Buchanan JP.



I do hereby certify that William Cato did the above mentioned duty in my Compay and as his acc't. now stands is just and true &c'a.

Given under my hand this 28th day of April 1784

John Gray
Capt in Colo. Winn's Reg't



[The following and the indent referred to (not transcribed), as well as other documents not clear enough for transcription, have a large X through them.]

Received 18 July 1785 two years interest on the within Indent
£1.6.9 Rich'd Winn
1.6.9



Senate

Petition of Susan Cato, widow of William Cato dec'd Praying to be placed on the Pension list.
Mem'dum. Mrs. Cato's family Consists of herself, her daughter Betsy about forty years of age very diminutive and infirm; a Negro woman very Old and Blind, not able to fetch her own wood or water.

To the Executive the President, and others, members of the Senate of South Carolina.
The petition of Susan Cato humbly sheweth that your petitioner is advanced in life, and very indigent circumstances, that she is the widow of William Cato Esq'r late of Fairfield District; who at an early age entered the militia service during the Revolutionary war; and was in no small degree distinguished for his gallantry and fidelity to the cause of his country. Your petitioner has always understood that her Husband was an active Soldier in the battle of Stono [Stono Ferry SC, 20 Jun 1779] in the affair of the Juniper [possibly skirmish at Juniper Springs SC, 18 Jun 1781], as well as other Scenes of conflict and trial in the war of Independe. Untoward circumstances embarrass'd, and finally swept off a handsome estate; [illegible word] your petitioner remains to need and [undeciphered word] the favor of that public whose interests her late Husband hazzarded everything in the vigor and pride of life to sustain. She prays that in consideration herself, that she may be placed on the Pension list, and granted to receive such allowance, as to our Honorable body shall deem meet, and your petitioner will ever pray.

Witness J. Erskine Pearson

Susan herXmark Cato

State of South Carolina }
Fairfield District }

Before me an acting Justice of Peace personally appeared J L Bradford Philipp Pearson & R Weston who make oath, that they have always understood, that William Cato deceas'd was a brave Soldier, in the service of his state, during the Revolution, and that he was in several important battles and skirmishes with the enemy, and that his widow Susan Cato is in indigent circumstances
Sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov'r 1831 J L Bradford/ Phil. Pearson/ Robert Weston Sn'r
David Montgomery JP

South Carolina }
Fairfield District }

Personally appeared Thomas Parrott [S21918] aged 72[?] years a resident of Fairfield District [several illegible words] saith that he was well acquainted with William Cato Esq late of Fairfield District; the said Cato was a soldier in the [several undeciphered words] and was always [several undeciphered words] and a brave man. He entered the service about the year 1775 under the command of Capt Thomas Woodward[?] in Col Rich'd Richardson [Richard Richardson] Regt of militia, & served a full tour of duty which was about 3 months. He next entered the service under the command of Capt William [undeciphered] and Col. Goodwyns [sic: Uriah Goodwin] Regt in the Stono expedition and about the time of the battle was stationed at Purysburgh. He next entered in Col. Joseph Kirklands Regt [undeciphered] Capt, surrendered himself a prisoner at Camden took a parol broke it and joined the army under the command of Gen'l [Thomas] Sumter during which time he was in the battle of the Juniper, under the command of Col. Wade Hampton. He continued in the service under Sumters command till 1781 and after that served under Genl Winn until Cornwallis surrendered in 1782 [sic: 19 Oct 1781]. Said Cato died in 1831 in very moderate circumstances, and left his property much involved. His widow is poor and needs assistance.

Sworn to before me this 31[illegible] 1832

P. E. Pearson



Also appeared Capt Charnel Durham [W9418] and made oath, that he was well acquainted with the late William Cato Esq in the revolutionary war and that he was always esteemed a brave man. Deponent knows that he performed a tour of duty near the [undeciphered word] of the war in Col. R. Richardson Regt. Deponent knew that he performed duty toward the latter end of the war under the command of Col John Pearson in Winns Brigade. Between that period of duty deponent was in the regular service, after this period after I returned from the regular service I saw him, in 1777 after my discharge from the regular service and was in service with him in the war under my command doing Militia duty till the end of the Revolutionary war, we have both lived in Fairfield District ever since, he is a man of good character and was a brave and good soldier faught faithfully for the liberties of this country
Sworn to Before me October 30th 1832

J. Elliott

G. hisCmark Durham

In Senate 10 Dec'r 1832

Res'd that Senate do agree & reject the pet

By Order/ Jacob Warley/ C. S.

NOTES:

On 30 June 1849 Mrs. Mary Pearson stated that William Cato lived with the family of her late husband, Philip Pearson, in 1786 and married Susan Eccles in late May or early June of that year. She also stated that she lent Mary Eccles a riding mare and saddle to ride five or six miles to Rev. Jacob Gilson to be married, and that the couple continued to live with Philip Pearson until he had a house built for them on his land. She stated that twins were born to them in 1787, as she recalled "by a family record, of the birth of her second son, P E Pearson (May 7th 1785) this deponent remembering well on a visit to Mr Catos family of suckling one of the twins Stephen F Cato before she weaned her second son, who was but one month old at the time of the marriage of Wm. Cato and Susanah Eccles." Mary Pearson stated that William and Susan Cato had 12 or 13 children. This statement was sworn before William F. Pearson, acting magistrate, who stated that Philip Pearson's family record shows that he married Mary Butler in 1783, and their second son was born in 1786.

Susan Cato's claim for a federal pension was rejected because there was proof of only 134 days of service, which was not sufficient for a pension.