

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Samuel Earle S21174

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State of South Carolina, Anderson District

On this fifth day of March 1833 personally appeared before the Honorable J. J. Evans the presiding Judge in the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Anderson District, being a Court of Record, Samuel Earle, Esquire a resident of Pickens District in the State aforesaid aged Seventy two years who being 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 on the 11th day of June 1777 he entered into the service as Ensign in Captain John Bowie's Company of Captain infantry, which was raised for the Continental Service, but afterwards detached with other companies for the protection of the frontiers of the State, with the same pay and subject to the same regulations as the Continental Troops. That in a short time after by the resignation of the 1st Lieutenant and by the death of the 2nd Lieutenant who died of a wound received in the battle of Stono [June 20, 1779], this deponent was promoted to the rank of 1st Lieutenant in the said Company in which character he served until the 11th day of June 1780 and was then discharged at White Hall in Abbeville District. That he was at the Siege of Augusta [May 22-June 16, 1781] when it was taken from the British, at the battle of Blackstocks [November 20, 1780] under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter], where he was wounded and in a battle on Bush River under Colonel Roebuck [Benjamin Roebuck] and in a number of other skirmishes. That this deponent was ordered by Col. Pickens [Andrew Pickens] to raise a company of partisans to counteract the Tories, which he did, and continued in the service at the head of his Company for four months at one time, in the year 1782 as he believes, while the British were in possession of Charleston.

In answer to the first interrogatory --

He was born 28th of November 1760 in Frederick County Virginians

In answer to the second interrogatory --

There was a record of his age which is in the hands of a member of his family.

In answer to the third --

When I entered into the service he lived in Ninety Six District now, Spartanburg District, South Carolina, he afterwards lived a number of years in Greenville District and afterwards removed to Pendleton now a part of Pickens District.

The fourth and fifth were answered in my general Declaration.

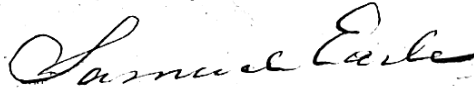
In answer to the sixth --

I received several Commissions signed by the Governor of South Carolina, which are lost.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

In open Court

S/ Samuel Earle



S/ Van A. Lawhon

5th March 1833

[p 34: Sandford Vandiver, a clergyman residing in Anderson District, and Robert Anderson of Pickens

District gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina, Richland District

Before me the undersigned Baylis J. Earle one of the Circuit Judges of the said State aforesaid Colonel Samuel Hammond¹ who is now confined by illness to his chamber and makes oath in due form of law that he was long and intimately acquainted with the late Captain Samuel Earle, that he became first acquainted with him in the month of February 1779, that the said Earle was at that time in the actual service of the United States, as a Lieutenant in a company of which John Bowie was Captain but he being acting as Brigade Major the Company was temporarily commanded by Captain Moore, that this Deponent had constant opportunity of being familiarly acquainted with the Corps in which said Earle served; that he was present on the day of the battle at Stono when Lieutenant Prince of the said Company was killed and aided in removing him from the field; that Deponent was also present at White Hall in 1780 when the Corps to which said Earle was attached with other troops under the command of General Williamson capitulated in pursuance of a convention made by him [Gen. Andrew Williamson] with the officers commanding the British forces in that part of the country: that this Deponent knows the fact that Mr. Earle was then Lieutenant of said Company, at the time the said Corps were disbanded. That afterwards he frequently met with Mr. Earle who was paroled, but in consequence of the disturbed state of the Country he was compelled to take up arms and he joined the Deponent's Regiment as a volunteer and served with him until he recovered some other appointment from General Pickens. This Deponent not living in the same part of the Country he does not know the fact that Mr. Earle raised the Company he mentions, but always understood the fact to be so, and does not hesitate to say that Mr. Earle perform the service which he sets forth in his declaration.

Sworn to and subscribed at Columbia of the 13th of December 1833 before me.

S/ B. J. Earle, Circuit Judge

S/ S. Hammond



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South Carolina, Granville District

Before me the undersigned Bayles J. Earle one of the Circuit Judges of the said State came William Goodlett² Esq. who is now confined by disease & infirmity to his house, and made oath in due form of law that he was personally acquainted with the late Samuel Earle from his infancy. That they were born & brought up in the same neighborhood, and were both about the

1 [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

2 [William Goodlett W8857](#)

same age to wit 74 years: that after their removal to South Carolina their acquaintance continued; that this deponent always understood & believes that the said Samuel Earle was appointed and served as a Lieutenant in the independent company commanded by Captain John Bowie for several years. That this deponent has no doubt of the fact although he did not actually serve with him: or [indecipherable word] him in service but it was a matter of public & common notoriety: that afterwards the said Earle to this deponent's actual knowledge served as a volunteer at the Siege of Augusta: and that after that event the said Earle, under the orders & in the Brigade of General Andrew Pickens enlisted a company of militia rangers, which company he actually commanded as Captain: that their term of service this deponent does not remember, but it was during the year 1783 according to the best of his recollection: that he saw said company actually in the service frequently, and the said parole actually in command thereof.

