

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Forrester R22015

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[From the documents in this file it appears that this claimant filed an application some time in 1851; that the application was returned to him with objections and that it was never returned to the War Department. The only insight into the nature of his claims is offered by the following letter in the file:

Pension Office September 20, 1852

Sir:

Agreeably to your request the claim of John Forrester of Georgia has been examined.

He has obtained a certificate of the Comptroller of SC dated May 17, 1851, showing that a John Forrester a private served 10 months in Capt. William Alexander's Company, Col. Wade Hampton's Regiment and Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade -- This certificate gives no date to the service. -- With this certificate, evidently, before him, he makes a Declaration -- dated 14 July 1851 -- in which he claims to have served nearly a year in Capt. Alexander's Company, but of the date of the service he has no idea. He said he cannot prove his service by any one. If the claim were much freer from suspicion than it is, it could not be admitted without proof of identity. As it is, the clearest proof of identity and service will be necessary to the admission of it, and he swears that he is not able to furnish this proof.

S/ M. Thompson, Esq.

Present

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Forrester
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2494A

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State South Carolina

To John Forrester

Dr.

To one Cap or Head

£0.4.8

1 Coat 30/- 2 waistcoat 30/

3.0.0

2 Shirts 15/2 pair of overalls 30/

2.5.0

¹ 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.

2 pair of Stockings 7/61 pair shoes 4/8	12.2
1 pair of Spurs 4/8 one Blanket 9/4	<u>14.0</u>
[old South Carolina] Currency	£6.15.10
	<u>1.7.2</u>
Balance	<u>5.8.8</u>
51 Shirts 7/61 pair of overalls 15/	1.2.6
One Cap 4/8	<u>4.8</u>
	£1.7.2

South Carolina Spartanburg County}

Personally appeared [illegible] before me the subscribing Judge for the County aforesaid Mr. John Forrester who being duly sworn maketh Oath that the above account against the State of South Carolina is Just and that all due Credits is given thereon sworn before me the 10th Day of February 1792
S/ William Smith, J S C S/ John Forrester, X his mark

His account not entered in the office – belongs to Sumter’s brigade in that Case to be Settled with the Commissioners to Settle accounts [undeciphered word] the brigade Rejected by the Board
John Forrester

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Sir

Please to deliver the Indent due on the within Account to Mr. Joel Hembree or order and his Receipt shall be your discharge for the same
To the Commissioner of the Treasurer at Charleston or Columbia

S/ John Forrester, X his mark

Please to pay the within to William Benson February 10th, 1792

S/ Joel Hembree

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County} October the 25th, 1782

Know all men by these presents that I John Forrester have Bargained and Sold unto Andrew Kenaday of the State and County aforesaid my whole Right and title and Chance of a Negro which I have to draw of the public of South Carolina for consideration of two horses and a silver watch to me in hand

NB which I Claim by Serving in the public service of South Carolina ten months under Command of General Sumter thereon to I have set my hand and seal

Test S/ John Campbell

S/ John Forrester, X his mark {Seal}

S/ James Henset

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John Forrester

December 25th 82

I do hereby assign my Right to the within Service to Alexander Kennedy for Value Received
S/ Andw Kennedy

October 2nd, 1781

These may certify that I John Forrester have not Bargained or Sold to any person accepting the
within Chance or agreement/given under my hand
but to Andrew Kennedy

Test S/ James hewet

S/ John Forister, X his mark