

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Ridgeway *South Carolina Audited Account 6416*

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6416

**RIDGEWAY, JOHN
RIDGEWAY, WILLIAM**

No. 68

[Book] U [No.] 340

2^d July '85

Messrs. John & William Ridgeway their Accts. of Militia duty *the one as Captain the other private since the action of Charlestown [Charleston SC fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amtg [amounting] to*

[old SC] Curr'y [Currency]

£ 486: 0. 0.

St'g [Sterling] £ 69: 8.6

Sixty Nice Pounds Eight Shillings & six pence three farthing Sterling.

"Rec'd 2^d July 1785 full satisfaction for *the Within accost. [accounts] in an Indent No. 108 S p. [per] Order from Charity Ridgeway Executrix to the Estate of John & Wm Ridgeway*

Signed Charles Sullivant



[This Receipt was in the file]

State of South Carolina

To Jno. & Wm. Ridgeway

Duty of Col. Andersons [*Col. Robert Anderson's*] return.

Curr'y £ 486: 0. 0.

St'g £ 69: 8.6

Gentlemen

Please to let Mr. Charles Sulevant have my Indent and *the Interest there* with and this my receipt shall be sufficient

Humble Servant

her

Charity **C** *Ridgway*

mark

To Mr. Petter Bocquet or Mr. James Mitchel
Commissioners of the Treasury

Februa'y 27th, 1786

Before me

Joseph Downs, J.P.

Charity Ridgway
Widow of Capt. John
No 68
£ 378 Curr^{ey}
for Duty, or 54 Stg

[No] 1510 [Book] Y No. 101

12 Mar 89 [1789]
No Int^t [interest] L. L.

John Ridgway

For 60 days duty as a private under the command of Capt. William Ritchey in 1780 & for
90 days as a horseman under the command of Capt. John Ridgway @ 20/ p. [per] day
Curr'y £ 120: 0. 0.
St'g £ 17: 2. 10

Seventeen Pounds two Shillings and ten pence farthing St'g.

N. B. No time mentioned when the above duty was performed. Major Millwee [sic,
William Mulwee] in this Acct. or Samuel Ridgway is Counterfeit

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

The State of South Carolina

To: 60 Days duty done as foot from the 30th of November to the 3rd of December 1780
both days included under the command of Col. Casey [Levi Casey] @
10/ £30
To: 90 Days duty done as horseman from the 1st January to the 31st March 1781 both
days included - under the command of do. @ 20/ £90

Curr'y £ 120: 0. 0.
St'g £ 17: 2. 10

Certified by me
January 16th 1787

Wm. Millwee, Major



On the back of the above receipt is:
Rec'd 12 March '87 full satisfaction for this aforementioned Indent No. 1510 Book Y &
Order

Robert Cooper

Robert Cooper

Ninety Six District }
Laurens County }
To Peter Bocquett & Jas. Mitchell
Publick Treasurers

Gentlemen / Please to Deliver all & Singular my Indent together with the Specialty to Mr. Robert Cooper and this will be your sufficient receipt
From your Humble Servt.

Signed before me
Joseph Downs, J.P.

His
John R Ridgway
Mark

September ye 1st 1787

State of So. Carolina, 96 District} We do hereby certify that John Ridgway was a Capt. in the Little River Regiment was a Revolutor in this State before the first of January 1775 and fell in Defence of this State by the act of the Enemy thereof on the third day September 1781 and left a widow with two children who are under the age of twelve years of age. Living he was a true friend to America at the time of his death and was not possessed of a tract of land and two slaves and the said Widow hath the care and raising of said children and is justly entitled to the annuity allowed by law for the support of widows and orphans of those who fell in the defense of this state, given under our hands and seals this 8th day of January 1787.

Levi Casey, J. P.
John Hunter, J. P.
Jonathan Downs,¹ J. P.

Levi Casey J.P.
John Hunter J.P.
Jonathan Downs J.P.

Laurens County}
Charity Ridgway wife of the Dec'd. personally appeared before me who being duly sworn sayeth on her oath that the Content of the above Certificate is just & true sworn to & subscribed before me this 8th day of June 1787

¹ [Jonathan Downs W21000](#)

Her
Charity X Ridgway
Mark

Jonathan Downs, J. P.

September 9th 1787

Hon. Bocquet & Mitchel ??

Please to deliver to Jonathan Downs Esq. the Bounty ?Deed? to me by virtue of the above Certificate and oblige you Humble Servant that John ??.

Her
Charity X Ridgway
Mark

September 9th 1787

Entitled to Receive

Nine Pounds out of any monies due the ?? since ??January 1788. *Peter Bocquet*

Jonathan Downs for himself

J. Visey

John Ridgeway's Petition for Pension

Petition of John Ridgeway praying to be allowed pension

Pension

Granted

H. Young, Esq.

Agreed to

South Carolina
Laurens District

} To the House the Senate and House of
Representatives of the said State

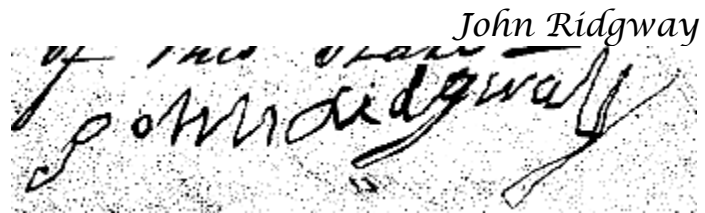
The petition of John Ridgeway sheweth that he is one of the few now in existence of the Revolutionary Soldiers, that he is old and is indigent *circumstances* upwards of seventy years of age. Your petitioner states that he has seen much service as will appear from the affidavits and certificates herewith filed and to which he refers. That he was in the Battles of the Cowpens, Guilford, and at little York when Lord Cornwallace surrendered, besides in much small warfare in the upper part of this State. That he has suffered much. That his father was killed by the Tories in the meridian of

his life, who left a large family unprovided for and that his death although he fell gloriously in the service of his country was a heavy blow upon his family. Your petitioner further states that he has struggled on in life for his support thus far, depending alone upon his own *exertions*, but he now feels that he needs assistance, and is not ashamed to ask it from that Country which he has served with fidelity and which he believes will cheerfully afford it to him.

