

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Joshua Ammons S21045

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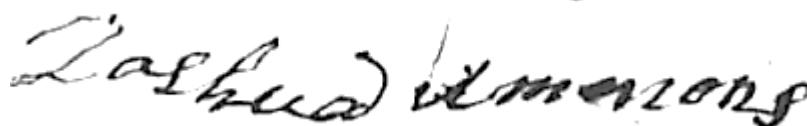
State of South Carolina, Marlborough District} SS

Personally appeared Joshua Ammons of the State and District aforesaid Aged Seventy Six years the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January last. Who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the year of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five with Captain Samuel Wise a resident of this district,( then Craven County), and served in the Third Regiment of the South Carolina Militia under Colonel William Thompson [sic, William Thomson], Major Vandros [sic, probably a reference to Maj. John Vanderhorst], the other officer's names not now recollected. The terms of enlistment then six months certain or three years if required. With this reason, that at the expiration of six months service he might withdraw from the service by furnishing a substitute to continue on the three years, and after the six months were expired he substituted a man in his place, then after he substituted the man in his stead he marched in a Militia Company to Charleston, S. C. and it being found that there were more men there than was needed Captain Conner [Edward Conner] returned home with part of his men, but he with as many as were required continued in Charleston and served six weeks, under Capt. William Standard, then returned home. And that soon after he volunteered under Captain Henry William Harrington, in which company he served six months in Charleston and thereabouts, after which early in June 1777 he enlisted in said Third Regiment under Captain Uriah Goodwin, General Moultrie [William Moultrie], General of the Brigade, Charles Coats Worth Pinckney[sic, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney] Major General, and served two years and eleven months until Charleston was surrendered by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] to Lord Cornwallis, which was the 12th of May 1780, at which time he was taken prisoner. Then was kept a prisoner until the exchange took place, at or near Williamsburg in or about the first of August 1781. He was engaged in five battles and the first battle was at Savanna Town Georgia when the town was surrendered to the British by General Howe [Robert Howe]. Then marched through part of South Carolina to Stono Fort June 1779, to the best of his estimation which was the 2nd battle he was engaged in. The 3rd battle he was engaged in Savanna Town he thinks in October 1779. The 4<sup>th</sup> at the Siege of Charles Town when General Lincoln surrendered the town to Lord Cornwallis. The fifth, and last battle he was engaged in, was at York Town State of Virginia where he saw Lord Cornwallis deliver his sword to General Lincoln, said to be by direction of General Washington, in the same manner as General Lincoln delivered his to General Cornwallis at Charles Town. At which time he then said Ammons was present and saw the action. Then in a short time took a certificate from his Captain, Uriah Goodwin, that he had served his time he enlisted for, he returned to (now) Marlborough District, South Carolina. After

which he served four terms, each term one month. Then returned home to Marlborough District where he has resided ever since and further said that he has never received any compensation for his service. Neither was he ever on any pension roll in the United States. In the 3rd Regiment which deponent served in at first, he recollects the names of the following officers - Col Wm. Thompson, Major Vandross , Major Heron , Capt. John Carroway Smith [sic, John Carraway Smith<sup>1</sup>], Capt. Joseph Warley, Captain Felix Warley, Captain Field Farrow [sic, Field Farrar<sup>2</sup>], Capt. John Donaldson, Capt. Brown, Capt. Hopkins [David Hopkins], Capt. Richard Jones, Lieut. Gascon [sic, probably a reference to Lieut. John Gaskins], Lieut. Wm. Tigrat [sic, probably William Taggard], Lieut. Dessausure [sic, probably Lieut. Louis De Saussure<sup>3</sup>], Ensign Merry Mgyre [probably Merry McGuire<sup>4</sup>]. These names are spelled according to their sounds. Deponent recollects that these officers were in the United States Army at the Battle fought at Savanna Town when Gen Howe surrendered the town to the British. They were likewise at Stono Fort twelve or fifteen miles north of Charleston, S. C. when the battle was fought there between General Lincoln and Provost [Augustine Prevost]. They were also at Savannah when General Lincoln was repulsed at Savanna in attempting to storm the town then in possession of Prevost Major Wise. Captain Richard Jones, Lieut. Gascon<sup>5</sup> he recollects were killed in that engagement. General Pulaski was killed at the same place. Those who were not killed at Savanna were in the army when Cornwallis took Charleston. The Deponent recollects the names of many other officers but supposes has named as many as are necessary. He has never received a discharge which was owing to this fact and others. Having been taken prisoner in Charleston, he was exchanged at or near Williamsburg in Virginia, there was no field officer present, and his Captain, Uriah Goodwin gave him a Certificate of that he had served out his time. This Certificate was taken to Philadelphia by a Wm. Vining to get Deponent's arrearage of wages due him by the Government for the last two years of his services and he has never seen the certificate since. He believes it is lost. He was born in Brunswick County Virginia between Roanoke and Meherrin Rivers, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1756. His age was recorded in the family register which he has seen a great many years ago in the possession of an elder brother. He believes it to be lost at this time. He was living in Marlborough District South Carolina when he enlisted (each time). He has lived there ever since the Revolutionary War. He hereby relinquishes all claims to any other pension or annuity except the present - He also states that General Lafayette passed through Marlborough in 1830 and recognized him. He had seen Lafayette at Williamsburg, Virginia.

S/ Joshua Ammons



Sworn to the 3rd day of October 1832 before B. J. Earle presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and quarter Sessions in open Court at Marlborough Courthouse in the State and District aforesaid.

[file contains a power of attorney granted by Joshua Ammons to C. W. Dudley to act in his behalf in making the claim for a pension.]

<sup>1</sup> [John Carraway Smith W4890](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Field Farrar BLWt70-300](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Louis Desausure \(De Saussure\) BLWt1585-200](#)

<sup>4</sup> [Merry McGuire R22752](#)

<sup>5</sup> Probably a reference to Lt. Robert Gaston of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SC Regiment who was wounded at the Siege of Savannah.

[The veteran died on April 11, 1833. There is no family information in this file.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 2 years service as a private in the revolution.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>6</sup> relating to Joshua Ammons  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 99A

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I hereby Assign all my Right & Title of the within Indent to Shadrach Easterling.

Certified by me this 5 Day of June 1786

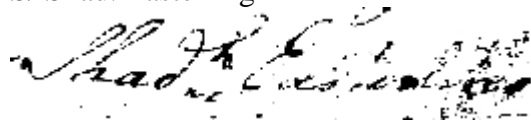
S/ Thos. Evans, JP

S/ Joshua Ammons



Received 20<sup>th</sup> June 1786 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the principal & balance of Interest of the within.

S/ Shad. Easterling

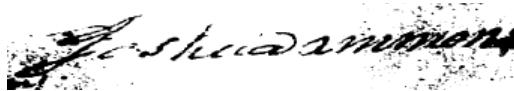


[p 4: Form of Indent [page 673, Book Y] dated December 31, 1785 in the sum of £32.13.4 issued to Mr. Joshua Ammons [sic] for "duty as a Private in the South Carolina Line in 1779 & 1781 per account Audited."]

[reverse]

I do hereby Assign [text too faint to discern] Right & Title of the within Indent to Captain Daniel Sparks

S/ Joshua Ammons



Received 14 June [text obliterated] satisfaction for the within [indecipherable text] of Land.

S/ Daniel Sparks<sup>7</sup>



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<sup>6</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

<sup>7</sup> Daniel Sparks served as a captain under Lieutenant Colonel Lemuel Benton in the Cheraw District regiment.