

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of William Joyner S20419

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State of South Carolina, District of Beaufort

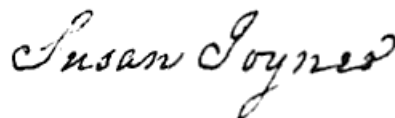
On this 21 day of April 1843 Personally appeared before me this is Susan Joyner, aged 71 years, a resident of South Carolina District of Beaufort, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832, as the widow of William Joyner deceased who was a private in the war of the Revolution, and served as such under arms as Deponent has been informed and believes two years, in a uniform company of Militia in the City of Charleston called the True Blues, commanded at different times by Captains Mathews [John Raven Mathews], Greenwood [William Greenwood] and Lee [William Lee]. Deponent has reason to believe her husband the said William Joyner entered the Army in the beginning of the year 1777 -- and served to the surrender of Charleston in May 1780<sup>1</sup> serving all this time wherever his Company served. At the surrender of the City, Deponent, has been informed and believed said Joyner was taken prisoner like the rest of the militia under arms: and was then permitted to be engaged in said City in the Mercantile line -- Deponent has been informed and believes that a remonstrance was presented to the British authorities against permitting persons so situated obtaining employment of this description: said Joyner then left the City without permission, and repaired to Beaufort in said State, and joined the American Army in which he served to the end of the war.

Deponent further declares that her husband the said William Joyner died the 24 of December 1834, and that she was married to the said William Joyner on the \_\_\_ day of September 1798, as will be further shown by the proof hereto annexed -- and Deponent says that she makes this declaration in order to obtain the arrears of pension so due and unpaid to said William Joyner at the time of his death as aforesaid. --

Sworn to before made this 21st day of April 1843

S/ Jno M. Baker, Magistrate

S/ Susan Joyner



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

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State of South Carolina Beaufort County

This is to Certify that I have examined the Bible containing the Registry of the Marriages births & deaths of the Family of John Grayson deceased in the possession of Mrs. Susan Joyner of the Town of Beaufort and found therein that John Grayson and Susan Green were married on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord 1787 and that the said John Grayson died on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ in the year 1797 also that the said Susan afterwards to wit on the \_\_\_ day of September in the year 1798 intermarried with William Joyner and that the said William Joyner departed this life on the 24th day of December in the year 1834 leaving the said Susan Joyner Surviving him.

S/ Jno M. Baker, Magistrate

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State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this Seventh of April 1843 Personally appeared before me, John Cart<sup>2</sup> aged 81 ½ years a resident of Charleston South Carolina who being duly sworn according to law, Depoeth that, he was well acquainted with William Joyner formerly of Charleston SC who died on or about the 24th day of December 1834 -- Deponent says that he got acquainted with the said Joyner early in the year 1777, Deponent says that, said Joyner was at that time a member of a uniform Company then in Charleston called the "True Blues," Deponent says, he joined the same company in the early part of said year 1777, Deponent says that, said Joyner as well as Deponent -- served in said company to the surrender of Charleston in 1780, -- during this period said Joyner served at Savannah Fort Johnson -- and at the siege of said Charleston, with said company of True Blues and it was commanded severally by Captains Raven Mathews, William Greenwood and Deponent thinks by Captain afterwards Colonel Lee. Deponent says that at the affair at Fort Johnson Sergeant Lee and privates Oddley, Eagan and Cripps were wounded, Deponent says that, said William Joyner served in this way under arms as a private two years. Deponent says that, after the fall of the City they sought for and found employment in said City for some short time -- until -- Colonel Balfour [Lt. Col. Nesbit Balfour] then in command forbad any employment to be given to Rebels, to the detriment of loyal citizens Deponent says that Joyner and Deponent escaped to Beaufort, and deponent divided his clothes, leaving a part of them at Beaufort, said Joyner being a good pensman got an engagement from the Americans -- in the Commissary department and deponent joined the State troops under Marion [Francis Marion] -- and both served until the End of the War.

Sworn to before me this 7 April 1843

S/ John Cart



S/ P. Cantwell, NP & Magistrate

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State of South Carolina, District of Charleston

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May A.D. 1843 personally appeared before me, Mr. Joseph Righton<sup>3</sup> aged 80 years a resident of Charleston, and a revolutionary pensioner, who being duly sworn

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<sup>2</sup> [John Cart S8139](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Joseph Righton W22074](#)

according to law, Deposeth, that, he knew and was well acquainted with, William Joyner deceased, during the war of the revolution. Deponent says that said Joyner served under arms as a private in one of the militia companies in this City. Deponent has reason to believe he served two years previous to the surrender in May 1780. Deponent says he has reason to believe he was made prisoner by the British at said surrender like the rest of the militia. Deponent says, he has seen and read an affidavit of Mr. John Cart in relation to this claim. Deponent says his recollection of the Circumstances therein set forth, so far as they have come within his knowledge coincides with that of Mr. Cart. Deponent says he knew Mr. Cart during the revolution & up to the present time, and his statements are fully relied on by Deponent.

S/ Jos Righton

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this third day of May 1843  
S/ P. Cantwell, NP & Magistrate, Ex off.

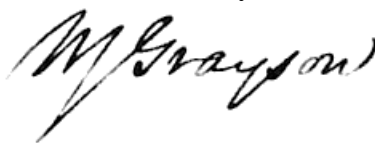
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Charleston July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1843

Dear Sir [addressed to J L Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions in Washington DC]

Will you be so obliging as to give me some information in the case of the widow of William Joyner. There is great difficulty at this late period of obtaining the necessary evidence of service in the Militia during the Revolution, however certain one may be of the facts of the service. I was intimately acquainted with Mr. Joyner, indeed lived in his house during my youth, and remember many [?] antidotes, of which he had an immense fund, connected with his military Service in various quarters, at the siege of Charleston, the attack on Savannah and elsewhere. He was the nephew of Commodore Joyner [sic, Captain John Joyner] who commanded the frigate *South Carolina*,<sup>4</sup> when she was captured. There is not a doubt of the fact of his being for a long time, and I take the liberty of mentioning the above circumstances by way of assuring you that whatever the evidence will permit you to decide favorably, you may be morally certain of the [indecipherable word] of your Judgment.

I am dear Sir  
with great respect  
Your Obedient Servant  
S/ W. J. Grayson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. J. Grayson". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

J. L. Edwards Esqr.

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Comptroller Generals Office

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<sup>4</sup> James A. Lewis, *Neptune's Militia: The Frigate South Carolina during the American Revolution*, Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 1999

Charleston 24<sup>th</sup> April 1843

I Certify that the name of William Joiner [sic] is entered on the Pay Roll of Captain William Alexander's Troop of Light Dragoons (Wade Hampton's Regiment) as a private soldier, that he is there in noted for Ten months service: and that the aforesaid Roll is duly certified and filed in this office.

S/ W. Landl  
Comptr. Genl.

[Veteran was granted a posthumous pension at the rate of \$41.66 per annum for his service as a Dragoon in the South Carolina militia for 10 months. The pension commenced on March 4, 1831 and ended December 24, 1834 when he died. The pension was granted on the basis of his widow's application and the supporting affidavits of the veteran's fellow soldiers.]