

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Jesse Grantham SC3316
Audited Account No. 3035A

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The Petition of Jesse Grantham praying to be placed on the pension List

Pensions

Granted

State of South Carolina Darlington District } Personally appeared before me Jesse Grantham &
after being duly Sworn made oath – & says the facts stated in his petition are true as far as his
recollection at this time Serves him – Sworn to before me this 4th of July 1829

S/ Jno. Truce [??]

S/ Jesse Grantham



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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives

The humble Petition of Jesse Grantham

Sheweth, that he was a faithful Soldier in the Revolutionary war & that he supported the cause of this State & of the United States to the best of his ability as he is now prepared to show to your Honorable body. And your petitioner further states that he was in the Battle under General Caswell [Richard Caswell] on the Cape Fear River at Bluford's Bridge [sic, Buford's Bridge],² he was with General Ash [John Ashe] at Charleston when the British left the Town and pursued

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

² J. D. Lewis notes: "The battle you describe as Bluford's Bridge or Beauford's Bridge, was actually called the Battle of Heron's Bridge just north of Wilmington, NC on January 30, 1781. It is in my website at:

https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_herons_bridge.html

The bridge was a recently constructed "swing bridge" that was built by a man named Mr. Buford in the early 1770's. But, by the late 1770's, it had been purchased by a Mr. Heron and everyone in the vicinity knew it as Heron's Bridge - primarily because he strengthened it considerably and made it much more reliable. But, the "old timers" still called it Buford's Bridge.

on and was defeated by the British at Briar Creek [March 3, 1779],³ he then joined General Caswell's light Horse and went to General Greene's [Nathanael Greene's] head Quarters & was then put under the command of Colonel Wade [Thomas Wade of the Anson County NC militia?] & pursued Corn Wallace [Lord Cornwallis] after the battle at Guilford [Guilford Courthouse, March 15, 1781]⁴ as far as Fayetteville North Carolina & was then furloughed to go & join Colonel Axam [sic, Benjamin Exum] to intercept the British & detained them until Greene could get ahead of them and in so doing killed about one hundred & fifty in the swamps in various skirmishes, & he then served three months under Captain John Grantham in a company of fifty men to subdue the Tories & was in several skirmishes – he also states that he was in service five years under the officers above stated. Your Petitioner now states to your Honorable body that he is Seventy four years of age & is not able to make an honest support without some assistance from your Honorable body – With implicit reliance upon the Certificates & evidence adduced to your Honorable body your Petitioner submits his case and prays to be placed on the Pension list
signed Jesse Grantham



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State of South Carolina Darlington District} Personally came before me Elisha Harrell & John Harrell and duly made oath that the within Statement was Just and true. Sworn to before me this 3rd Day of November 1828

S/ Spencer Harrell, JP

S/ Elisha Harrell



S/ John Harrell, X his mark

Jesse Grantham's Schedule of property
Land one hundred acres pine land
Three-headed Cattle
Twelve head Hogs
Two Mares & Colts
Small portion household furniture

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Grantham praying to be placed on the pension list

Respectfully Report

That they have considered the Same and Recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted – 1 December 1829

S/ Sampson Pope, Chairman

³ Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

⁴ https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html

[p 8: Receipts in the file indicate the payment to the veteran of \$20 on June 7, 1831 and \$60 on June 9, 1832 and again on 30 June 1834.]

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The petition of Levicy Grantham praying to have her name placed on the pension list
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Granted

J. F. Ervin

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To the Honorable Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina.

Your petitioner hereby humbly prays to be placed on the pension list of the State aforesaid. And will hereby attempt to show that I should be entitled to that bounty bestowed on others situated as I am by the Legislature of our State.

First. I am old. I am poor. I am destitute. I am the widow of a Revolutionary Soldier – And have no one to look to for help that I can with propriety claim it from. I have children but they are poor with families – they are not able to do justice by them exclusive of myself. I am the widow of Jesse Grantham who was a pensioner on the bounty of the State aforesaid at the time of his death, which fact can be known by examining the State records at Columbia.

I was married to Jesse Grantham. My said husband in time of the Revolutionary war, and lived with him until his death, and has not since contracted marriage with anyone, neither can I or do I expect ever to do so.

I have never made application to the General Government – if it was necessary – but hope it was not – I will give some reasons for not having done so. I have been informed that it is a difficult thing to get satisfactory evidence for that Government, more particular at this late date – And being now so old, I am unable to go from home to procure friends – And being myself ignorant of the forms and what may be necessary for me to prove to enable me to apply with success to the General Government, I must therefore throw myself on the bounty of my own State praying the fact of my deceased husband's being a pensioner of his State at the time of his death, with other facts herein named will be satisfactory evidence of my just Claims or my state for a bounty as pensioner – My said Husband died in the year of 1835. If consistent I humbly pray that I may be allowed a pension from that date – as I feel that I justly owe those who have supported me since that time all that I can expect from the State. If not consistent, I pray to be placed on the pension list from this time – with such an allowance as has been made by Law for such as I am, the poor old helpless widows of a Revolutionary soldier – who fall for the liberties of our Common Counting – and Your Petitioner will ever pray –

Darlington District

the 20th of October 1837} Levicy Grantham personally came before me & made Oath that the facts set forth in this petition is Just & true.

Sworn to before me

S/ Silas Holloman JQ

the date above

S/ Levicy Grantham, X her mark

[Note: The widow was placed on the pension list effective December 1837]