

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to David Herman, Jacob Herman and Ludwig Herman SC3826 pp6  
Audited Account No. 3550

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To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of South Carolina  
The Petition of Frederick Huver [?]<sup>2</sup> of Dauphin County in the State of Pennsylvania  
Humbly Sheweth

That Ludwig Herman, Jacob Herman and David Herman Sons of a certain David Herman late of the county aforesaid were enlisted to serve on board the Ship *South Carolina*<sup>3</sup> commanded by Commodore Gillam [Alexander Gillon], and in pursuance of their Enlistment did serve on board the said Ship and did also die in the said Service.

That David Herman the Father aforesaid who would by Law have been entitled to the Pay of his Sons aforesaid has also lately died, and constituted your Petitioner his Executor. Your Petitioner begs leave to represent that the Family of the said David Herman is poor and would be

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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<sup>3</sup> *South Carolina*. Foote: 112-116, 119, 120, Sch V: 55, M: 274, privateer man of war of 40 guns, 1355 tons, manned by 540 men, which left the Texel (the Netherlands) on 25 August 1781, with SC Navy Commodore Alexander Gillon in command. This vessel was the property of France, originally the *Indien*, built in Holland, loaned to the State of South Carolina for 3 years for privateering. It took part in the Spanish/American capture of Nassau in 1782, under Capt John Joyner. The ship was taken by the British in Sep 1782, and crew sent to prison in New York. One of its prizes was taken Sep 1781 and one of its prize crew sent to Mill Prison. (Clark: I: 138 shows her captured 19 Dec 1782, by the British *Astrea*, *Diomeda*, *Quebec*. The ship is said to have arrived in New York on 24 Dec.) Ford1782:309, 632, 703, Ford1784:332. JA6:295, 9:491. CTN: 58. CTP: 123. Foote: 120-121, Caleb Foote served as a seaman on the *South Carolina* for 14 months. DaviesXIX:2156, Germans in crew. Volo: 53. Silverstone: 20. Paullin: 448. Chapelle: 96, 116. Coggins: 102. <https://www.awiatsea.com/Hough/Hough%20List%20S.html>  
See also, James A. Lewis, *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate South Carolina during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 1999  
See also, D. E. Huger Smith. Commodore Alexander Gillon and the Frigate South Carolina *The South Carolina Historical and Genealogical Magazine* Vol. 9, No. 4 (Oct., 1908), pp. 189-219

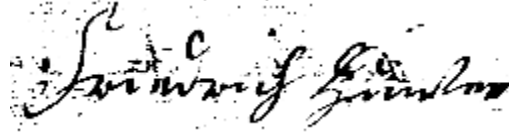
considerably relieved by receiving the Pay to which the young men before named would have been entitled.

Your Petitioner has indeed been informed lately that Claims on the State of South Carolina for Services on board the Ship aforesaid our barred by an Act of Limitation; but Your Petitioner would beg Leave to represent that the aforesaid David Herman the Father did live in the interior Parts of the State of Pennsylvania, at least one hundred Miles from the City of Philadelphia and Your Petitioner verily believes that the said David Herman never heard of any Act of Limitation but expected from time to time to receive the Pay of his Sons, without knowing or considering of the Channel through which he should obtain it.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that such an Act may be passed as will enable the Family of the aforesaid David Herman to receive the pay of his Sons aforesaid & he will pray.

November 12, 1804

S/ [undeciphered signature]



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Berks County Sct.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of July in the Year of our Lord, 1804 came before me the Subscriber 1 of the Justices of the Peace in and for Berks County Michael Spatz<sup>4</sup> and John Fox<sup>5</sup> both of the Borough of Reading in the County aforesaid and who being severally sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God do severally depose and say that they were enlisted and served on Board the Ship *South Carolina* commanded by Captain Joiner [John Joyner] that they sailed with him from Philadelphia and were on board said Ship when she was captured, That a certain Ludwig Herman, a certain Jacob Herman and a certain David Herman also served on board said Ship and were on board when she was captured, That each of the said Deponents knew the said Ludwig, Jacob & David well and further say that after the Capture aforesaid they these Deponents and the other Prisoners were confined on board a Prison Ship near New York, that the said Ludwig, Jacob, & David were also confined in the said Prison Ship and in the same each of them died.

Sworn & Subscribed

by the Deponents aforesaid

on the fourth day of July A.D. 1804 Before me

NB: each said Deponent not

being able to write have made their marks

S/ Peter Nagle

S/ Michael Spatz, X his mark

S/ John Fox, X his mark

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<sup>4</sup> [Michael Spatz \(Spotz\) S3957](#)

<sup>5</sup> [John Fox S2219](#)