

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Cross W8636

Elizabeth Cross

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

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Abbeville District South Carolina: To the Honorable the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina: The humble petition of Samuel Cross, sheweth That early in the war of the Revolution your petitioner enlisted in the services of his Country under Captain John Smith [John Carraway Smith], that soon after his enlistment he was sent him & joined Colonel Thompson's [William Thomson's] Regiment at Augusta, that soon after that time he was marched to Stono & was at the engagement [Battle of Stono, June 20, 1779] there, that after the first term of service expired he again enlisted under Captain Winn [Richard Winn] of the same Colonel Thompson's Regiment, after this he was at the siege of Savannah,<sup>1</sup> that after the expiration of his second term of service, he again enlisted for three years, that during this term of service he was taken prisoner at Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]<sup>2</sup> & confined in a prison ship he remained a prisoner ten months, after this he escaped went up the country and entered the militia service under Captain John Gray of Fairfield District that he was marched from there and was at the battle of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] after that he returned home & joined another company of militia under Captain Charnel Durham was marched to the Four Holes and remained there two months, this was about the close of the war. That in the whole in the regular & militia service your petitioner served about five years. Your petitioner is now about Eighty years of age is unable to labor for a support and he has a wife about sixty years old who is crippled in one hand. That now in his old age he is reduced to indigence & relies solely on his Country for support. Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable Body would take his case into consideration & grant him such relief as in your wisdom you may think meet and as in duty bound he will ever pray.

S/ Samuel Cross, X his mark

South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally appeared Samuel Cross and made oath that the facts stated in the above petition are true to the best of his recollection & believe.

Sworn to this 16th of November 1827 Before

S/ Patrick Gibson, JP

S/ Samuel Cross, X his mark

<sup>1</sup> Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

South Carolina Fairfield District: Personally appeared Captain John Smith and makes oath that in the year 1779 he enlisted in the regular service of the United States and joined the 3rd Regiment at Purrysburg in the spring of that year. Deponent is well acquainted with Samuel Cross late of Fairfield but now of Abbeville District & is of opinion Cross belonged to that Regiment at the time he joined it, deponent knows that Cross was a regular soldier & continued in the Army & was captured by the enemy at the fall of Charleston in 1780 (May) after that event deponent fully believes Cross was his fellow prisoner on board of the *Eske* and in February 1781 he in company with several American soldiers confined on board said ship, made his escape from the enemy & took refuge in the upper Country. Sworn to before me this 3rd of July 1820 [sic, 1826?].

S/ James Marshall, JP

S/ John Smith

Personally appeared before me Captain Charnel Durham<sup>3</sup> and makes oath that he is well acquainted with Samuel Cross formerly of Fairfield & now of Abbeville District. Deponent was a regular soldier in the 3rd Regiment of Continental troops commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson] – he knows very well that Cross was a regular soldier in said Regiment for three years & that he enlisted under Captain Richard Winn and 1775 or 1776 – Cross was captured by the enemy at the fall of Charleston in May 1780, and sometime in the next year he made his escape – and returned with several associates to the back country. After this Cross joined a Company of militia commanded by Deponent and did duty for some time under him. He always supported the character of a brave man and a true & faithful soldier. Sworn to before me this 3rd July 1826.

S/ James Marshall, JP

S/ Charnel Durham, X his mark

[p 16: On the 19th day of June, 1851 in Fairfield District, South Carolina, William Francis Pearson, 61 gave testimony that he has a record of his age in the handwriting of his father Philip Pearson and that he was born on June 24, 1784; that his father was a justice of the peace before and during the Revolution; that there were many revolutionary officers and soldiers who bore the undisputed reputation's as such including Major John Pearson, Captain John Gray & Captain Charnel Durham, Captain Andrew Gray & Captain Frederick Gray, Lieutenant James Kincaid and many privates including Samuel Cross; that he was well acquainted with Samuel Cross and lived within 2 miles of him; that he knows that Samuel Cross and Elizabeth lived together as man and wife; that he knew Elizabeth Cross' brother John Finley; that affiant was a schoolmate of the children of Samuel & Elizabeth Cross including their oldest son John who was some 2 years older than himself; that he has been a magistrate for about 40 years; that about 39 years ago he married Mary the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Cross to her husband Charles Dansby.]

[p 43: Certificate dated May 14, 1855 from the South Carolina Comptroller General listing indents showing payments to Samuel Cross for military service during the revolutionary war including 185 days service in the horse and 35 days in the foot in the militia in 1781 and 1782.]

