

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Dean (Deen) R2087

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South Carolina Edgefield District} Declaration of Job Jones to J. E. Heath, Commissioner of Pensions, Job Jones being sworn to declare the truth, according to his belief, and the best of his information -- upon the information he has received, says -- That Samuel Deen [Dean] was a Revolutionary soldier, and served for a long period during the war of American Independence. That he served for more than two years in the said war, under the areas officers viz. Captain William Butler, Captain Michael Watson, Captain Joseph Towles -- Colonel Anderson (Robert Anderson deponent believes) General Andrew Pickens, and others. That he heard Samuel Deen in his lifetime speak of being engaged under the command of Captain Butler in a conflict with the famous Tories leader William Cunningham [William "Bloody Bill" Cunningham] which conflict, the sword and pocket book of Cunningham fell into the hands of Captain Butler. That Samuel Deen often spoke to him of an expedition or campaign he made in Georgia during the war, and of various other skirmishes and hazardous adventures in which he bore a part. That Samuel Deen has frequently informed him, that he entered in the service, so soon as he was of sufficient age, in the very midst of the war, and always belonged to some Corps, for at least half the period of the contest, and until the conclusion of hostilities with Great Britain. That by the return of Colonel Anderson alone, Samuel Deen received, for duty purposes, as a private soldier during the war, £36, 11 shillings and five pence, which, at the usual rates of pay allowed during the revolution, for privates, would have comprehended the pay, without interest, at least of about two years service. That from records in the Comptroller General's Office of South Carolina, at Columbia, Samuel Deen by an order or indent issued the 12th July 1785, was allowed the said sum of £36.11.5, besides £2.11.2 interest, by an account duly audited, for militia duty, as a private during the said war of the Revolution. That during the year A.D. 1828, Samuel Deen made a Declaration to the Legislature of South Carolina, a 6 months service as a soldier in a Troop of Light Horse commanded by Captain Joseph Towles during the revolutionary war, for a pension, which Declaration was signed by thirty-two persons ~~which~~ and supported by the affidavit of Clark Spargins, a man entitled to faith and credit, by the certificate of the Honorable A. P. Butler, the said Clerk securing that the said Samuel Deen enlisted in the said Light Horse Troop for the period of 9 months or less, and continued a faithful and active soldier during the whole revolutionary war. The Declaration of Samuel Deen was also, in a [undeciphered word, could be 'measure'], supported by the certificate of Colonel Hammond, who commanded a Regiment of State Troops in South Carolina, during the war. That according to the testimony of Richard Dunkin, a contemporary of Samuel Deen, here with presented, the said Samuel served,

at least, for the period of 2 years, or over; in the war of Independence. That Samuel Deen received a pension from the State of South Carolina, of \$60 per annum, granted for his revolutionary services, by the Legislature of the said State on the 20th day of December A.D. 1828, which pension he continued to enjoy until the 8th day of September A.D. 1840, when he died, aged 77 years or thereabouts. His wife Milky Deen, who survived him also received from the same State of South Carolina, from the time of his death a pension of \$30, which was continued to her annually until she died, on or about the 27th day of March A.D. 1850.

Job Jones, says further upon information that Milky Deen (whose maiden name was Milky Dunkin) and Samuel Deen were married soon after the Revolution and lived together, as man and wife until the latter died, and that the said Milky Deen never married after the death of her husband, and died, the 27th March 1850, as aforesaid. That neither Samuel Deen nor his wife ever received any pension or of any other remuneration from the Government of the United States for the military services of the said Samuel as a private soldier under the command of the officers named in this Declaration, war under the command of any other officers; and never received any pension, at all from the United States Government.

That the said Samuel [and Milky] had nine or ten children by their marriage, three sons Samuel, Charles and William and 7 daughters, Abbey Dean, the wife of the said Job Jones the relator, Anna, Elizabeth, Mary, Bakenthal [?], Tabitha and Libba Dean. Libba died under age and unmarried, before the death of Samuel Dean, Anna is still living in this State, and all the rest of the heirs of the said Samuel Dean have removed to the West and South, and have not been heard from, by this relator for several years.

