

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Thomas Mann ¹ R6876

Sarah Mann f21GA/SC

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State of South Carolina Pickens District

On this the second day of November A.D. 1852, Personally appeared before the Court of Ordinary for Pickens District and State aforesaid, in open Court Sarah Mann formerly Sarah Tackett, aged Ninety-one years, who being sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the Act of Congress, passed July the 4th A.D. 1836 -- That she is the widow of Thomas Mann, deceased, who was a soldier in the South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary War. That her said Husband entered the Army as a private as she believes either in the year 1779 or 1780. That he enlisted in Abbeville District, and State aforesaid and served under Generals Pickens [Andrew Pickens], Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and Williamson [Andrew Williamson] in South Carolina -- That he was at the Battles of Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and Kings Mountain [October 7, 1780] and at the siege of Ninety Six [May 22-June 19, 1781] and Augusta [probably the second siege of Augusta, May 22-June 6, 1781] and that he served as she believes until the close of the war, and she further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Mann on the first day of May A.D. 1781. That her husband the aforesaid Thomas Mann died on the 31st day of May A.D. 1834. That she has remained a widow ever since as will more fully appear by reference to the proof here with annexed. She further says that she has no documentary evidence in support of her claim.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me
S/ WJ Parsons, Judge of the Court of ordinary

S/ Sarah Mann, X her mark

[p 3: On July 27, 1852 in Anderson District South Carolina, Mrs. a Mary Hembree, 83 as of August 6 next, gave testimony that she was present and witnessed the marriage of Sarah Tackett, now Sarah Mann, to Thomas Mann in Spartanburg District South Carolina at Joseph Wofford's mill in May [year not stated]; that they were married by one Ralf alias Raif Smith, a magistrate; that the veteran and his wife raged a family of children; that the wedding was also witnessed by Jerutha O'Shield, Elizabeth Burril, John Butler, David Graham and Nancy Graham, Aaron Nally, Elizabeth Nally and Christopher Nally; that Sarah Mann is at least 91 years of age as the deponent thinks. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

¹ BLWt77545-160-55

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State of South Carolina District of Pickens: Mrs. Sarah Mann

On this the 7th day of May A.D. 1855 personally appeared before me a Notary Public within and for the State and District aforesaid Mrs. Sarah Mann aged Ninety-five years a resident of the District of Pickens in the State of South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law declares that she is the widow of Thomas Mann Deceased who was a private soldier in the Companies commanded by Captain Thomas Wymms [sic, Thomas Winn] in the Regiment not known of South Carolina Militia commanded by Captain Andrew Hamilton Major Noble [Alexander Noble], Colonel Anderson [Robert Anderson] and Colonel Hammond [either Leroy Hammond or Samuel Hammond], Generals Pickens [Andrew Pickens and Williamson [Andrew Williamson]. And also further states that he was an enlisted soldier in the Company commanded by Captain William Pullium in Georgia militia Regiment not none and was at the Battle of the Eutaw in the State of South Carolina and at Fort Seneca and was in actual Engagement into sieges at Augusta in the State of Georgia in the old Revolutionary war. That her said husband volunteered in the District of Abbeville in the State of South Carolina at the Early commencement of Revolutionary war and was in actual service he said near for the term of 7 years in the States of South Carolina and Georgia and was honorably discharged the place not known and date not given.

She further states that she was married to the said Thomas Mann in the District of Spartanburg in State of South Carolina on the first day of May A.D. 1779 by one Ralf Smith a magistrate a man duly authorized to solemnize marriage is and that her name before her said marriage was Sarah Tacket. That her said husband died at his residence in the District of Pickens in the State of South Carolina on the 31st day of May A.D. 1832.

She also further states that her said husband drew from the State of South Carolina a Pension for his services in said war up to the time of his death and that she has drawn annually every year a pension from this State for his services in said war and that the act of this state gives her a pension for life and that she is now a widow.

She makes this Declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land to which she may be entitled under the act approved March 3rd 1855.

S/ Sarah Mann, X her mark

[p 7: On May 7, 1855 in Pickens District South Carolina, Colonel Benjamin Hagood, 65, gives a supporting affidavit in which he states that he was a member of the South Carolina legislature in 1828 when the state granted to the veteran a pension for his service in the revolution; that such pension was for the life of the veteran and his widow.

