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Bounty land Warrant John Wickham (Wickam) BLWt125-200 Elizabeth Couzens¹ fn8SC
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We the Subscribers -- do certify that the error Mrs. Elizabeth Couzens , was formerly wife to Lieutenant John Wickham of the 2nd Continental South Carolina Regiment who was killed before the Lines of Savannah.

January 9th 1804

N. B. We further certify that there is no lawful heir but herself –

I do hereby certify that Henry
Gray was Pay master & Peter
Gray Captain in the 2nd SC
Continental Regiment

S/ Henry Gray formerly
paymaster
S/ Peter Gray Captn.

S/ J. F. Grimke²

Charleston SC Lieutenant Colonel Artillery
2 Feb. 1804

State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled.

The Humble Petition of Elizabeth Whitcomb widow of John Wickham late a Lieutenant in the 2nd South Carolina Continental Regiment

Showeth, that her Husband John Wickham was appointed a Lieutenant in the aforesaid arrangement on the 6th day of November 1778 -- and served therein until the 9th day of October when he was killed in the attack on the lines of Savannah in the State of Georgia.

That your petitioner is the lawful Representative of the aforesaid John Wickham and that no person or persons since his Death have received pay or Compensation as stipulated by a Resolve of Congress of the 24th day of August 1780 --

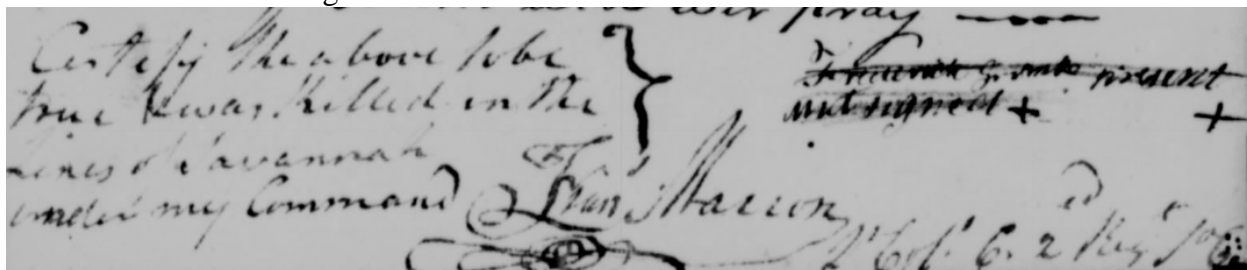
Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays that you will take her case in consideration and grant such Relief as in York Wisdom shall same right, annual Petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever pray --

Certify the above to be

¹ Former Widow

² [John Faucheraud Grimke W11088](#)

true & was killed on the
lines of Savannah under my command
S/ Francis Marion
Lt. Col. C. 2nd Regt. So. Ca.



Charleston September 15, 1802

Dear Sir:

I take the opportunity of your young Friend Mr Gadsden coming to Washington to acknowledge the recpt [receipt] of your last two favors; one containing an order for the Quarters Interest due my sister Cosslett, the other covering my two patents for my land in the Northwestern territory -- for which accept if you please my very sincere thanks, & acknowledgments for the trouble you have been kind enough to take in effecting the same.

Enclosed is a petition which has lain by neglected for a very considerable time in the hands of a Brother officer & who afterwards, when too late, requested me to forward it for the purpose of obtaining Wickam's pay: but I think the widow may get his land under this petition -- which is certainly satisfactory enough as to his having been in the service & of his having been killed at Savannah whilst in that service. She is indeed very poor & very deserving of this bounty.

I observe what you say about Captain Martin & have seen General Pinckney on the subject, who says that the State of South Carolina never did reduce or consolidate any of the 6 South Carolina regiments which were put on Continental Establishment, but that General Lincoln when the British were about investing the town, turned all the Soldiers of Martin's Regiment in 2 he is & sent the officers out of town, except General Henderson; so that if this measure was necessary to prevent a greater number of Officers then were proportioned to the men in the Garrison from being taken, yet that should not & could not deprive the officers of the advantages which Congress held out to them: for they probably would have remained in Service to the end of the war. -- I shall endeavor however to fortify his claim by some future Certificate.

I take the liberty of enclosing a \$5 bill to Colonel Worthington agreeable to your recommendation, & would be much obliged to you if you will request Mr. Hourse [?] To enclose it in a letter of his to him.

I and dear Sir with Esteem your
Obedient Humble &c

S/ J. F. Grimke

The writing in black ink on Wickam's petition is the wantonness in scribbling of my little boys, who found it on my table in my office.

Dr Tucker