Sworn to before made this 3 May 1834.

S/ B. J. Earle, Circuit Judge

S/ William Goodlett, X his mark

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South Carolina, Greenville District

Before the undersigned Baylis J. Earle one of the Circuit Judges of the said State appeared John Young³ Esq. and made oath in due form of law that he was personally and intimately acquainted with the above named Captain Samuel Earle during the revolutionary War: that he is [indecipherable word] within the perfect knowledge of this deponent that some time in the year 1782 about the Close of the War, the said Samuel Earle commanded a company of mounted Rangers, raised under the order & in the Brigade of General Pickens, that the said Corps were in actual service in the frontier at the least four months, that this deponent personally knew the said Earle who [was] in command thereof, and knew of their said service. That the services of the said Earle in that capacity were notorious, and are well remembered by all who were then old enough to be informed of public transactions.

Sworn to the 12 May 1834 during vacation at his own house.

S/ B. J. Earle, Circuit Judge

S/ John Young

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Young". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, textured background.

[pp.16-18 Indents from SC in favor of Samuel Earle: See below]

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State of South Carolina, Pickens District

By William L. Keith Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, being a Court of record do hereby Certify that it was proved to the Satisfaction of the Court, now in session, that Captain Samuel Earle who had, before his death, applied to the War Department of the United States for a Pension for his Services in the Revolutionary War, and for whom a Pension certificate has been granted, died on the 23rd day of November 1833 leaving no widow surviving but left the following children viz. Heirs at Law living at his death, namely, the Honorable B. J. Earle, Morgan P. Earle, Samuel Earle, Elias Earle, Edward Earle and Miss Marion Earle, and John Maxwell and his wife Elizabeth, Robert Maxwell and his wife Mary, and Mariam Earle (now Mrs. Mags) and Harriet Earle (now Mrs. Earle); and that Elias Earle has

since died without leaving wife or lineal heirs. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said Court at Pickens Court House this the seventh day of October A.D. 1834

S/ William L. Keith
Clerk of the Court for Pickens District

[image 518 of the Ancestry.com version]

In the Senate 11th December 1793

Received the petition of John Bowie,⁴ Samuel Earle, Richard Tutt⁵ and Thomas Farrar⁶ represented by General Pinckney [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney⁷]

Praying that this Honorable House would be pleased to grant the petitioners the commutation which they severally think themselves entitled unto under a Resolution of the Legislature of this State they being the only Officers remaining of the three Independent Companies of Infantry raised in this State during the late War

Ordered that the petition be referred to a committee And a Committee was appointed accordingly viz.

General Pinckney, Captain Wilson, Colonel Brandon [Thomas Brandon]

In Senate 20th December 1793

General Pinckney from the Committee to whom were referred the petitions of John Bowie, Thomas Farrar, Richard Tutt, Samuel Earle and John Moore late Officers of the Independent Companies of this State praying provision to be made for the payment of their commutation presented the following Report.

That they have taken into consideration the case of the Petitioners & the following facts supported by the requisite vouchers.

That on the 25 day of February 1776 the said John Bowie was Commissioned as a Captain in the 5th Regiment of this State and that the said Thomas Farrar, Richard Tutt and Samuel Earle were appointed and commissioned Lieutenants in the same Regiment and as such were entitled under the Resolve of Congress to the Commutation of their pay.

That on the 7th day of February 1777 the said Officers with their men were detached from the Continental establishment under a Resolve of the Legislature of this State and on the express condition that the said Officers should be to all intents and purposes on the same footing as the Continental Officers as to pay, clothing, rations &c &c

That they were made Independent Companies subject nevertheless to all of the Rules and Articles of War and expressly declared to be under the Commander in Chief of this State that in consequence of there being so detached they could not claim the Commutation for their half pay during life from Congress.

Your Committee are therefore of opinion that as the Petitioners were detached from the Continental establishment by an express resolution of this State and on the express stipulation that they should be on the same footing in the above mentioned particulars as the Officers on the Continental establishment this State is bound both in Law and Equity to make immediate provision for the payment of that claim which your Committee conceived that they have on the justice of this State

Your Committee considers this as a liquidated claim to all intents and purposes in as much their pay is ascertained by law and a commutation for the same being equally certain does

⁴ [John Bowie SC12](#)

⁵ [Richard Tutt SC527](#)

⁶ [Thomas Farrar R3449](#) See this transcription for additional documentation relating to this petition.

⁷ [Charles Cotesworth Pinckney BLWt1759-500](#)

not require the intervention of an auditor to settle the same and of course that it is not on the footing of open accounts which are barred by the Act of limitation.

That the State of health of the first named of your Petitioners was the cause of this application being made so late as appears to your Committee by satisfactory evidence Ordered that the Report be taken into consideration Tomorrow.