Benjamin Hagood
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South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Thomas Mann
Audited Account No. 4760

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² The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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[No. 311 Book P]

Mr. Thomas Mann his Account of Duty in Ye militia per Capt. Pickens's [Joseph Pickens'] Pay Bill commencing in 1780 and ending in 1783 say as Private

on Horse 94 days	[old South Carolina Currency]	£94
on Foot 65 Days		<u>32.10</u>
	Currency	<u>£126.10</u>
	Stg. [Sterling]	£18.1.5

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Rec'd Columbia 28 January 1791 from Commissioner [of the] Treasury an Indent No. 311 Book P Eighteen pounds, 1/5 in full for the Within per order

£18.1.5 B. Byrum



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State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Thomas Mann

For Duty in the Militia per Pay Bill of Capt. Joseph Pickens done as Private from 1780 to 1783 alternately say

on Horse	89 Days	
	<u>5</u>	
	94 Days at 20/ ³	£94
on Foot – 65 Days at 10/ ⁴		<u>32.10</u>
	Currency	<u>£126.10/</u>
	Stg.	£18.1.5

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Sir. Please to deliver to John Bowers all the Indents due me from the State of South Carolina for Militia Duty in Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Regiment Having sold the Same to him for Value received

And oblige Sir Your obedient Humble Servant

Thos mann



Witness B Byrum

³ 20 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a mounted militia man providing his own horse and equipment.

⁴ 10 shillings old South Carolina currency was the per diem pay rate for a militia man serving on foot.

Thos. Nicholls, Esqr.

Received of John Bowers by the hand of Benjamin Byrum full Satisfaction for all the Indents due me from the State of South Carolina which I acknowledge to have sold Him for Value received; and I do Authorize said Bowers to Transfer said Indents in my name to any person whatever for his use. Witness my hand this 23rd day of January 1791

Witness

B. Byrum

Thomas Mann



[pp 6-7: Annual receipts indicating the payment of \$60 per annum to Thomas Mann commencing May 28, 1829 and ending June 4, 1834.]

[Note: These vouchers indicate that Thomas Mann received a pension of \$60 per annum. Unfortunately, the petition he file to obtain the pension is not among the documents in this file.]

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Petition of Sarah Mann praying to be placed on the pension List and for Arrears of Pension Mil & Pens

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The Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina
The petition of Sarah Mann, a resident of Pickens District in the above named State humbly
Sheweth that she is the widow of Thomas Mann deceased, who was a pensioner of this State and
who departed this life on the 31st day of May 1834, and she petitioned⁵ your Honorable body to
be placed on the pension list, shortly after his death, and does not know the reason why the
prayer of said petition was not granted.

She is now about Eighty years of age, and was the wife of Thomas Mann through the greater part
of the revolution.

She is very poor and helpless, has suffered a great deal since the death of her husband and is
compelled to live with her son, who is very poor, has a large family and is almost blind.

She has no property but one small bed and a few clothes.

She therefore again petitions your honorable body to place her on the pension list and give her
arrears of pension to keep her from starving the few days she has to live in this world, and she as
your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray.

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 14th of November 1840

Stephen C. Reid (JQ)

Sarah Mann, X her mark

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The Report of the Committee on the Military & Pensions Re the petition of Sarah Mann praying
to be placed on the Pension list

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⁵ her earlier petition is not among the documents in this file

The committee on the Military & Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Mann praying to be placed on the Pension list & for arrears of Pension, Report that they have considered the same, and recommend that She be placed on the Pension List of this State and receive annually from the Treasury the sum of thirty dollars.

Ths. F. Jones Chairman

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The Committee on the Military and Pensions to whom was recommitted the report of the same Committee on the petition of Sarah Mann praying to be placed on the Pension list, and for arrears of Pension, with instructions to allow the petitioner the amount She would have been entitled to, has she been placed on the Pension list immediately after the death of her husband – Report = that they have considered the matter, & that the husband of the petitioner died in May 1834 – having (as your Committee suppose) received his Pension for that year, consequently the claim of the petitioner upon the bounty of this State, would commence on the first of March 1835. From that time, to the first of March 1841 (being six years) allowing your petitioner to receive the usual allowance, of thirty dollars per annum, without interest) her claim will amount to one hundred & eighty dollars, the sum your Committee recommend, to be paid to the petitioner Sarah Mann, = And that she be placed on the Pension list of this State and receive annually, from the Treasury of the State the sum of thirty dollars.

Ths. F. Jones, Chairman

[pp 17-18: Vouchers indicating the payment of \$30 per annum to Sarah Mann the 1st such voucher being dated June the 2nd, 1849 and the last being dated May 24, 1854.]