

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Cannon Cason S21103

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State of South Carolina District of Fairfield}

On this third day of November in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open court before William D Martin judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions, Cannon Cason a resident of the District of Fairfield aforesaid, aged seventy-eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath take the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th, 1832.

Deponent was born the 8th day of October A.D. 1754 about seventy-five miles from Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, between the six run swamp and beaver dam swamp in what was then known as Duplin County, since divided or altered as Deponent has understood. Deponent's age was recorded in a family Bible, which in time was much worn and defaced. The ages of the family were then transcribed into a volume of Whitfield's sermons, which fell into the possession of a younger Brother, Willis Cason who some forty years since removed to Georgia. The Deponent has his age fixed in his memory and has always believed the date above to be correct.

Deponent lived in Duplin County North Carolina until he was seventeen years old, when his father Cannon Cason, with deponent and family removed to and settled on Dutchman's Creek now Fairfield District, in State of South Carolina. Deponent has lived on Dutchman's Creek in said District ever from that time until about the year 1819 when he removed to his present place of residence on the Wateree [River] in Fairfield District, on the road to Peary's Ferry about 4 ½ miles from Winnsborough. Deponent lived on Dutchman Creek when he performed the military services hereinafter mentioned.

1st Deponent was called into service first in the Florida expedition. Was drafted in the militia. Captain John Graves commanded the company. Colonel Goodwyn [Robert Goodwin] commanded the Regiment, and Major Howell was the Major. This tour was performed in the year 1779 as well as deponent recollects. General Williamson [Andrew Williamson] commanded the South Carolina Militia. There was a General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] along who deponent thinks commanded in the Georgia Militia. The deponent was marched first to Granby South Carolina thence to Augusta, thence down the Savannah River (Georgia) until within 9 miles of Savannah town, thence through Georgia, crossing the Ogeechee, Altamaha, Little St. Illis [Satilla River], Big St. Illis [Satilla River], and St. Mary's [rivers], and encamped about 2 miles beyond the St. Mary's a few days. An expedition or detachment was sent out against a Fort beyond the St. Mary's, commanded by Colonel Burntfoot Brown [Thomas Brown] as he was called, who had a party of Tories and perhaps some British under him. The party returned without reducing the Fort. There was no battles with the enemy. Colonel Clarke [Elijah Clarke] of the Georgia Militia was wounded in the leg by a ball in a skirmishing party and Major

Robert Ellison had a horse wounded in the leg in the skirmish. The detachment that went after Brown had some skirmishing but lost no men, that deponent ever heard of. The deponent was out in this expedition 3 months lacking 6 days, or exceeding it 6 days as deponent thinks.

2nd The next tour deponent was drafted only a few months after he returned from the Florida expedition, Captain John Graves remained at home and Lieutenant James Adamson commanded the company Colonel Goodwyn or Colonel Thomas Taylor the deponent is not sure which commanded the Regiment. The troops rendezvoused at Granby and were marched on to the Savannah River this side and nearly opposite Augusta, and there remained during this tour. General Williamson commanded the whole Army, all militia excepting a company of sixty, called Independent regulars. General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] visited the Army whilst encamped on the Savannah. A salute of 13 guns was fired in honor of General Lincoln on his arrival, on which occasion one of the regulars was severely if not mortally wounded by the cannon firing when he was in the act of ramming down the cartridge. Detachments were sometimes sent out Major Ross [Francis Ross] was killed over in Georgia in one of these having been shot through the belly. Deponent served three months in this tour of duty.

3rd. The next tour performed was at Orangeburg. Was drafted in Militia. Lieutenant William Miller commanded the Company, General Sumpter [Thomas Sumter] commanded the Army. A party of Sumter's State Troops (mounted men) were defeated by one Cunningham, a Tory officer. This tour deponent served two months. Colonel Thomas Taylor was the Colonel of Deponent's Regiment.

4th The next tour was to the four hole Bridge and fork on Edisto [River]. The deponent is not certain whether Lieutenant Hezekiah Ford or Miller commanded the Company. Captain Graves died shortly after the Florida expedition and Captain Thomas Starke commanded the company but was not on duty in this tour. Colonel Thomas Taylor commanded at the four holes and Edisto. Had no skirmishing was out in duty this tour two months.

The deponent never received a written discharge. He always received a verbal orders to that effect after the relief came in. He was relieved on every tour except the Florida expedition.

James Nelson¹ and Jeremiah Taylor² was with Deponent in the Florida expedition. James Nelson was along on the tour near Augusta (General Williamson). Recollects no one now alive who was along at the four hole Bridge Served a tour to Orangeburg under James Adamson 1st Lieutenant, Captain Graves not along. General Sumter commanded. Colonel Goodwyn commanded the Regiment. Served 2 months in this tour.

Deponent is satisfied he served fully twelve months in all as a soldier in the militia during the Revolutionary War, was on one scouting party against the Tories remembered not included in the tours mentioned.

He hereby are relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid in open court
S/ J Elliott, CCP QU Exo. S/ Cannon Cason



We the undersigned, James Nelson, Jeremiah Taylor and Meredith Taylor³ all residents of

¹ [James Nelson W9588](#)

² [Jeremiah Taylor S21527](#)

³ [Meredith Taylor S32547](#)

Fairfield District, do hereby testify that we are well acquainted with Cannon Cason who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, that we believe him to be seventy-eight years of age, that the said Jeremiah Taylor and James Nelson served with said Cannon Cason in the tour of duty to Florida, and the subscribers all 3 served with said Cason in the Tour to the Savannah River called the Augusta Campaign, that each of us do certify that we believe he served as he has stated in his Declaration. That we believe he served for the periods he has mentioned that he always has sustained the reputation of having been a soldier in the revolution. That he is a man of strict veracity and excellent character and his declaration is entitled to full credit.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day and year aforesaid in Open Court

S/ J Elliott, CCP QU EXo.

S/ James Nelson, N his mark

S/ Jeremiah Taylor, G his mark

S/ Meredith Taylor, Z his mark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$40 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 12 months service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁴ relating to Cannon Cason	AA7
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1129	
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No. 56

No. 390 Book R

Cannon Cason for 120 days in Militia in 1782

Amount £8.11.5

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

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State of South Carolina

	Cannon Cason	Dr.
1782 60 Days footman duty on an Expedition at Orangeburg General Sumter's [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade at 10/ [10 Shillings per day]		£30.0.0
1782 60 Days footman duty in and Expedition at Orangeburg Four Holes General Henderson's [William Henderson's] Brigade		£30.0.0
		<u>£60.0.0</u>
	[Sterling]	8.11.5 Stg.

Cannon Cason made oath that the above account is Just & true

Sworn to before me this 4th July 1784

S/ Chas. Pickett, JP

⁴ 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.

I do Certify that the above Account is Just & true

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



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Received the 2 June 1785 full satisfaction for the within Account in Indent No. 390 Lib. R for £8.11.5 Sterling in Virtue of an Order

S/ Rd. Winn [Richard Winn]



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July 17th, 1784 I hereby 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/ Cannon Cason



[p 6: Printed form of Indent no. 390 Book R dated June 2nd, 1785]

[p 7: Reverse of the above Indent]