[Facts in file: Veteran married Elizabeth Finley in April 1781; their first child was John, 2nd child named Susan, 3rd child named William was born about 1788 or 1789; Mary born in 1793; Margaret born about 1795 or 6: Martha, now Mrs. Martha Marsh was born October 18th 1799;

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<sup>3</sup> [Charnel \(Charnal\) Durham W9418](#)

that there is no family record because the veteran and his wife were both illiterate and could neither read nor write; that the veteran died April 28, 1828; that their mother was pensioned by this state and received such pension until her death September 28, 1840; all of the children of the veteran and his wife except Mary and Martha were dead by 1855.]

[Veteran's widow was granted a pension of \$85.18 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1836 and ending September 27<sup>th</sup>, 1840.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Samuel Cross AA 31  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1656  
Transcribed by Will Graves 2/27/20

[p 2]  
[Top of the form is illegible]  
Book Y 3 January 86 [1786]  
Passed £221.8.2 Stg [Sterling]  
S/ TJ

Samuel Cross for Riding Express from 18 <sup>th</sup> January 1779 to the 12 <sup>th</sup> May 1780	
Charged	£219.2.9 ¾
Add balance Errors	2.5.4 ¼
	£221.8.2

N: B: This appears to be a very extravagant Account he charges £1000 512.10.3 old Currency for 251 days attendance on General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] & Colonel Drayton [William Henry Drayton] which is upwards of £6 Currency per day  
Ex<sup>d</sup>. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

[p 3] No. 48 [?]  
No. 71 Book R  
Samuel Cross his Account of 185 days duty as Private on Horse, also for 35 days as Private on foot the Whole done in the Militia in 1781 & 1782

Charged	£28.12.2 Sterling
add more	5.8 ¾
	£28.18.6 ¾

Ex<sup>d</sup>. J.H.S. [Examined by J. H. S [identity unknown]]  
J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State South Carolina  
To Samuel Cross Dr.

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<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) 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.

1781

August [illegible]

To 184 days Service done in Captain J. Gray's Company of mounted Militia Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment Commencing August 11 <sup>th</sup> 1780 and ending February 11 <sup>th</sup> 1782	£184.0.0
[illegible] Included at 20/[20 shillings old SC currency] per day            185 days	


1782

May 1<sup>st</sup>

To 35 days Service under Captain Durham's Company of foot militia Colonel Richard Winn's Regiment Commencing May 1 <sup>st</sup> 1781 and ending June 4 <sup>th</sup> Both Days included at 10/per day	<u>16.10.0</u>
Equal to	<u>£200.10.0</u>
	£28.12.10
	Sterling

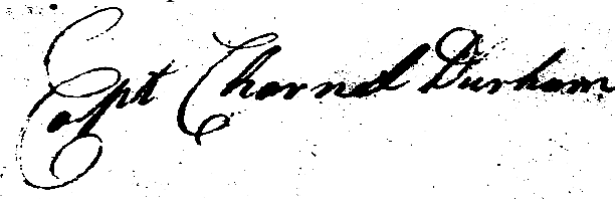
I do Certify that the above 184 days Service was done in my Company of mounted militia by Samuel Cross in the times Specified above and that that part of his account is Just and true. Certified by me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July 1784

S/ John Gray [?], Capt.



I do Certify that Samuel Cross did the above 35 days Service in my Company of foot militia in the times specified above and that his account as it stands stated is Just and true. Certified by me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 1784

S/ Capt. Charnel Durham



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South Carolina Camden District } Before me Philip Pearson Esquire personally appeared the within named Samuel Cross who being duly Sworn made Oath that the Contents of the within Account against the State of South Carolina is Just and true; and that he hath never received any pay or other Satisfaction for the said services  
Sworn the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1784 before me

S/ Phil. Pearson,

S/ Samuel Cross, X his mark

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Received the 7 May 1785 full satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 71 Lib. R for £28.18.6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in Virtue of an Order

S/ Rd Winn [Richard Winn]



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September 1<sup>st</sup> 1784, I have this Day received from General Richard Winn the full Value of my Account against the Public, now lying in the Auditor's Office for auditing, and afterwards to Get an Indent, for the same from the Treasury, and I do request the Commissioners 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 Legislature in that Case to him, the said Richard Winn & to accept his receipt in full against the public for said Account

S/ Saml. Cross, X his mark

[p 8: Printed form of Indent No. 71 Book R]

[p 9: Reverse of the above Indent]

