

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Charles Teulon (Tuelon) R10474 Christiana Teulon f19SC
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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 8th of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[Note on cover page: "This woman's first husband, George Henderson, was also a soldier in the S. C. militia in the Revolutionary War."]

(Copy—see below the records from the SC Archives)

The declaration of Christiana Teulon of Abbeville District widow of Charles Teulon Schoolmaster. I was born 20th of June 1756 in the City of Limerick in the kingdom of Ireland the daughter of George Patterson and Catharine Teulon his wife -- from Limerick my parents removed to Kilkenny in the West of Ireland and afterwards to Glasgow & from thence to the neighborhood of Edinburgh to avoid a press my father enlisted in the Regiment which was afterwards ordered to America. He served at the siege of Québec & after his discharge got his bounty land & took his abode not far from Charlotte North Carolina & sent for his family. My mother came out to him with me & my sister Jenny. We landed in Charleston in June 1768 where my father met us and carried us to his house in what was afterwards called the New Acquisition. I was married first to George Henderson in March 1772 a Lieutenant in Captain Sumter's Militia Company. He died after the Snowy Camps¹ as well as I recollect in 1775. He had resigned his commission some time before on account of ill health. On the first of January 1779 Charles Teulon & I were married at Briar Creek in the State of Georgia by the Reverend Mr. Lewis a Presbyterian minister. Charles Teulon was a warm & active friend of America during the war he was almost always out with the militia & always a volunteer never stood but one draft that I know of & that was in an expedition against Quarter House under Captain McGaw. He was at the battles of Fort Moultrie a private in Captain Snipes Company and received three wounds & had a rib broken on Goat Island. At the siege of Augusta he was in a party of scouts & received in a skirmish a Sabre wound in the head. He was in a great many expeditions which from the great lapse of time I cannot now recollect. During the siege of Augusta I stayed this side of the River at the house of one Lamar where a Mrs. McCoy was living. One day while at the house of one Flanagan a foraging party of British & Tories came, they charged me with being a rebel & having a husband out & knowing where they were. I denied knowing where they were (as I did not know in fact & a man called Conner pushed at me with his bayonet and gave me a severe wound in the left breast and I believe he would have killed me if one Blainy had not pushed him back as he made his lunge which shortened the blow. I still bear the scar of this wound from which I suffered a long time & felt the pain many years

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

after it was healed particularly when nursing & feeling it even yet sometimes. My husband died the 12th October 1812. In the latter part of his life when he was hypochondriac a set of swindlers got away his land which was all he had & I was left in poverty. My two sons died young. My daughters are married or dead & all of them at a distance but one & she very poor. I am solitary & destitute & have made this declaration at the earnest request of the writer who went to school when he was a boy to my husband, but if I could get my dower I would ask for nothing but the laws of my Country and what they would give me.

25th of November 1836

(Signed) Christiana Teulon

The within declaration was this day sworn to before me by the declarant Christiana Teulon & I believe in the correctness of the statements therein contained.

Abbeville District

Sworn & subscribed to this 25th of November 1836 before me

S/Joshua Hill, JP

(Signed) Christiana Teulon

I knew Charles Teulon & went to school to him in the year 1799 but never saw him since the year 1806 or 1807. I believe firmly all that his widow has stated & have not the least doubt that he did serve. My impression is that he had the scar on his head that his widow speaks of & that I have heard in his lifetime of his services but all his contemporaries from whom I should have expected information about him are dead except his widow.

S/ J. L. Pettigru

The Committee of Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Christiana Teulon have considered the same and recommend to the Sent to concur in the same and that she be allowed to draw \$30 per annum

S/Thomas Evans, Chairman

21 December 1836

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Christiana Teulon praying for a pension have had the same under consideration & beg leave to recommend that the prayer thereof be granted & that she be placed on the pension Paroled of this State & that she be allowed to draw from the Treasury the sum of \$30 per annum

S/ P. C. Caldwell, Chairman

In the House of Representatives 21 December 1836

Resolved that the House do agree ordered to the Senate for consideration by order of the House

S/ Thomas W. Glover, Clerk

In the Senate 21 December 1836 resolved that Senate do Concur, Ordered that it be read [?] To the House of Representatives. By order

S/ Jacob Warley, C. S.

Office of Clerk of House of Representatives

Columbia South Carolina 22 May 1836

I do hereby certify that the foregoing to be true copies of the papers in the matter of the application of Christiana Teulon for a pension, on file in this Office.

For Clerk of House Rept.

