

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Daniel Beem R709

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South Carolina Abbeville District

To the Honorable Senate & House of Representatives

Gentlemen

Your Petitioner by this petition, would show that he entered the service of his country in his sixteenth year as a volunteer militia man, under the command of Captain Lewis Hog in the District of Newberry sometime in the year 1779, that he remained in the service for the term of eighteen months, during which time he was marched to Orangeburg, to Parkers ferry, thence to Bull's point, near Sheldon's, thence to Bacon's Bridge, thence to Dorchester, that he was at the battle of Eutaw Springs, does not engaged in action, he being one of those detached to act as guard to the wagons, that he never left the service during the whole time, but faithfully served his country for very little pay, he further show with that he is now sixty-five years of age & very poor and helpless and has no friends able to support him, he therefore prays that your Honorable Body will take his case under your friendly consideration and placed them upon the pension list, and in duty bound he will ever pray.

November the 23rd 1829

S/ Daniel Beem

A Schedule of property belonging to Daniel Beem, the within petitioner

1. Mare about nine years old worth	\$25.00
2. Sows worth	4.00
2. Head of Sheep	4.00
1 plow, 1 falling axe, 1 handsaw worth about	<u>4.00</u>
Wearing clothes & necessary bedding	\$37.00

South Carolina Lexington District: Personally appeared Thomas Ressinger before me & after being duly sworn saith that he was a Sergeant in Captain Hog's Company of militia in General Greens Camp in time of the Revolutionary War & is between seventy-three & seventy-four years of age, and further saith that he was acquainted with your pensioner who was in said company of militia with said deponent in the American service.

Sworn to the seventh day of December 1829

S/ George Sawyer, JP

S/ Thomas Ressinger, X his mark

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District

On this of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of common pleas now sitting, Daniel Beem a resident of Abbeville District in the State aforesaid aged seventy-three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the

following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That he entered the service as a volunteer Militia man in Captain Lewis Hogg's Company of Infantry in the month of March 1781 (the names of the subaltern officers not recollected) except the first Lieutenant whose name was William Hill Major Ephraim Liles Battalion. That he continued to serve as a volunteer for the term of eighteen months -- that the company rendezvoused at Spring Hill in Newberry District (in which District he then resided) that they marched to Orangeburg where they stayed some time from thence they were marched to Ashley ferry on Cooper River -- from thence to Bull's point where they remained until the last of August 1781, from thence they were marched to Bacon's Bridge, from thence to Eutaw Springs that he acted as one of the wagon guard on that day the day of the Battle 8th September 1781 that after the Battle of Eutaw they returned to Bacon's Bridge from thence they acted as scouts in various directions until the end of the war.

That he was acquainted with General Green [sic, Nathanael Greene], General Marion [Francis Marion], Colonel Thomas Sumpter [Thomas Sumter], Colonel Lee [Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee], and Colonel Hammond [LeRoy Hammond or Samuel Hammond, most likely the latter], that he in a written discharge signed by Colonel Hammond which is now lost -- that he has no other documentary evidence and knows of no person now living who could swear to his service -- that he resided in Newberry District at the time he entered the service and that he returned to that District after the peace where he resided until about twenty years ago when he removed into Abbeville District where he now resides. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not found on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

1st question Where and in what year were you born?

Answer/ I was born in Newberry District South Carolina in the year 1760 -- the day not recollected

2nd question Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer/ it is recorded in the family Bible

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

I was living in Newberry District South Carolina since then I have lived in Newberry & Abbeville and the last mentioned District I now live

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if in substitute, for whom?

I was a volunteer

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

I recollect General Green, General Marion, Colonel Thomas Sumpter, & Colonel Lee & Colonel Hammond I do not collect the numbers or name of the Regiment in which I served the general circumstances of the service they are embodied in the declaration above made.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

I did receive a discharge from Colonel Hammond it is lost long since

I am acquainted with Joseph Black Esquire, Major Robert F. Black, George N. Sims with a number of respectable citizens who can certify as to my character for veracity and good behavior

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid

S/ Daniel Beem, X his mark

[James Moore, a clergyman, And James A. Black gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

Be it known that on the 19th day of June 1833 before me James A. Black a Justice of Quorum in and for the District & State aforesaid personally appeared Daniel Beem aged 73 and on oath doth make the following amendments to his declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832, that he entered the service under the command of Lewis Hogg and set forth in his original certificate on the 12th day of March 1781 (as he believes) and continued to serve in constant regular service without intermission or ever getting a furlough or ever returning home or quitting the service until the 17th of September 1782 (as he thinks and verily believes) when he was discharged at a place called Bacon's bridge but that in consequence of old age and debility and consequent loss of memory and also being entirely illiterate (having no learning) he is unable to fix with precision the very day he entered the service or the day he left it exactly that he is sure he did serve the full amount of the time above stated.

He also makes the following answers to the interrogatories prescribed by the war department.

Interrogatory 1st Where and in what year were you born

Ans. I was born in Newberry District South Carolina on the 10th day of March 1760

Int. 2nd have you any record of your age, if so, where is it

Ans. It is so recorded in my father's thing Bible now in possession of my Brother Jacob Beem now living in Newberry District South Carolina

Int. 3rd where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, and where do you now live

Ans. I was living in Newberry District when called into service I continued to live in Newberry District until the year 1814 when I removed to Abbeville District South Carolina where I now live

Int. 4th how were you called into service were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a Substitute for whom.

Ans. I was a volunteer and continued to serve as a volunteer from the time I entered the service until I left it:

Int. 5th 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.

