

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Berry SC523
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 462

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No. 50

No. 223 Lib [Book] U

July 9th 1785

Mr. Thomas Berry his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private since the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £236

Stg [Sterling] £33.14.3 ¼

Ex^d. W.R. J. M^c. A.G. [Executed [by] W. R. [for] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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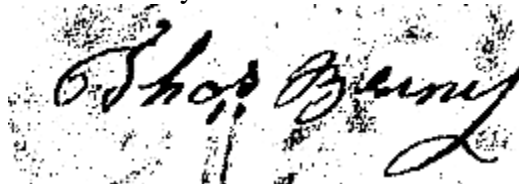
Dr. to Thomas Berry

for Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return £236

Stg £33.14.3 ¼

Received July 9, 1785, full Satisfaction for the Above in an Indent No. 223 Book U

S/ Thos. Berry

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thos. Berry". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted to the right.

[p 4: Form of Indent No. 223, U]

[Note: The following MAY relate to someone other than the Thomas Berry named above. I make the warning on the basis that the man named Thomas Berry who seeks the pension in the petition below was unable to sign his name at age 82. That, however, is not a decisive factor because the aged petitioner may well have lost the ability to sign his name by some infirmity.]

¹ 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.

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South Carolina Barnwell District} To the Honorable the Senate and members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, The humble petition of Thomas Berry Sheweth that your petitioner is very old and infirm say eighty-two years as near as can be recollected, that he served as a soldier the bigger part of the Revolutionary war that he was two years in the State Service as a drafted militia Soldier the balance of the time as a Substitute Soldier in the service of the State that his commanding General was Francis Marion – he served part of his time under Cap. Wetherspoon [probably Capt. Gavin Witherspoon] in Colonel Giles' [possibly Col. Hugh Giles'] Regiment the balance under Cap. Renice [?]² in Colonel Horry [Peter Horry's] Regiment that he was in the engagement at Watboo [sic, probably Wyboo Swamp, March 6, 1781] & in the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and in several Other small engagements, Your petitioner further states that he has no property whatever and that in consequence of his advanced age and bodily infirmity he is entirely incapable of Supporting himself by his labor, he therefore hopes your Honorable body will take his unfortunate situation under Consideration and place him on the State pension list and your Petitioner will ever pray 12th of November 1827

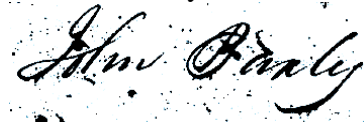
S/ Thomas Berry, X his mark

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South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally came before me John Baxley and after being duly sworn saith that he has been acquainted with the petitioner Thomas Berry ever since the close of the Revolutionary War and that he ever considered him to be a man of truth and that the facts stated in his petition he believes to be all true that deponent further saith that the Petitioner Thomas Berry has lived with him for about six years & that he has no property whatever to support on and that he the said Petitioner has no relations whatever to apply to for assistance. Sworn to before me this 12 November 1827

S/ Joshua Walker, Q U

S/ John Baxley



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South Carolina Marion District} Personally came before me who being duly sworn saith that Thomas Berry did Serve as Continental Soldier with me in the Marion Army in the Revolutionary War. September 3, 1827

S/ John Boothe, X his mark

South Carolina Marion District} Personally came before me John Boothe and after being duly sworn as the Law directs saith that he was personally acquainted with Thomas Berry and knew him to be a faithful Soldier in the Revolutionary War and served under Captain Linus [? Harry

² Renice

Linus]³ in Colonel Peter Horry's Regiment and that he was at the Battle [of] Eutaw Springs and a number of other engagements. Sworn to before me this 10 November 1827
S/ Levi Legett, JP S/ John Boothe,⁴ X his mark

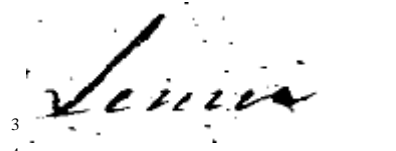
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The committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Berry praying for a pension –

Report that your committee or of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be Granted and recommend that he be placed on the pension list

S/ C. Benbow Chairman

[Note: Petitioner was granted a pension of 60 dollars per annum. The file reflects that he last collected said pension on June 13, 1834.]



⁴ [John Booth W25258](#)