

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Denson R13729

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The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the members of the House of Representatives of the said State

The Humble Petition of Thomas Denson showeth that during the Revolutionary war he was a private in Captain Virgns' [sic, John Verdin's?] Company and the Regiment to which the said Company belonged was under the command of Colonel Casey [Levi Casey]. That your petitioner was under the aforesaid Command at the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and was in the engagement at that place; that after the retreat from Ninety Six your petitioner was retracted under the command of Captain Stark [probably James Starke] for the purpose of suppressing the depredations of the Tories in the upper part of the said State. Your petitioner also shows that he was also in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Captain Irby [perhaps William Irby] to whose Company he belonged and the detachment to which your petitioner belonged was under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens]. Your petitioner further states that he is now at the advanced age of sixty-six years reduced to extreme poverty, and that in his best days of prosperity he has been in but humble circumstances, and now in his old age when his strength has wasted he is reluctantly compelled to ask a pittance for his support -- Whereupon your petitioner prays that you would grant him a pension and he will pray etc.

Attest

S/ William Neel

S/ Thomas Denson, X his mark

I do hereby certify that I have been acquainted with the within named Thomas Denson ever since the old war and believe that the within statement is just and true & that he served as a soldier in the said war

Certified by me

S/ Wm Neill, JP

South Carolina Laurens district: I do hereby certify that Thomas Denson the within petitioner was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and served a great part of his time as such & was thought to be a noble Soldier. Certified by me

S/ James Dillard<sup>1</sup>



South Carolina Newberry District: Personally appeared before me Thomas Denson and made oath that the statement made in the foregoing petition are true and that the services therein stated

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<sup>1</sup> [James Dillard S6797](#)

worth faithfully performed and every word & some months therein are true --

Sworn to before me this 3 November 1829

S/ Wm Neely, JP

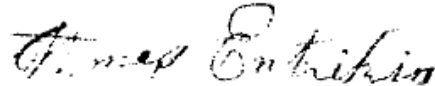
S/ Thomas Denson, X his mark

South Carolina Laurens District: Personally came Thomas Entriken<sup>2</sup> before me and made oath that he was acquainted with the within petitioner Thomas Denson and was with him in the Army in the Revolutionary War as a Soldier in behalf of his Country against the British and that he acted as such till the close of the war.

Sworn to & subscribed before me 3 December 1828

S/ Wm Neely, JP

S/ Thomas Entriken

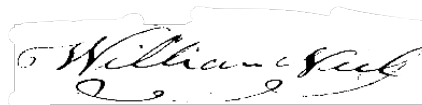


South Carolina Newberry District: Personally appeared before me William Neel & made oath that he is well acquainted with the petitioner & his circumstances and can say without hesitation that he is entirely destitute of the means of support, and has to depend entirely upon the charity of others for the means of subsistence.

Sworn to before me 1 December 1828

S/ John R. Griffin, QU

S/ Wm Neel



The petition of Thomas Denson praying for a pension Granted

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Denson praying for a pension big leave to report that the prayer thereof ought to be granted.

November 26 1829

S/ F. Richardson, Chairman

Senate November 28 1829

Resolved that the Senate agreed to the report.

Ordered to the H. R.

S/ Job Johnson

The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Denson praying for a pension Respectfully Report that they have considered the same & recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

4 December 1829

S/ Sampson Pope, Chapman

In the House of representatives

December 18 1829

Resolved that the House do agree to the Report ordered that it be sent the Senate  
By order of the House

S/ R. Anderson, C. H. R.

Senate December 18 1829

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<sup>2</sup> [Thomas Entrekin W7112](#)

resolved that Senate concur

S/ Job Johnston, C. S.

[Note: All of the above documents are copies of the originals and none bear original signatures.]