S/ W. F. Arthur, State House Keeper

State of South Carolina District of Abbeville} SS

On this tenth day of May in the year while Lord 1856 personally appeared before the undersigned Judges of the Court of Ordinary in open Court & which is a Court of Record, Mrs. Mary Beasley a resident of said District & State aged nearly sixty-eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836. That she is the daughter and only known living child of Christiana Tuelon [sic] deceased who was the widow of Charles Tuelon deceased who as this deponent has been informed & believes entered the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution & served as herein stated. That her said father said Charles Tuelon entered the militia of this State in said war and served under Captain McCaw of this District and afterwards under Captain Snipes. That he served under Colonel Robert Anderson & General Andrew Pickens who commanded the militia and whilst in the service at Briar Creek in the State of Georgia in the year 1779 her said father & mother were married. That earlier in the war her said father had been in the battle at Fort Moultrie² and had received wounds in the service -- he was also at Goat Island near Charleston in this State and was in the battle at Augusta in 1781³ in which he received a wound: That during the siege of Augusta Georgia declarant's said mother remained at the house of one Flanagan on the South Carolina side of the River where she received a bayonet wound because she would not till the Tories where her husband was: That her mother's first husband was George Henderson who was a Lieutenant in Captain Sumter's Company in the Snow Camps as they were called & died in the year 1775, their marriage having taken place in the year 1772: That her said father said Charles Tuelon lived in this District & State & died in the same the on the 12th October 1812 having for years previous to his death been a school master by occupation. That in the year 1836 the honorable James L. Pettigrew of Charleston happening in the neighborhood where he was brought up in this District, found this deponent's said mother, & drew up her application with his recommendation to the Legislature of this State by which she was in that year placed on the pension roll of South Carolina and continued to receive for pension as the widow of said Charles Tuelon until just before her death which took place in this District on the 12th day of January 1845. That her sister the last other living child took off with her to Georgia the family Record by which the marriage of her said parents could be established & that said sister when last heard from about 16 years ago was not expected to live and this deponent from not knowing where the family are he is unable to produce said family Record. That her said mother never applied to the United States for a pension. All of which will more fully appear by reference to the proof could be submitted. Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written before me.

S/ Mary Beasley, X her mark

S/ William Hill, Judge of the Court of Ordinary for Abbeville District South Carolina

[p 14: Certificate of the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office in Columbia South Carolina dated May 21, 1856 listing the payments made to Charles Teulon for militia services during the revolution and for a pair of boots 'for militia use'.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts⁴ relating to Charles Teulon

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² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_ft_moultrie_1.html

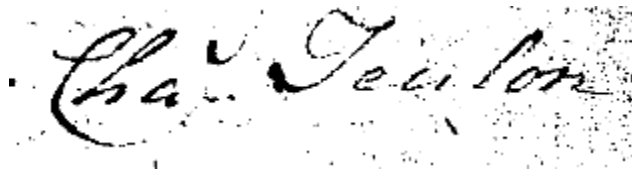
³ Siege of Augusta (second/Clarke) [May 22-June 6, 1781] <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/810522-augusta/>

⁴ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for

[p 2: Printed form of Indent No. 454 Book V dated August 16th, 1785 “delivered to Mr. Charles Teulon this our Indented Certificate, for the Sum of Twenty Nine pounds Eight Shillings and two pence Sterling [for] Militia duty as private before & since the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] &c^a as per part of Account from the Commissioners....”]

[p 3: Reverse of the above Indent]

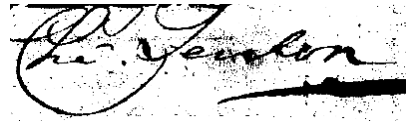
Received the 14th December 1785 two Years Interest on the within indent
S/ Chas. Teulon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chas. Teulon". The ink is dark and the background is slightly grainy.

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Received the 15th December 1785 twenty two pounds fifteen Shillings Sterling in part of the principal amount in the within Indent by discount of Nine hundred and Seventy four Acres of Land granted to myself – in 3 Tracts
£22.15.0

S/ Chas. Teulon

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chas. Teulon". The ink is dark and the background is slightly grainy.

I Do assign all right title and Claim of the within Indent to Mr. Robert Harkness as witness my hand this 12th January 1786

S/ Chas. Teulon

South Carolina
96 District} SS

I do hereby Certify that the above Charles Teulon Signed and Acknowledged the above endorsement in my presence.

[Indecipherable signature], JP

Received 27 January 1786 full Satisfaction for the within Indent by Discount on the Purchase of Land

S/ Joseph Milligan⁵

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.

⁵ The documents in this file do not disclose how Joseph Milligan obtained and interest in this Indent

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Christiana Teulon

her Memorial to the House of Representatives – setting forth her claims for a pension as the widow of a Revolutionary Soldier

[Note: The documents in this file are images of the originals of the application for a pension and some of the supporting documents transcribed above. These documents bear the original signatures of the petitioner and the affiants who gave supporting affidavits. I have included those signatures below.]

[p 4: the signature of J. L. Pettigru]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. L. Pettigru". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat stylized with loops and flourishes.

[p 7: the signature of Christiana Teulon]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christiana Teulon". The signature is written in a fluid, connected style with some decorative elements.

[p 8: another example of the petitioner's signature]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christiana Teulon". This signature is more elaborate and decorative than the one in block 7, with prominent loops and flourishes.