Job Jones, says that if the said Samuel Dean received any written discharge from the service, it has been lost or mislaid.

This application is made for a pension under the pension laws of the United States for the benefit of Revolutionary Soldiers, and their widows and orphans.

S/ Job Jones, X his mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 18th day of May A. D. 1853 at my office at Edgefield Court House South Carolina  
S/ Joseph Abney, Notary Public

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina the humble petition of Samuel Dean respectfully sheweth that he served during the Revolutionary War as a soldier in a troop of light horse commanded by Captain Joseph Towles for six months. That he is now aged & infirm and unable of making a competent support by his own industry & labor under these circumstances, he makes an appeal to the liberality of the State to make some provision to protect him from the privations with which his infirmities now threaten him.

South Carolina Edgefield District: Before me personally appeared the above named Samuel Dean a revolutionary soldier who made oath that as the law directs saith that the above declaration is just & true. Sworn to before me the 20th day of October  
S/ James Ogilvie

S/ Samuel Dean

We the undersigned respectfully beg leave to join the petitioner in the foregoing application (signed by 33 persons & then follows a schedule of Samuel Dean's property deemed unnecessary

to copy)

South Carolina Edgefield District: Personally appeared before me Clark Spragins who after being duly sworn saith on his oath that Samuel Deen enlisted in the old revolutionary war under the command of Captain Joseph Towles as a minute man under the command of General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] for nine months or less and always was a faithful soldier during that time & continued a faithful soldier during that war and active man during that time. Sworn to before me September 19th 1828.

S/ Clark's Spragins

S/ Bennett Peavy, JP

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I have been shown a petition subscribed by Samuel Deen who states that he served in a Company of mounted riflemen in the Revolutionary war who were enlisted to serve six months & commanded by Captain Joseph Toles & attached to my Regiment of State Troops. Now it is impossible for me to recollect perfectly at this distant date the names of individuals who composed that company. I do recollect however that there were three persons of that name who were occasionally under my command all of them patriotic & unchangeably devoted to the cause of their Country. I remember the name of but one of them Thomas Dean he received a very severe wound in the skirmish with the enemy. I remember his name from the circumstance that I had occasion as well on his account as others in his situation to visit the temporary Hospital where they were placed -- one of the other brothers was killed in action whose name I don't now recollect. The other I am fully certain was the person subscribed to the petition. I have now with me General Pickens to Captain Toles & Watson which will show terms upon which the Companies were enlisted. I know also that Colonel Brooks whose name I see subscribed to the petition of Samuel Deen served as volunteers in Toles Company some perilous expedition & must of course have known said Dean personally & from their living in the same neighborhood ever since I think due credence ought to be given to his certificate & although I cannot certify positively that he was of Toles Company from all the circumstances within my recollection, I verily believe that he states nothing on his said petition but which is founded in truth. General Pickens letter signed by his own proper hand may be seen if requested.

S/ S. Hammond<sup>1</sup>

To Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Deen praying a pension respectfully report that they have considered the same and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.

S/ John McComb, Chairman

In the House of Representatives December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1829 Resolved that the House do agree to the Report ordered that it be sent to the Senate for Concurrence By order of the House (signed) R Anderson C. H. R.

Senate December 20<sup>th</sup> 1828 Resolved that Senate concur

S/ Job Johnston, C. S.