Your petitioner therefore prays that he may be placed among the Revolutionary Soldiers on the Pension *list* of this State.

Sworn to the
 ?? December 1831
 ?? Lynch, J.P.

John Ridgway



A Schedule of the property of John Ridgway an applicant for a Pension.

| | |
|---|----------|
| One <i>Horse</i> , <i>Value</i> | \$50.00 |
| Eight Head Cattle | 40.00 |
| 10 head <i>Hogs</i> | 20.00 |
| 1 <i>Doz.</i> <i>Sheep</i> | 15.00 |
| 1 <i>feather Bed & 6 old</i> | 6.00 |
| 1 <i>Small quantity of household furniture</i> | 5.00 |
| 10 Years Lease of small farm worth about \$10 <i>per year</i> | \$136.00 |

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|---|-------|---------|
| Amount due and owing to different persons | | |
| To Abraham Michum | 55.00 | |
| Benjamin Arnold | 15.00 | |
| Lyal. Saxon | 5.00 | \$75.00 |
| | | \$61.00 |

The above is due *besides interest &*
 Some other accounts not *exactly* known.

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| South Carolina Laurens District | } | John Ridgway appeared before me and being duly sworn says that the foregoing schedule is just and true and that it contains a <i>correct</i> statement of his <i>whole</i> estate. August 22, 1831 |
|------------------------------------|---|--|

W. E. Lynch, J. P. signed: *John Ridgway*

Benjamin Arnolds Certificate

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| State of South Carolina Greenville District | } | I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John |
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Ridgway from the 1780 and that I saw him at different times in the American Service as a Soldier under the command of Capt. John Ridgway [NOTE: AGAIN, NO "e"], and after he was killed under the command of Capt. George Martin and that he was active in catching and dispersing the outlying Tories about the end of the war

21st May 1830

Benjamin Arnold²



State of South Carolina } I do hereby certify that I was acquainted with John
Laurens District } Ridgway [NOTE: AGAIN, NO "e"] from the year 1775 and have every reason to believe
from reports that he was an active friend to his country during the revolutionary contest.

May 22nd 1830

Thos. Grayston



South Carolina } Personally appeared Ellis Cheek³ before me and
Laurens District } made

oath in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty this deponent entered the militia of Laurens District of this State as a substitute on a tour of two months service, that immediately he joined the militia the troops were marched *under* the command of Col. McCrary to Covert Creek in Georgia two miles beyond Augusta where the most of his term of service was performed, that from this place the militia under Col. McCrary were marched back to the relief of Charleston, before the troops *reached there* Charleston surrendered to the British. The militia then fled for refuge a cross the Santee. This term of service of two months then *expired* & this Deponent left the troops & returned home. This Deponent further deposes that he knows John Ridgway and distinctly recollects that he John Ridgway served with him in tours of duty of two months above stated as a militia man.

Sworn to before me the 7th
June 1830

Thos.
Garrett?Gwinnett?, J.P.

His
Ellis X Cheek
Mark

² [Benjamin Arnold S2920](#)

³ [Ellis Cheek S8204](#)

[very faint]

I Do Herby Certifie the above Tower [four] of Duty was Proformed as Above Stated & is Corect Certified By me Wm Millwee



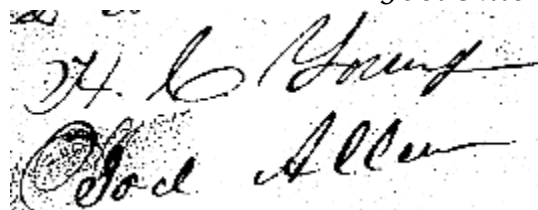
Anderson Dest.

Oct. 4 1830

We certify that we are acquainted with the *within named* Ellis Cheek and that he is a man of truth and entitled to credit.

H. C. Young

Joel Allen



Decr. 5 1832 # 35

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Petition of John Ridgway praying for a Pension in the House of Representatives, December 7th 1832. Resolved that the House do agree to the Report orders that it be sent to the Senate for concurrence. By order of the House. *R. Anderson, CHR* [chair]

Notations on this page: “disagree” “?Pensions√” “√ to Senate” & “√ Tomorrow”

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of John Ridgway praying to be placed on the Pension list Recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted *J. E. Holmes*, Chairman

NOTE: Underneath the above, and struck out is the following: “~~The committee on pensions on part of the Senate disagree to the Report of the House. *J. Evans*, Chairman~~”

Report of the Committee on Pensions on the Report from the House on the Petition of John Ridgway praying for a pension.

The committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Report of the committee from the House in the petition of John Ridgway praying for a pension have had the same under consideration and recommend to disagree to the report of the House. *T. Evans*, Chairman