

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Porter R8350

Mary Porter

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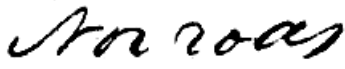
To the Honorable the Senate and members of the house of Representatives of the State of South Carolina. The Humble petition of Philip Porter

Sheweth that he is now in the 67 or 68 year of his age has raised a large Family and they have all become of age and doing for their selves and he has no family Except himself and his wife and the petitioner sheweth that he has for many years of his life been an aidling [sic, ailing?] man and not able to accumulate Property, he is now old & not able to work and without help from the State of South Carolina where he has rendered great Service must of coarse soon become in a suffering situation or be dependent on the Charity of his friends and as this Petitioner has been a faithful Soldier of the Revolutionary Struggle and all his aid was rendered in that glorious Struggle for liberty he hopes you may take his petition in consideration and grant him a pension as is allowed to others in similar circumstances: This petitioner sheweth that he was Born in North Carolina Guilford [Guilford] County and removed to South Carolina in the time of the war and settled in Abbeville District in this State and there resided during the war and this petitioner sheweth that he was early under arms when he came to the State the first tour was a volunteer Tower [Tour] against the Indians under Colonel Killgore [Benjamin Kilgore] and then home and then served three months tower [tour] under Captain Roseman [sic, probably Captain Samuel Rosamond or Roseman<sup>1</sup>] scouring the frontiers and was stationed at Norrods<sup>2</sup> Block house<sup>3</sup> in Abbeville where he served a dangerous Tower of duty in guarding and providing provisions for the benefit of the Fort and after he served his Tower at that place he then volunteered under Captain Robert Maxwell in the horse service for another Tower in the Service scouring and ranging the frontiers where he your petitioner underwent many hard trials and many dangers your petitioner sheweth that he was ready at every Beck and Call of Captain Robert Maxwell about the close of the glorious Struggle for liberty to turn out and scour the frontiers and beat back the Indians in which service he often acted as a spy and if your honorable body shall hear the prayers of your petitioner he as in duty bound will ever pray –

The State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally came before me the subscribing

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<sup>1</sup> [Samuel Rosamond W4579](#)

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<sup>3</sup> This MIGHT be a mistaken attempt to identify Samuel Norwood's Mill site on the Saluda River

Justice for the said district and appeared Philip Porter the above Petitioner and made oath in due form of law and saith on his oath that all the facts set forth in the above Petition is just and true. Sworn to and subscribed the 18 day of Nov. 1831<sup>4</sup>

S/ Bailey Barton, JQ

S/ Philip Porter



The following is a Just and true Schedule of the Property of Philip Porter –  
439 acres poor land part mountains -- given into Tax collector last Quality  
13 head cattle

a stock of hogs supposed 30 head or upward some of them being shy I can't exactly say  
2 head of horse beast not valuable

6 or 7 head of sheep -- and a few farming tools and the necessary household and kitchen  
furniture for a small family no article of a fine Quality -- as to Cabinet work & 2 beds &  
furniture

The State of South Carolina Pickens District

Before me the subscriber Justice personally came and appeared Philip Porter and made oath the with the end is a just and true schedule of all his effects and says on his oath that he has not dispossessed himself of any property in order to obtain a pension from the State. Sworn to this 18 day November 1831 before me.

S/ Bailey Barton, JQ

S/ Philip Porter

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Before me the subscribing Justice of Peace for said district -- Personally came and appeared Joseph Chapman<sup>5</sup> and made oath in due form of law and saith on his oath that he knew Philip Porter to be a faithful soldier in the revolutionary war and that he frequently saw him doing duty and that he served with him under Captains Maxwell and Rosemond and says he knew Porter through the whole Struggle and that he was faithful to his duty whenever called on.

Sworn to and subscribed 18th of November 1831 before me

S/ Henry Griffin, JP

S/ Joseph Chapman, X his mark

[p. 25 the petition was recommended to be granted by the SC Legislature.]

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State of South Carolina District of Pickens } SS: On this 7th day of October 1834 before the Honorable A. P. Butler one of the associate Judges of said State in open Court at Pickens Court house Philip Porter a resident of the district aforesaid aged 71 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832: that he entered the service of the United States in 1788 [sic], as well as he recollects as he was then only about seventeen years

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<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Legislature granted the veteran's petition and placed him on the SC pension list at the rate of \$60 per annum. See the transcript of the veteran's SC Audited Account below.