Treasurer's Office Columbia August the 9th 1853

I do hereby certify that the name of Thomas Denson was placed on the Pension Roll of this State in December 1829 and that he continued to draw his Annuity of \$60 up to the month of May 1849 as appears by the following receipt from the tax collector of Newberry

"Treasury Office Columbia May the 19th 1849

Received of RC Griffin Treasurer of the Upper Division \$60 in account of Annuity paid Thomas Denson as Tax Collector of Newberry.

S/ Jacob Kibler"

Given under my hand and seal of office the day and year above mentioned.

S/ E. P. Jones, Treasurer

State of South Carolina Laurens District: On this the 15th day of January A.D. 1855 Personally appeared in open Court before me the Judge of the Court of Ordinary for the District in State aforesaid the same being a Court of Record, William Denson aged fifty-two years, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the son and heir at law of Thomas Denson (deceased) who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War: That he has often heard the said Thomas Denson say that he served for the term of 3 years in said War:

That he served a part of the time in the company commanded by Captain Virgus, and the Regiment commanded by Colonel Casey, that as a private in said company he was at the siege of Ninety Six and in the engagement at that place. That after the retreat from Ninety Six he was detached under the command of Captain Stark for the purpose of repressing the depredations of the Tories in the upper part of the said State: That he was also in the expedition against the Cherokee Indians under the command of Captain Irby to whose company he belonged, which expedition was under the command of General Pickens, And that dust his services continued, to the end of the said war: That after that he War the said Thomas Denson continued to reside in the State of South Carolina in the District of Newberry, where he died on the 24th of October in the year of our Lord 1849. And that this declaration is made for the purpose of obtaining the amount that may be due the declarant as the heir at law of the said Thomas Denson (Deceased) under the act of 1832, and other acts of Congress for the benefit of Soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

S/ Wm Denson



Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court on the day and year above written.

Given under my hand and seal of office

S/ W. Watts, JCILD

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>3</sup> relating to Thomas Denson  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1893B  
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<sup>3</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for 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.

[Transcriber's Note: This file contains the originals of the veteran's petitions as well as the supporting affidavits contained in the federal pension file. I have amended the above transcripts to add the signatures of the affiants, where applicable. The documents transcribed below are unique to the Audited Accounts.]

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Petition of Sarah Galligly praying to be paid arrears of pension due Thomas Denson deceased

Garlington  
Pensions

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The State of South Carolina Newberry District}

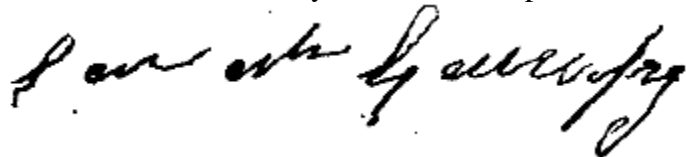
To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina. The humble petition of Sarah Gallegly Sheweth that she is the daughter of Thomas Dinson [sic] Deceased, who was a Revolutionary pensioner of said State that the said Thomas Departed this Life on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 1849 that said Thomas Denson was confined to his bed from Palsy for between two and three years before his death that he was in indigent circumstances and required much attention that said attention was bestowed upon him by your petitioner as the circumstances of his case required that the pension of said Thomas Denson was due from \_\_ day of \_\_ up to the day of his death and that neither all or any part of the same has been paid that your petitioner was a widow in poor circumstances at the time of his death and when she rendered the attention to him.

Therefore your petitioner prays your Honorable bodies that you will by restitution or otherwise as you may seem best direct that the pension due the said Thomas Denson be paid to your petitioner

And your petitioner will ever pray as she is in duty bound &c

November 25<sup>th</sup> 1850

S/ Sarah Gallessy [? Sarah Gillespie?]



[p 18: another copy of the petition]

[p 20] The Committee on Pensions to which was referred the Petition of Sarah Galligly praying that arrears of pension due to her deceased Father Thomas Denson be paid to her calm beg leave to report.

That it is not stated in the Petition whether the petitioner left a widow alive at his death or not – neither does it appear whether the Petitioner is the only child of said Thomas Denson. The committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the Petitioner be not granted

S/ G. W. Williams, Chairman