[image 526 in the Ancestry.com version]

Samuel Earle deceased

South Carolina

Died 23rd November 1833

Ade as Captain \$280

Amount due \$761.36

Issue certificate to Baylis J Earle, Morgan P Earle, Samuel Earle, Edward Earle, Mana Earle, Eliz Maxwell, wife of John Maxwell, May Maxwell, the wife [of] Rebel Maxwell, Miriam Mays, wife of James B Mays, Harriet Earle, wife of Samuel M Elias Earle, children &c

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$280 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a Capt. in the South Carolina militia.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts ⁸ relating to Samuel Earle	pp 24
Audited Account No. 2139	
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No. 2349 Book X

8 April 1786

Samuel Earle for 10 days duty as a Brigade Major from 1st November to 10th 1781 both days inclusive, & 23 days from 1st of March to 23rd following 1782, both days inclusive as a horseman at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina Currency] per day

Charged Currency	£67
add more	<u>1</u>
currency	<u>£68</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£9.14.3 ¼

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

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State of South Carolina

To Samuel Earle

Dr.

To duty as Brigade Major in Genl.

Brigade from the 1st November 1781

until the 10th Both days Included

is 10 days at 90/per Day

£44.0.0

in Captain Parson's Company

To duty in Captain Major Parsons

Company from the 1st March 1782

⁸ 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.

until the 22nd Both days Included
is 23 days at 20/per day

£23.0.0
£67.0.0
£9.11.5

Certified by Colonel Ben. Roebuck [? very faint]

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No. 1781 17th January 1780 for
No. 953

Mr. Samuel Earle, his Account for Militia Duty done as Captain in 1781

Charged £51
Add more .10
 £51.10

Deduct the
first charge
in the within
Acct., see
within

36.0.0
£15.10/Stg. [Sterling

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

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State of South Carolina

	To Samuel Earle	Dr.
1781	To service done on horseback As A Captain in General Pickens [Andrew Pickens] Brigade from the 2 nd April till the 12 th June both days inclusive is 71 days at £3.10 per day is 1 day more at 70/ £252 if both days are included as expressed above	£248.10
1781	Also from the 24 th June till the 24 th of July both days inclusive is thirty one days at £3.10 per day is	£108.10
	Currency	£357
	Stg.	£51
		Add 10/more

South Carolina Ninety Six District } Personally appeared the said Samuel Earle & before me &
made Oath as the law directs that the above Accounts against the public are just & true sworn to
& subscribed before me this 13th day of October 1783

S/ Samuel Earle

S/ James Jordan, JP

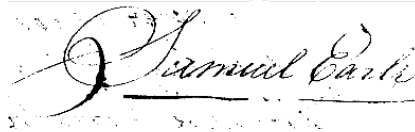
NB Deduct £36 Stg. for the 1st charge, the whole of that time being
included in his Account Current herewith [undeciphered words]
– and which leaves the Balance only £15.10 Stg.

The above Service as stated in the above account was performed by Captain Earls [sic] for which
he has Received no pay – Certified 17th October 1783

S/ Andw. Pickens
Brig. Genl. [Andrew Pickens, Brigadier General]



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To the Commissioners of the Treasury
Gentlemen
Please account for the Contents to Messrs. Wells & Bethune
S/ Samuel Earle



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State of South Carolina
To Samuel Earle Dr.
Received the 20 September 1780 from the Commissioners of the Treasury an Indent No. 95
Book K for £53.14.10 ³/₄ Sterling in full Satisfaction of the within and another audited Account.
S/ Samuel Earle

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20 September 1784 Book K No. 95
Mr. Samuel Earle his Account for Militia Duty done in 1781 & 1782, as Captain

Charged	£101.10 Currency
add 1 Days	
Duty more	3.10
Currency	£105
	or
Stg.	£15

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

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State of South Carolina
to Samuel Earle Dr.

1781 To service done on horseback as a
Captain in General Pickens Brigade on and
Expedition against the Cherokee Nation
from the 1st day of November till the
10th both days Inclusive at 70/per day £35

1782 Also against the Cherokees from
the 15th March until the 3rd day of April
both days included is 19 days at 60/is £66.10
one more in if both days are inclusive
is £57
20 days at 70/ £70

State of South Carolina Ninety Six District} Personally appeared the said Samuel Earle before me & made Oath as the law directs that the above account against the public are Just & true.

Sworn to &

to & subscribed before

S/ James Jordan, JP

S/ Samuel Earle

24th day of October 1783

the above service was performed by Captain Earle as stated in the above account for which he has Received no pay Certified the 17th October 1783

S/ Andrew Pickens, Brigadier General

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Earle praying the payment of a commutation allowed by Congress to the officers in the Continental Army in lieu of half pay for life (with the Report of the Comptroller General in relation thereto [])

Report that they have duly considered the claim and find that the services alluded to were rendered the State and the other facts set forth by the Petitioner were [undeciphered word] substantiated by the Records of this House, they therefore Respectfully recommend that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that Mr. Samuel Earle be paid the sum of Eighteen hundred Dollars with interest at three per cent from the 1793 = =

S/ Thomas Bennett, Chairman