## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Huggins W9485 Nancy Huggins f34SC

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[p 13] (copy)

To the Honorable the President of the Senate and other Members of the same.

The humble petition of William Huggins sheweth that your petitioner was a soldier in the 1st Continental Regiment of South Carolina commanded by Brigadier General Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, was disabled while in service and after suffering a considerable time in the hospital, was discharged as an invalid with a certificate to that purpose that your petitioner being unable to read or write was so unfortunate as to lose or mislaid it.

In the year 1794 the increase of his family awakened him to be alarmed by his situation, lest his feeble exertions should not be adequate to the task of their maintenance, applied to General Pinckney and obtained that certificate which accompanies this petition but being ignorant how to proceed has never yet received anything for his services, scarcely able with the charity of his neighbors to drag on a wretched life has continued to depreciate in strength while his pains increased till at length he is unable to feed himself.

Your petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honorable body to take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as in your wisdom may seem meet 1 and your petitioner will as in duty bound ever pray

S/ William Huggins

(copy)

This is to certify that William Huggins a private soldier of the first Continental Regiment of South Carolina was disabled while in the service by the falling of a Cannon upon him which crust his he up and left hand in consequence whereof after he came out of the Hospital he was discharged from the Regiment as unfit for duty. His having lost the Certificate I then gave him is the reason of mine now giving him this. Given under my hand at Columbia December 12th, 1794

(signed) Charles Cotesworth Pinckney
Late Brigadier General Lieutenant Colonel of the
1st Continental Regiment of State of South Carolina

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina the humble petition of Nancy Huggins respectfully sheweth: That she is the widow and relic of William Huggins late of the District of Richland now deceased, that her said husband was severely wounded in the service of this State in the Revolutionary War, he was wounded and disabled in such manner as to render him unfit to obtain a livelihood by his labor, that he has become a pensioner of this State for several years past which pension afforded the principal support for himself and that your petitioner he died about two years past and has left your petitioner destitute of the common comfort of life at the age of sixty years. Your petitioner therefore prays that the said pension granted to her late husband maybe continued for her support and maintenance, which will keep her from want, for her few remaining days annual petitioner will pray etc. December 3rd 1823

S/ Nancy Huggins, X her mark

[p 6: On January 9, 1850 in Richland District, South Carolina, George Huggins, about 50 years of age, filed an application for the pension due his mother, Nancy Huggins, as the widow of his father William Huggins, a pensioner of the State of South Carolina for his service in the revolution; that his father died about the year 1821; that neither of his parents could read or write; that there is no record of the births of their children; that they were married prior to his father serving in the revolution since he remembers his mother often saying that she went to the hospital and attended her husband during his confinement; that his mother was pensioned in 1823 by the state of South Carolina based on the services of her husband in the revolution; that his mother died December 15, 1840 in Richland district South Carolina; that his parents had 9 children older than himself and 2 younger all of whom, he believes, are now dead as they have not been heard from for many years.

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[p 31: Finding dated February 19, 1852 by the judge of Ordinary for the District of Richland, South Carolina that Nancy Huggins, the widow of William Huggins died December 15, 1840 and George Higgins, her son, is the only living child of said Nancy Huggins deceased.]

[Veteran's widow was pensioned at the rate of \$43.33 per annum for the 13 months service of her husband as a private in the South Carolina militia. Her pension commenced March 4th, 1831 and ended December 15, 1840.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to William Huggins pp 38 Audited Account No. 3852

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[p 2] [Book] O [No.] 519 No. 28 April 26<sup>th</sup> 1785

<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <a href="http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/">http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/</a>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the <a href="Just take me to the search page">Just take me to the search page</a> link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. 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.

Mr. William Huggins his Account of Duty in the Militia done alternately from 1780 to 1783 inclusive say on Horse back as Lieutenant 28 days at £3

as Adjutant 73 days at £4.7 [?]

as Private 141 days at 20/ [illegible]

[old SC] Currency [Illegible] Stg. [Sterling] £52.12.1 ½

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to William Huggins

for Duty in the Militia per Capt.

Freeman's [William Freeman's] Pay Bill & Capt. Calhoun (John)

Do done alternately from 1780 to 1783

say as Lieut. of Horse 28 days at 45/

as Adjutant 73 days at 45/

as Private 141 Days at 20/

£63

164.5 141

Currency  $\frac{141}{£368.5}$ 

Stg.  $\overline{£52.12.1}$  ½

Rec'd 26 April 1785 from the Commissioners of the Treasury full Satisfaction for the Above in an Indent No. 519 Book O, by Virtue of an order

S/ William Moore



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State of South Carolina

Ninety Six District} To Edward Blake & Peter Boquit Esquires Publick Treasurers you will please to Deliver to William Moore the Indent Due me for Account and Vouchers Returned by me to Col. Robert Anderson and now Lodged in your office and you will very much oblige your friend and Humble Servant

S/ William Huggins

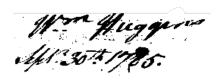


[p 5: Printed form of Indent No. 519 Book O]

[p 6: Reverse of the above Indent bearing endorsements including, among others, the following:

I do hereby assign over unto Thomas Ray all my Right and title Interest and Claim to the Within Indent having from him Received full payment for the same.

S/Wm Huggins Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> 17785



[p 7] South Carolina

This is to Certify that William Huggins is Entitled to Two hundred acres of Land agreeable to a resolve of the Continental Congress and a Law of this State for serving as a Continental soldier in the third Regiment of this State commanded by Col. William Thomson – Given under my hand ye 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 1785

S/ Jas. Mayson, Late Lt. Col.

To ye Commissioners Locations in ye said State

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To 'he Commissioner 99 Mayoon lot fills

Locations in y s. oth —

[p 9: Original of the petition transcribed from the copy posted as page 13 in the federal pension application as set forth above. The veteran signature on this document appears as follows:

Welliam Huggins

[p 10: Original of the supporting affidavit given by Charles Cotesworth Pinckney as transcribed above. His signature their own appears as follows:

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[Note: The balance of the documents in this file evidence the pension payments made to the veteran and his widow through April 8, 1834.]