

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Zachary R11982

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[State of Louisiana, Parish of St. Helena]

In the Eighth District Court of the State of Louisiana, holding session in and for the Parish of St. Helena, March 13, 1834

Personally in open Court this day, William Zachary, an inhabitant of the State and Parish aforesaid, came and appeared and then and there being duly sworn, did make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1832.

Declarant entered the service of the State of South Carolina, then engaged with Great Britain in our Revolutionary struggle, in 1777. His first service he was drafted for a tour of duty for three months and served the whole time under Col Charles Heatly [sic, Charles Healty or Charles Heatley] -- the Battalion in which declarant served was commanded [by] Major Beams and his Captain [was] John Salley. During this service the Regiment had some skirmishing with the Tories. As soon as this service expired, affiant volunteered in a Troop of Horse commanded by Captain Felder [probably Henry Felder], and served as guard to Gov. Rutledge [John Rutledge]. The Lieutenants were three, viz: Gid Jennings, Adam Snell and Samuel Felder. Affiant was in this service six months, the period for which he had volunteered and was placed in Gen. Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter] Brigade. His Colonel's name was Tate, but his Christian name is forgotten. The battalion was commanded by Major Sabb, who was killed in a skirmish; Gid Jennings, Captain, and this affiant was Lieutenant. The company to which affiant was attached was detached by General Sumter to guard wagons to the army of Genl Greene [Nathanael Greene], who was then camped on the high hills of Santee. From the high hills of Santee, the command to which affiant was attached marched with the Army of Genl Greene to Jacksonborough. The officers of the Regular Army being generally from the North, affiant cannot recollect their names. He well remembers Colonel William Washington, Colonel Henry Lee and a Colonel Mamood [sic, Francis de Malmedy, Marquis of Bretagne], a French officer. After at this service affiant was ordered to Orangeburg district under the command of Captain Rump [sic, Jacob Rumph] in General Henderson's [William Henderson's] Brigade. In this service affiant continued during the war. The commission which affiant held during the war has been since destroyed by rats and he has no evidence of his service but the affidavit of John Spring, an inhabitant of this Parish, which will be procured and appended hereto. Affiant is in the 74<sup>th</sup> year of his age as he has been instructed by his parents, but he has no record or evidence of his age.

Interrogatories put to William Zachary, the affiant, by the court with his answers:

1<sup>st</sup>: When and in what year were you born?

Answer: in Cumberland County, North Carolina in the year 1760 as he has been informed by his parents and believes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it?

Answer: I have a record of my age.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service? Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer: In the Orangeburg district on Edisto River in South Carolina. I continued to reside at the same place until 1818 when I removed to the Parish of St. Helena, State of Louisiana, where I now reside.

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if so for whom did you substitute?

Answer: I was first drafted; next I volunteered in the light horse, and lastly was a lieutenant of infantry, which rank I held to the close of the war. I never was a substitute.

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the Regular Officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer: I was well acquainted with General Sumter and his brigade, and General Henderson and his brigade. I knew Colonel Washington and Colonel Lee of the Cavalry and remember Col Marmooody, I was never out of the State of South Carolina during the war but was in active service from the time I entered the service in 1777, to the close of the war. My principal service was against the Tories whom we often fought; imprisoned many and executed others.

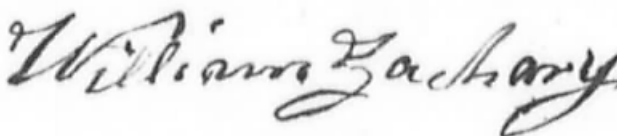
6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a commission; and if so by whom was it signed; and what has become of it?

Answer: I did, that of a lieutenant. It was signed by the Governor Rutledge and since the war has been eaten by the rats.

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify to your character for veracity and good behavior and your services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

Answer: K. Williams, William Glover, William Kinchen, the Reverend William Venables of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mordecai Powell.

S/ William Zachary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Zachary". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and somewhat slanted to the right.

[Stanley N. Veirs in the William Venables, clergymen, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of Louisiana Parish of Washington

Personally appeared William Hogins, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and parish aforesaid came and appeared John Spring<sup>1</sup> and inhabitant of said Parish, who being duly sworn according to law, did say. That he has heard the declaration made by William Zachary, before the 8th District Court and Parish of Saint Helena read to him. That he well knows that

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<sup>1</sup> [John Spring S31387](#)

said William Zachary, having served under him in the war of the Revolution. What year Mr. Zachary got his commission, affiant does not know. He was a Lieutenant when affiant first knew him, at Orangeburg South Carolina. Mr. Zachary commanded a guard at the execution of three Tories, whose names were Lewis Rhode [Lewis Rhodes?], John Pierson and Martin Sally. Affiant was one of the guard that conducted them to execution. This occurred at least 3 years before the close of the War, and Mr. Zachary remained in the service during the whole of that period, as a Lieutenant.

S/ John Spring, X his mark

The above signed and sworn to before me this 10th day of November 1834

S/ William Hogins, JP

[p 6: On February 1, 1853 in St. Helena Parish Louisiana, Benjamin Zachary and William Zachary filed a claim stating they are the legal heirs and representatives of William Zachary, deceased, a soldier of the Revolution who had applied for a pension under the 1832 act. They state that William Zachary died leaving the following heirs (his children and grandchild): the applicants, Thomas Zachary, Isaac Zachary, since deceased, and five daughters to wit, Bathsheba, Patience, Sarah, Ann and Elizabeth, one of whom has since died, to wit, Sarah who left one child namely Susan as her heir; that their mother was Mary Zachary.]

[p 9: Affidavit dated February 12, 1853 given in St. Helena parish Louisiana by Moses of Livingstone Parish in which the affiant states he was acquainted with the veteran and his family all of the life of the affiant; that the veteran departed this life in the year 1841 in St. Helena parish; that affiant was well acquainted with all of the children of William Zachary to wit, Thomas, Isaac, Benjamin and William; that she book, Patients, Sarah, Ann and Elizabeth; that Isaac and Sarah are dead.]

[Facts in file: William Zachary, the veteran, died October 26, 1841 in St. Helena Parish Louisiana.]