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State of South Carolina, to Samuel Cross	Dr/.
To Service done as a Private Soldier in Captain (Towles's) [Oliver Towles'] Company 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regiment Commanded by Colonel William Thomson under Lt. Smith, Lt. Knapp, Adjutant McGuire and Captain Jesse Baker from the Siege of Savannah 20 <sup>th</sup> of October 1779 to the Surrender of Charleston 12 <sup>th</sup> of May 1780 being 202 days at 10/ [10 Shillings old SC currency per day]	£101.0.0
And agreeable to the Resolve of Congress in favor of the Captured Troops which allowed to them pay until the 15 <sup>th</sup> June 1781 during which time he remained a prisoner until the 1 <sup>st</sup> of April 1781 being 402 days at 10/	201.0.0
To Clothing during the time agreeable to the Terms of his enlistment	
Received	
at Sheldon Bulls one Shirt, 1 pair Overalls	
1 Jacket, 1 pair Shoes & \$15 Currency	
at Charlestown, 1 Cloth Coat & 1 Blanket	

Camden District

Before Philip Pearson Esquire personally appeared Samuel Cross who being duly Sworn made Oath that the above Account against the State of South Carolina is Just & true and that he hath Received no other pay for or during the said Service or Imprisonment that is mentioned and Specified above.

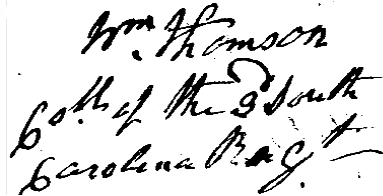
Sworn the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
June 1785 Before me  
S/ Phil. Pearson, JP

S/ Samuel Cross, X his mark

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This is to Certify that Samuel Cross Served as a Private Soldier in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment & was kept prisoner in Charleston

S/ Wm Thomson  
Colo. of the 3<sup>rd</sup> South  
Carolina Ragt.



Wm Thomson  
Colo. of the 3<sup>rd</sup> South  
Carolina Ragt.

Belleville  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1792

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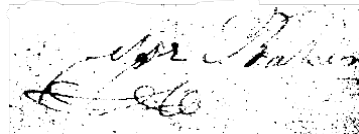
These are to Certify that Samuel Cross was a Soldier in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Continental Regiment of South Carolina Commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Henderson [William Henderson], and That he was Enrolled in my Company, that he was taken prisoner in Charleston, and that 399 days Pay or 13 months & 3 days is due to him from the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1780 to the 15<sup>th</sup> June 1781 – Inclusive, as a private Soldier while he was a Prisoner to the British and that he hath not Received any Part thereof either in Money or any other Consideration.

399 days

Int. on Principal

Certified by me the  
3<sup>rd</sup> May 1792

S/ Jesse Baker



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Sir,

Please Deliver my Indent to Mr. Robert McTyre it is for Continental Service under Colonel Thomson & this shall be your Receipt for the same  
From Sir Your Humble Servant

S/ Samuel Cross, X his mark

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To the Honorable Samuel Warren President of the Senate and others the Honorable members of the same

The petition of Samuel Cross humbly Sheweth

That your petitioner served as a regular soldier in the Regiment of Rangers commanded in the late war by Colonel William Thompson [sic], that he was twelve months in actual Service

and after the siege of Charleston confined a prisoner by the enemy four months in the barracks and five months in the prison ship.

That he suffered great hardships the effects of which he feels in his advanced age; that he has a large family to support and has never received any compensation for his services. Your petitioner further states that sometime in the year 1792 he obtained a Certificate from Colonel Thompson by which he procured from David Evans Commissioner of Locations for Camden District a bounty warrant for two hundred Acres of land That from the scarcity of vacant land he never had an opportunity of deriving any advantage from said Warrant.

Your petitioner further states that his neglect to pursue his Claim sooner proceeded from his want of information.

Your petitioner prays that your Honorable House would be pleased to take your petitioner's Case into Consideration and grant him such relief as to your Honorable house shall seem meet.

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1809

And your petitioner will pray  
S/ Saml. Cross, X his mark

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The petition of Elizabeth Cross  
Sheweth

That she is the relic of Samuel Cross late a pensioner of this State who died in May last, That your petitioner is very poor having acquired no property since the death of her husband, and in great need of the common necessities of life. That she is about eighty years of age and very infirm and diseased, that with her deceased husband she suffered the toils and privations of the Revolutionary War. She therefore prays you that she may be continued on the pension list in the room of her late husband.

And she will ever pray  
S/ E. Cross, X her mark

Sworn to before  
S/ P. Gibson, J. Q.  
28 November 1828

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Elizabeth Cross praying to be continued on the pension list in place of her Deceased husband  
Report that your committee have had her petition under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted and recommended that she be placed on the pension list at thirty dollars per annum

S/ E. Benbow, Chairman

[Note: Interestingly, this file does not contain the petition transcribed from page 11 of the federal pension application. My guess is that someone with sticky fingers purloined the original petition from the file and that it is probably forever lost. Shame on that person.]