

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Philip Gruber S21778

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State of South Carolina, Newberry District: SS

On this the twenty fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before Josiah J. Evans Presiding Judge of the Court of Common pleas, now sitting at Newberry Court House in and for the District of Newberry, Philip Gruber a resident of Newberry District, and State aforesaid who is in the seventy-seventh year of his age, who being first duly sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers in the 1st Continental Regiment of South Carolina commanded by Colonel Christopher Gadsden, Lieutenant Colonel Isaac Huger and Major __ Roberts in the Company commanded at that time by Captain Thomas Pinckney, 1st Lieutenant James Ladson and 2nd Lieutenant O'Neal. The other officers of the Company at the time he does not recollect. He entered the service at the time that this Regiment was formed which was on the __ day of __ in the year 1776. The following are some of the other officers who held commissions in the said Regiment Captain Hern, Captain Barnwell [probably John Barnwell], Captain William Cattell, Captain McDaniel (who afterwards was promoted to be a Major), Captain Benjamin Cattell, Captain Roger Parker Sanders, Captain Glen Drayton, Captain William Scott (who was afterwards promoted to be a Lieutenant Colonel) Captain Cotesworth Pinckney (who ultimately became the Colonel of the Regiment). These were the persons who commanded the ten companies that composed the Regiment. This Regiment was first regular troops which were raised in South Carolina and this applicant was enlisted as a soldier in it when it was first formed. That he was about nineteen years of age when he entered the service, and continued in the service in the same Regiment until the surrender of Charleston [Charleston fell to the British on May 12, 1780] from the time the Regiment was first formed (the Regiment at the time of the surrender of Charleston was commanded by Colonel Charles Cotesworth Pinckney). That he was born on 30 March 1757 in what is now called Newberry District South Carolina. In the year 1761 on account of the Indian war his father moved with his family to the City of Charleston where this applicant was raised and where he resided when he entered the service. His age was recorded in a Book which his father had and from which he transcribed it (the book is now lost). The first service he did after the Regiment was formed was to convey to some powder from Charleston to Dorchester on board of a Schooner. The whole Regiment was stationed at Fort Johnson on James Island. The 2nd Regiment was at the time stationed at Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island (during the engagement at Fort Moultrie under Colonel Moultrie which was on the 28th of June 1776, he was detailed and did take charge of a boat in which he conveyed some Powder to Fort Moultrie, from Fort Johnson). From James Island he was next removed to Charleston and from there over to Fort

Moultrie and the 2nd Regiment was removed to Charleston. From Fort Moultrie he together with his Regiment was removed to Savannah passing on the direct route from Charleston to Savannah from Savannah he was removed to the Altamaha River at Fort Barrington and from thence to Fort Tonian [sic, Tonym] at St. Mary's from the Mouth of the St. Mary's he sailed with the Regiment to Beaufort having touched at or near Sunbury, from Beaufort he was removed to Charleston from Charleston to Purrysburg at which place General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] took the command of all the troops from thence he was marched up the Savannah River to what was called the two Sisters [Two Sisters Ferry] near Augusta; near Augusta he was in a detachment sent from the two Sisters to reinforce Charleston commanded by Major Isaac Harleton where they arrived. From Charleston this detachment was sent to rejoin the Regiment - - at Dorchester. This applicant was in the Battle of Stono with his Regiment under the command of Colonel C.C. Pinckney, which was on the 20th day of June 1779.¹

From Stono he was marched to Savannah, he acted as Pilot for Count Polaski [sic, Pulaski] at Savannah. He was not in the engagement at the Siege of Savannah.

From Savannah the Carolina Troops marched back to Charleston, he went with his Regiment to Fort Moultrie and during the siege of Charleston which was in May 1780, he was surrendered as a prisoner to the British under the command of Lord Cornwallis and Lord Rawdon. The company in which he served at that time was commanded by Captain Lararain [Levalior de St. Marie] whose certificate together with that of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney he has hereto annexed. At Charleston he first obtained a parole, he then afterwards obtained a protection. After obtaining his protection, he raised a scout and about or near the four Holes he took a British Express, and sent him to General Marion [Francis Marion], this scout then dispersed: and he came up then to the Dutch Fork and joined a company there under the command of Captain William Houseal but that did no actual service while under his command. He was born as he has before stated in that part of South Carolina now called Newberry District, and has no further record of his age than what he has before stated: He was living as he has before stated in Charleston when he entered the service. He now lives and has lived ever since the close of the Revolutionary war in the Dutch Fork in Newberry District. He enlisted as he has before stated in the first Regiment of the Continental Troops and continued there in until the siege of Charleston.

He states that he was intimately acquainted with Thomas Pinckney (who was Major of the first Regiment at the time of the surrender of Charleston), Colonel C. C. Pinckney, General Lincoln, Count Pulaski, Colonel Isaac Hayne who was executed at Charleston: he recollects the 2nd Regiment which was commanded at the time it was first raised by Colonel Moultrie and the 3rd Continental Regiment which was commanded by Colonel Thompson [Thomson] and the 4th Continental Regiment which was commanded at the battle of Stono by Colonel Roberts [Owen Roberts] who was there killed (and who was the Major of the first Continental Regiment when it was first raised): and the 6th Regiment commanded by Colonel Sumpter [Thomas Sumter].

