

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Palmer R7896

Mary Palmer

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State of South Carolina Barnwell district

On this 13th day of February A.D. 1845, personally appeared before me Mary Palmer, a resident of Barnwell District, and State of South Carolina, aged 89 years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 4th 1836: That she is the widow of John Palmer who was a private soldier, in the Continental service; that he enlisted at the commencement of the War; that he served three years in the regular service, and subsequently served in the militia to the end of the War -- That he was in the Battles at Fort Moultrie [June 28, 1776], Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781] and Parker's ferry -- that she was married to John Palmer, soon after his discharge from the regular service; that the marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Joshua Edwards of the Baptist persuasion -- that we were then living on the Pedee River, in the territory of now Marlborough district, State of South Carolina -- that her husband the said John Palmer died in the year 1786 of dropsy; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof annexed.

Sworn to, and subscribed, on the day and year above written, before  
S/ D. M. Laffitte, Magt.

S/ Mary Palmer, X her mark

State of South Carolina Barnwell District

Personally appeared before me D M Lafitte, a Justice in and for the District aforesaid John Cone, who being duly sworn, saith, that in the latter period of the revolution either in the year 1780 or 1781, that a body of American troops under the command of Colonel Morris Murphy came to his father's house, on big Pedee [River], now Marlborough district, and that he saw John Palmer, in arms with them -- that he was then the husband of Mary Palmer -- that John Palmer died in this State and district aforesaid about the year 1786, and that his widow Mary Palmer, has not married since that time.

Sworn to before made this 13<sup>th</sup> February 1845  
S/ DM Lafitte, Magistrate

S/ John Cone

South Carolina Beaufort District

Personally appeared before me Hannah Ginn and made oath that in 1786 she was acquainted with John Palmer and his wife Mary Pamer [sic, Palmer] when at that time they had 3

children and they lived together as man and wife claimed each other as such they lived at that time in Winton County now Barnwell District South Carolina he the said John Palmer appeared to be about 40 years of age and says she has been acquainted with Mary, the widow of the said John Palmer ever since that time or since the Death of John Palmer and she the said Mary Palmer has never married since and is yet living.

Sworn to before me the 4th day of February 1845

S/ Benjamin R. Stone, Magistrate

S/ Hannah Ginn, H her mark

[Sabra Smith of Beaufort County gave an affidavit substantially identical to that given by Hannah Ginn.]

[p 18: is a copy of the records in the South Carolina Comptroller Generals office showing payments to John Palmer abstracted as follows

13<sup>th</sup> April 1786 John Palmer was paid £19:10 for services in Captain Jolly's [Benjamin Jolly's] & Hughes<sup>1</sup> Companies, Brandon's [Thomas Brandon's] Regt. for 78 days duty as Horseman and 147 days as footman from May 7, 1780 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1783

15<sup>th</sup> June 1786 to John Palmer Junr. for £12:2:10 ¼ for militia duty in Brandon's Regt. since the fall of Charlestown pr Anderson's return.]

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<sup>1</sup> Captains John Hughes, Joseph Hughes and William Hughes all served at some time during the Revolution under the command of Col. Thomas Brandon.