Ans. I was acquainted with General Nathanael Greene General Marion, Colonel Thomas Sumter, Colonel Lee & Colonel Hammond who sometimes commanded the Battalion or Regiment to which I was attached. I cannot recollect the name or number of any Regiment of Regulars or Militia only the one I served in it was commonly called Hammond's Regiment as to the General circumstances of my service is set forth in my original declaration my service was entirely confined to the lower part of the State of South Carolina it was an onerous and dangerous service there being a great many Tories and British in the company at that time we were in a continual state of alarm & danger almost without clothes or food and poor pay, made the general circumstances of my services hard enough.

Int. 6th did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it.

Ans. I did receive a discharge from [service] signed by Colonel Hammond which discharge is long since lost as I never expected it would be of any use to me when I returned from the service I gave it to my mother to keep for me I have never seen it since though I have

lately made search for it cannot be found my mother being dead long since.

Int. 7th State the names of Persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief as to your service as a soldier of the Revolution

Ans. 7th I am acquainted with Joseph Black Esquire, Major Robert F. Black, George N Simms, James A. Black Esquire, the Reverend James Moore, Reverend James Cosper, Robert McNair [?], Thomas Tinsley, Francis B. Clinkscales, David Russell, George W. Wilson, Richard S. Hollaman, Moses Clay, Alexander McCoy and others

Sworn to and subscribed this 19th day of June 1833 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Daniel Beem, X his mark

State of South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

Be it known that on this 20th day of July 1835 before me James A. Black a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid personally appeared Daniel Beem (aged 79 years) and being first duly sworn as the law directs does make the following amended Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832 -- that he entered the service as a volunteer militia man on the 2nd day of March 1781 in a company of infantry commanded by Captain Lewis Hogg. That the 1st Lieutenant's name was William Hill, and was one of the companies that composed the Battalion commanded by Ephraim Lyles of Colonel Hammond Regiment -- that the rendezvous at a place called Spring Hill in Newberry District (of which District he was then a resident) from thence they marched to Camden where they lay some time from there they marched to a place called McCord's ferry or Ancrum's ferry on the Congaree River where they remained until his first term of three months expired on the 3rd of June 1781, and that he never left the camp but forthwith volunteered for three months more under his same Captain Lewis Hogg (who was a single man and to his knowledge never quit the field to the end of the war for more than three weeks at a time) that they marched to Orangeburg and after a short stay there they marched to Ashley ferry on Cooper River where his second tour of three months expired on the 3rd September 1781, that he reentered the service on the 4th of September 1781 as a volunteer with Captain Hogg to act as a guard at a place called Bull's point and that at that place his third tour expired on the 4th of December 1781, that he again volunteered for three months more and after staying some time at the place where they then lay Bulls point they marched to a place called Bacon's Bridge where they continued to act as a guard on the bridge until his fourth tour expired on the 4th March 1782 that he now volunteered with Captain Hogg for three months more which he put in in various scouts in the lower part of the State of South Carolina that his fifth tour expired at or near Beach Island where they were stationed as a guard to keep the Tories in awe -- on the 4th of June 1782 that he now entered the service again as a volunteer and that they marched to Orangeburg -- thence to Granby thence to Camden where they were finally discharged on the 6th September 1782 and returned home having served eighteen months in all faithfully.

Sworn to and subscribed this 20th of July 1835 before me

S/ James A. Black, JQ

S/ Danill Beem [sic]

South Carolina Abbeville District: SS

I James A. Black a Justice of the Quorum in and for the District aforesaid do hereby certify that I am well acquainted with Daniel Beem who has this day subscribed & sworn to the above statement or declaration. I think he is as old as he states himself to be it is the general opinion here and has ever been that he was a soldier of the Revolution he now on the pension list of this State and when he was placed on that list he made personal proof of his service by a Mr.

Thomas Risener who is since dead he satisfied the authorities of this State that he was a soldier of the Revolution and he was accordingly placed on the pension list where his name now stands - I believe he is a man of truth and may be believed on his oath.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of July 1835

S/ James A. Black, JQ

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Daniel Beem AA8
Audited Account Microfilm file No.

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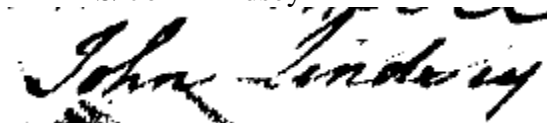
20 April 1786

Daniel Beene [sic] for Military duty in Waters' [Colonel Philemon Waters'] Regiment since the reduction of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] per Anderson's [Colonel Robert Anderson's] Return [old South Carolina] Currency £21
Stg. [Sterling] £3

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G." [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received 20th April 1786 full Satisfaction for this in an indent 2456 X per order

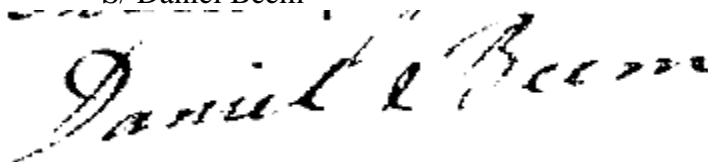
S/ John Lindsey



South Carolina Ninety Six District } July the 6th 1787
Gentlemen

Please to send by John Lindsey Esquire my Indent with the interest & you will oblige your Humble Servant

S/ Daniel Beem



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Gentlemen;

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¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>.

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S/ George Sawyer, JP

S/ Thomas Rissinger, X his mark

[p 8: receipt indicates that the veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$60 per annum through June 4, 1834.]

² This MAY be the same man as Thomas Risener [whose surname was spelled "Rissinger" by the JP who attested his mark] who received an Indent for service after the fall of Charleston. This man lived in Ninety Six District in 1786 when he made his claim. He, however, only claimed for service as a private. Unfortunately, he doesn't name the officers under whom he served.