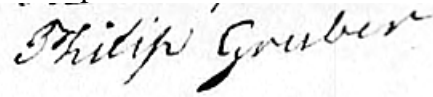
He never received a regular discharge from the Army but obtained a parole and afterwards a protection from the British at the surrender of Charleston as he has before stated, and came to the Dutch Fork without paying any attention to his protection: But this applicant states that on the 13th day of October 1786 obtained certificates from his Captain Lararain and his Colonel C. C. Pinckney, stating that he was a private soldier in the first Continental Regiment of South Carolina, which certificate countersigned by John Stanford Dart, who was paymaster general at the time, he has herewith annexed and which he feels confident will entitle his application to the attention of those to whom it is made.

He states that he is known to Peter Dickert a resident of his neighborhood and took

¹ http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html

Captain Henry Wertz who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution: and William Harmon a clergyman resident of Newberry District who can testify to the same. He hereby 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.

S/ Philip Gruber



Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

S/ Y. J. Harrington, Clk

[William Harmon, a clergyman, and Peter Dickert gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

This is to Certify that Philip Gruber was formerly a private in my Company and has behaved himself as a Sober man and was a good Soldier.

Charleston 13 October 1786

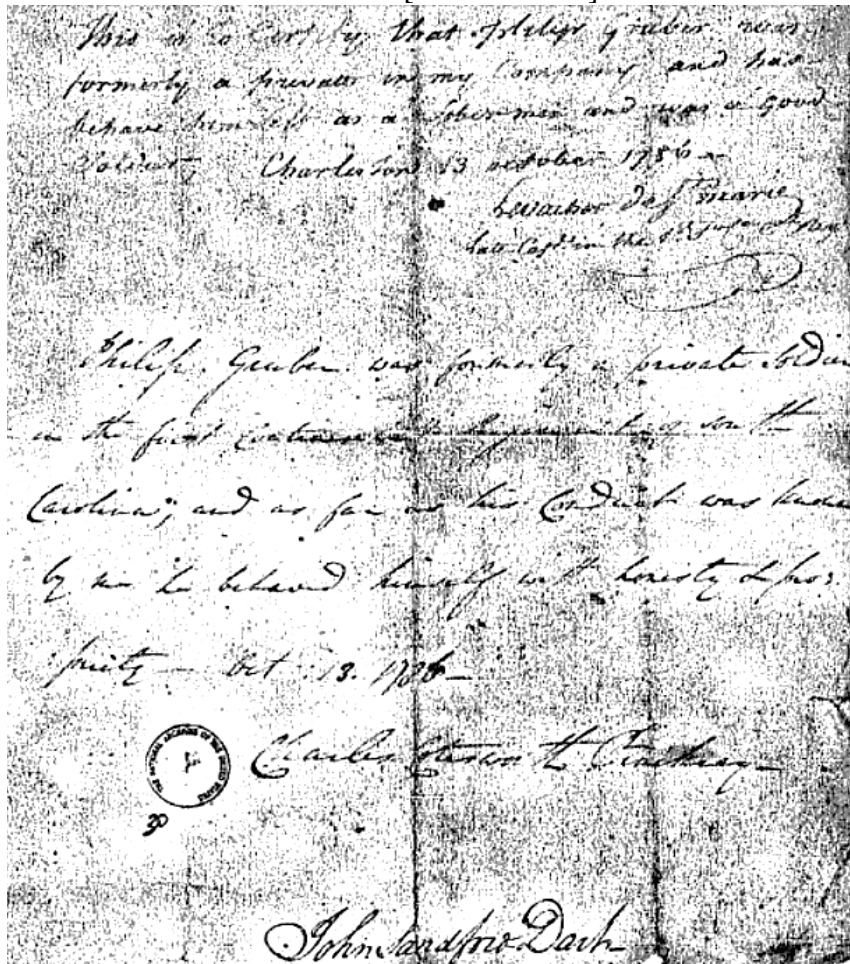
Levaitor de St. Marie

Philip Gruber was formerly a private Soldier in the first Continental Regiment of South Carolina and as far as his Conduct was known by me he behaved himself with honesty & propriety—

Oct. 13, 1786

S/ Charles Cotesworth Pinckney

S/ John Sandford Dark [could be Dart]



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John Sandford Dark

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts² relating to Phillip Gruber
Audited Account No. 3166A

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[Note: the documents posted in this file are largely illegible but they consist of an image of an indent No. 12 Book F which appears to be the Indent by which the veteran was compensated for his services in the 1st South Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line. The veteran appears to have sold his Indent to John Lester who used the principal and interest to purchase 2 tracts of land totaling 540 acres.]

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I indorse the within unto Mr. Joachim Bulow or his order this 18th [?] Day of March 1784

S/ Philip Gruber

I indorse the within for the use of James Lester

S/ Joachim Bulow

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or his order this 18th Day of March 1784.*

*I indorse the within for the use of
James Lester Philip Gruber
Joachim Bulow.*

² 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.