<sup>5</sup> [Joseph Chapman S21691](#)

of age in Ninety Six district now Abbeville SC as a drafted militia man in the company of Captain Samuel Roseman in Colonel Killgore's Regiment went one tour after the Cherokee Indians but before this my father Hugh Porter was taken prisoner by the British and I was exchanged for him and kept as a prisoner of war six months at New Bern North Carolina lived at that time in Guilford County of the said State and removed from thence to the District of 96 where I entered the service for six months under the said Captain Roseman and Colonel Kilgore - - he is positive at this time he served on scouts and in the service six months he again volunteered in the cavalry under Captain Maxwell was ready to start -- with him on an Expedition when he was assigned by the Captain to spy and provide for the Fort he was then engaged in procuring provisions and guarding the said Fort called Narrard's Fort and stood ready to be called out at any time about nine months but says positively he was in the service 8 months at this time -- this was in the year 1779 or 80 he was a minute man under Captain Maxwell till the close of the war and was always ready to reconnoiter and fight the Cherokee Indians on the frontier. He hereby relinquishes every other claim to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State and he answers the interrogatories<sup>6</sup> required by the war department to be put by the court as follows

1<sup>st</sup> He was born in Guilford County North Carolina on the first day of July 1763 he believes having no family record present --

2. He has no family register but his father had one in Abbeville SC

3rd. He lived in Guilford N. C. when exchanged to the British for his father when he was about 10 years old his father then moved after his return to Abbeville SC where he entered the service under Captain Roseman & Colonel Killgore where he continued to live till about the year 1784 or 85 when he removed to Pendleton district -- now Pickens where he has remained ever since and now lives.

4th. He was while in Abbeville always a volunteer and minute man.

5. He was with General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] and Anderson [Col. Robert Anderson] and frequently saw them during the war.

6. He never got a written discharge --

7th. He does not know any man who would dispute his word, but is well acquainted with Bailey Barton, Esquire, Colonel Benjamin Hagood, Major Keith the clerk of the Court William D. Sloane the Sheriff of this District he would appeal with confidence to all whom he is known at this late period being measurably illiterate he cannot so correctly recollect the particular dates as his memory is much impaired by old age & infirmities.

Sworn and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid before

S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ Philip Porter

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<sup>6</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

7<sup>th</sup> 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 in your services as a soldier in the revolution.



[Robert Gaines, a clergyman, and Bailey Barton gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 9: Joseph Chapman again testified in support of the application.]

[p 12: Power of attorney dated September 5, 1853, given by James Porter of Pickens district South Carolina in which he says he is one of the children and agent of the representatives of Philip Porter deceased.



[p 14: note that the claim was rejected on the ground of insufficient proof of the alleged service.]

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South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>7</sup> relating to Philip Porter pp13  
Audited Account No. 6044

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[No. 172 Book S]

Mr. Philip Porter his Account of Duty in the Militia as Private done alternately since the reduction of Charles Town [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency £60

Stg. [Sterling] £8.11.5

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]

Gentlemen

Please deliver my Indent to John Halloms and his Receipt shall be your Discharge for the Same and you will oblige

Gentlemen

your Humble Servant



Edward Blake and

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<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> Since this signature is so remarkably different from the other examples of his signature, I believe it was made by someone other than the veteran.

Peter Boquet Esquire's  
Treasurers South Carolina

I do hereby Certify that the above order was Signed by Philip Porter in my Presence this \_\_\_ day  
of 16 September 1785 S/ John Hunter, JP

Received the 9 June 1785 full Satisfaction for the within Account in an Indent No. 172 Book S,  
by Virtue of an order

S/ John Hallum



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State South Carolina

Dr. [Debtor] to Philip Porter  
for Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not extant] £60  
Stg. £8.11.5

[p 4: Printed form of Indent No. 172 Book S]

[p 5: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do asine [assigned] the within indent to Joseph Smith Principal and Interest and all my rite  
[right] and propety [property] to the within Indent.

S/ Philip Porter



[p 6: Two vouchers, one dated May 30, 1833 and the other dated June 4, 1834, both in the  
amount of \$60 in payment of an annuity to Philip Porter.]

[Note: The veteran's petition to the South Carolina legislature to be placed on its pension list for  
services rendered during the Revolutionary war is transcribed above. No copy of that petition  
remains in his Audited Account file.]

[p 7]  
The petition of Mary Porter praying for a pension

[p 8]  
The Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina  
The petition of Mary Porter Sheweth that she is a  
resident of Pickens district South Carolina and widow of Philip Porter deceased who was a  
Revolutionary soldier and pensioner of this State who departed this life on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May  
last, that she shared the greater part of the perils of the Revolution with him as his wife. She  
therefore prays your Honorable body to be placed on the pension list as the widow of the  
aforesaid Philip Porter deceased, and as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Mary Porter, X her mark

Sworn to and Subscribed  
before me the 17<sup>th</sup> of November  
1841 S/ Philip Young, J. Q.

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The Committee on the Military and Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Mary Porter widow of Philip Porter late a Revolutionary Pensioner of this State; Praying to be placed on the Pension Roll; begs leave to Report, that the Committee has had the same under consideration, and recommends that the prayer be granted and that she be placed on the Pension Roll of this State.

S/ John Buchanan, Chairman

[p 13: Two Vouchers, one dated June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1849 and the other May 28, 1850, both in the amount of \$30 indicating an annuity paid to Mary Porter.]