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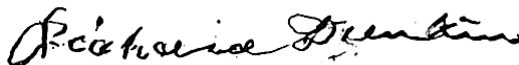
<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

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The State of South Carolina Edgefield District } Personally appeared before me Richard Dunkin and deposes and says, that by his family record (written by his Father) he is ninety years of age in January last – That he was well acquainted with Samuel Deen before and after the Revolutionary War – That said Samuel Deen did serve in said war under the command of Captain Towles, Captain Perry – Captain William Butler and Captain Michael Watson for the term of between two and three years – he does not remember the precise time, but knows positively that said Deen served in said war more than two years, that he drew a pension from this State of Sixty Dollars per annum, until the 8<sup>th</sup> of September A.D. 1840 when he died aged 77 years – that he was married soon after the Revolutionary war to Miss Milky Dunkin who survived him, and drew a pension of thirty dollars per annum from the State aforesaid during her lifetime, – after the death of her Husband – That she died on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March A.D. 1850 – that she never married after the death of Samuel Dean. Sworn to this 18<sup>th</sup> of February 1853  
Before me

S/ Daniel Holland, Magistrate

S/ Richard Dunkin



for Edgefield District

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>2</sup> relating to Samuel Dean                      AA16

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1864

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No. 50

No. 300

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July 12<sup>th</sup>, 1785

Mr. Sam: Dean his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency                      £256

Stg. [Sterling]                      £36.11.5

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 12<sup>th</sup> July 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 300 U by Order

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S/ Thos. Nicholls

S/ John Gorman, I his mark

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State South Carolina

Dr. to Samuel Dean

for Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant]

£256

Stg.    £36.11.5

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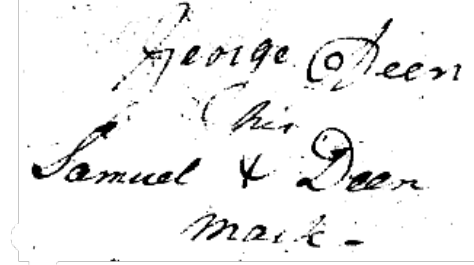
<sup>2</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 5: retake of p 4  
Gentlemen

Please deliver to Mr. John Gorman Our Indents & Interest due us for Services  
done the State and Returned by Colonel Robert Anderson And you'll oblige  
Gentlemen Your Humble Servants

S/ George Deen

S/ Samuel Deen [X his mark]



George Deen  
his  
Samuel & Deen  
mark

State South Carolina Edgefield County} I do hereby certify that Mr. George Deen & Mr. Samuel  
Deen did this day come before me and Signed the above order in favor of John Gorman.  
Certified this 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1786

S/ Wm Anderson, JP

To the Treasurers  
of the State

[pp 7-8: Receipts beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1829 reflecting annual payments to Samuel Dean of  
\$60 through June 8, 1834]

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Petition of Milky Deen praying to be placed on the Pension List

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To the Honorable the President Members of the Senate & Speaker & Members of the House of  
Representatives –

The Petition of Milky Deen respectfully Sheweth that she is the Widow of Samuel Dean late a  
Pensioner of this State formally residing in the District of Edgefield. That the said Samuel Dean  
was a Soldier of the Revolution and was married to your Petitioner during the War. That she is  
now aged and in destitute Condition and greatly needs the aid of your munifillence [sic] & prays  
that she may be placed on the pension Roll of the State own the usual terms

S/ Milky Deen, X her mark

I do certify that the above Milky Deen (who states that she is now in [her] 77<sup>th</sup> year) is the  
Widow of Samuel Deen, late of Edgefield District, who died about 2 years ago; that I have  
known her for the last 30 years & that her late husband was a Pensioner of this State, & was  
regularly in the receipt of his pension up to the time of his death, as will appear by reference to  
the files of the Treasury Department, that she is in indigent circumstances & greatly in need of  
the aid she solicits.

December 15/42

S/ John T. Seibels

*John T. Sabel*



[pp 11-16: Are images of procedural procedures resulting in the approval of granting Milky Dean a pension of \$30 per annum with the last receipt for same being dated May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1850. The file does not include the documents which are contained in the federal pension application. There is no note in the file indicating what happened to those documents.]