

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Cason S16338

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State of Georgia County of Warren} On this thirteenth day of August 1833 Personally appeared before the Inferior Court of the County & State aforesaid William Cason a resident of the County of Warren and State of Georgia aged Eighty-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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, & served as herein stated, he was a citizen of Fairfield district South Carolina during the Revolutionary war, does not recollect day month or year that he commenced or ended his service. He took but one written discharge & that is lost, but he recollects that he was drafted in the first class of Militia, & the first service was done under Captain John Graves, in the Regiment commanded either by Colonel Joseph Kirklin [so spelled throughout but believed to be Joseph Kirkland] or Thomas Taylor. He joined the Regiment at Frydays Ferry [Friday's Ferry] on the Congaree River & crossed Savannah River at Augusta Georgia thence to St. Mary's [River] Georgia with the enemy had a Fort, but had left it before the Americans arrived; the Army was ordered to march back, but was discharged in Georgia. He served as a private Soldier two months this time.

The Second Service he done was also under Captain John Graves of the militia that he joined the Regiment commanded by Colonel Kirklin or Thomas Taylor between the Rivers Congaree & Wateree marched to join the command of General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] near Augusta Georgia remained there about two months & then marched down the Savannah River on the South Carolina side about fifty miles & was there discharged, having served as a private this time two months;

He was after this three times called on for two months service each & by Direction of his Captain John Graves. He remained at home & stocked guns for the Army: during which time he stocked forty-six guns for the United States, the three towers [tours] together making six months he served as a private stocking guns.

The Sixth Service he was called on for was also in the first class of South Carolina Militia as was all his services; he went this time under the command of Captain William Mi [paper torn, balance of text missing] he was marched to Orangeburg South Carolina here he joined a large number: but [paper torn text missing] not recollect whether it was the command of a Colonel or a general, nor does he re[paper torn text missing] the name of the officer that did command; here he was discharged after serving as a private two months this time.

After this he was called on again for two months service in the first class South Carolina Militia as was all his services in said Militia & this time he hired a substitute & went to his Captain William Miller with the men he had hired & the Captain accepted of the men in his place & cleared him, the substitute's name was Teagle Melson who marched under Captain William Miller down towards Charlestown but he does not know the place of Rendezvous nor what officer commanded the Regiment but believes it was either Kirklin or Taylor; & the Army was discharged a day or two short of two months this time as it was the time of peace being made with the British he served by substitute as a private this time two months lacking a day or two; all his service was as a private that part done by himself in his own person amounts to twelve months.

& That done by substitute is two months lacking a day or two:

He has no documentary evidence to prove his service: nor does he know of any Person now living by whom he can prove the whole or any part thereof except the following: he lives now in Warren County Georgia & has for the last thirty-three years, he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity Except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension list of the agency of any State.

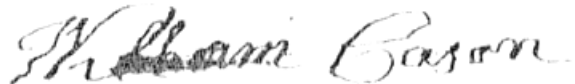
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Q. L. C. Franklin, JIC

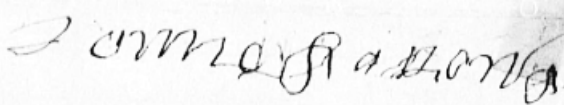
S/ William Cason

S/ Jethro Darden, JIC

S/ Thomas Neal, JIC



Personally came in open court to wit the Inferior court for the County & State aforesaid James Pierson who being duly sworn on his oath says: that the services stated above by William Cason in the South Carolina Militia in the Revolutionary war in which he states that he joined the Army of General Williamson near Augusta Georgia, he knows was done as therein stated as he was himself in the same service.



[Henry Poole, a clergyman, and James Pierson gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

Answers of William Cason to the Interrogatories

To the first interrogatory he answers

I was born in Pitt County State of North Carolina – I was born on the 10th day of April in the year 1749.

To the second interrogatory he answers

I have a record of my age in my family Bible which is at my residence in Warren County Georgia.

To the third interrogatory he answers

When called into service, I was living in Fairfield district, South Carolina. I lived in said district after the Revolutionary war until I removed to Georgia – I have lived in Warren County Georgia.

To the fourth interrogatory he answers

The Militia were classed and called into service by class. I belonging to the first class – I never was a substitute in any man's place – but served a tour of two months duty by a substitute to wit Teagle Melson

To the 5th interrogatory he answers –

Some of the regular officers were General Williamson & General Lincoln – Colonel Thomas Taylor, Colonel Joseph Kirkland are all the Militia Colonels I can't at this time recollect – I was in the Florida expedition – the British had evacuated their Fort – I was at Augusta Georgia after the siege.

To the sixth Interrogatory he answers

I never had but one discharge and that was signed by Captain John Graves which has been long since lost – the usual practice was to discharge the men as the relief came by word-of-mouth. I was always a private Soldier, consequently he never had a commission.

To the seventh Interrogatory he answers

I am known to the members of this Honorable Court – to Henry Poole, James Pierson, & Solomon Newsom Esquire – who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

S/ William Cason

[Notes: Veteran made his first application on January 7, 1833 in Warren County Georgia but it is less complete and less detailed than his later application set forth above. The veteran died January one, 1847. The file contains no family data.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 6 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ¹ relating to William Cason	AA7
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1130	
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No. 40 5 May 1785

[No.] 39 Book Q

Mr. William Cason his Account of 120 days in Militia in 1781 & 1782

Amounting to £8.11.5

Ex^d. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

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

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State of South Carolina

William Cason

Dr.

1781 60 Days on foot on
Expedition to Orangeburg
General Sumpter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade

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.

	at 10/ [10 Shillings per day]	£30.0.0
1782	60 Days service on foot on Expedition to Four Holes	
	General Henderson's [William Henderson's] Brigade	<u>£30.0.0</u>
		<u>£60.0.0</u>
	Stg. [Sterling]	£8.11.5

Appeared William Cason made oath that the above account is Just & true
Sworn to before me the 17th May 1784



S/ Chas. Pickett, JP

I do Certify that the above Account is Just & true
[illegible] 17th 1784

S/ Thos. Starke Capt. [Thomas Starke Captain]



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Received the 5 May 1785 full satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 39 Book Q for £8.11.5 Sterling in Virtue of an Order

S/ Rd. Winn [Richard Winn]

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June the 12, 1784 I have this Day Received from General Richard Winn the full value of my Account against the Public now lying in the Auditor's Office for auditing and afterwards to get an indent for the same from the Treasury and I do Request the Commissioners of the Treasury of the State of South Carolina to make out the Indent for the same with the Interest pursuant to the Resolve of the Legislative [sic] in that in that case to him the said Richard Winn and to accept this as a Receipt in full against the public for the said Account.

S/ Thomas Baker, JP

S/ William Cason



[p 6: Printed form of Indent no. 39 Book Q dated June 2nd, 1785]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent]