

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Leard S21862

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Abbeville District [South Carolina]

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

The Humble petition of John Leard sheweth:

That he entered the Revolutionary Service about the year Seventy Six: He served under Captains Patterson, Anderson, William McGaw, and John McGaw. He served a tour of three months under Patterson. He was at the Florida Expedition under James Noble Lieutenant of Anderson. He was at the Midway Expedition, a tour of about three months under William McClelland a Lieutenant of said Anderson. He was at the Siege of Ninety Six, a tour of five or six months under Captain John McGaw. He was also in the Kettle Creek battle under the command of William McGaw.

South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally came John Leard who being duly sworn saith that the facts stated in the above petition are true to the best of his knowledge & memory.

Sworn to & subscribed this 17th of January 1828 before

S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ

S/ John Leard Senior

A Schedule of Property belonging to the above John Leard is as follows:

(Viz) Two horse beasts	\$90
nine head cattle small and great	50
Three sows & pigs	12
Two beds and other household furniture	30
Plantation tools	<u>8</u>
	\$190
Wheelwright tools	<u>9</u>
	\$199

South Carolina Abbeville district: Before me personally appeared John Leard who being duly sworn saith that the above is a true schedule and valuation of all the property he owns or possesses to the best of his knowledge.

Sworn to & subscribed 17 January 1828 before me

S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ

S/ John Leard Senior

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South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally came James Shanks¹ who being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Leard in the old Revolutionary War: he served with him a tour of five or six months under Pickens. He was with him at the Siege of Ninety Six and that he believes and ever understood the said John Leard to be a true friend to his County [sic Country?]

Sworn to this 17th day of January 1828 before me
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ

S/ James Shanks

South Carolina Abbeville District: Before me personally came George McFerlin² who being duly sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Leard while a soldier in the old Revolutionary War towards the close. He served with him a short tour under Captain John McGaw and that he believes and ever understood the said John Laird to be a true friend of his country.

Sworn to the 17 day of January 1828 before
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ

S/ George McFarlin, X his mark

[p 19: Certificate dated April 28, 1854 issued by the Comptroller General's office in Columbia South Carolina showing payments made to John Leard for military services and losses of personal property during the revolution.]

[p 4: On May 22, 1854 in Abbeville district South Carolina Samuel P. Leaird, 39, filed a claim under the 1832 act stating that he is the son and heir at law of John Leard deceased late of Abbeville District; that his father was a pensioner of the State of South Carolina for his services in the revolution pursuant to a petition filed in 1828; that his father married affiant's mother Mary in 1795; that his mother survived his father and died March 28, 1845 leaving as his parents' only surviving children this deponent and his sisters the present Misses Mary Ann Leard & Ellen Leard; that his father died a state pensioner in Abbeville District October 8, 1843.



S. P. Leaird]

[p 6: In 1854, Mary Ann and Ellen Leard lived in Wilcox County, Alabama.]

[Veteran was pension at the rate of \$47.84 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831 and ending October 8th, 1843, for service as a private for 9 months and 21 days in the South Carolina dragoons and 2 months and 7 days as a private in the South Carolina Infantry.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to John Leard [Laird]

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¹ [James Shanks SC3078](#)

² Sic, [George McFarlin S18119](#)

³ 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.

Audited Account No. 4476B

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[No.] 1571

No. 95

[Book] Y

31 November 1787

John Leard for 87 days Duty as a Private horseman under the Command of Lieut. William McClellan at 20/ [20 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day is

Currency £87

Stg. [Sterling] £12.8.6 $\frac{3}{4}$

“no date mentioned when the duty was performed”

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

Passed S/ JP [?]

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Received 27 February 1788 the Amount of the Within in an indent No. 1571 – Y per Order
S/ Samuel McClinton



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South Carolina

Ninety Six District} Whereas John Leard of said District hath made oath before me that he served a tower [tour] of Dutey [duty] to Betch Island [Beach Island] and from thence to Midway under the command of William McClellan Deceased Luftenant [Lieutenant] then of Capt. William McGaw's Company which he hath Never Received value for nor is Never Returned into the Auditor's Office as yet which Tower of Dutey the Publick is Indebted to him Eighty seven days on Horseback at Twenty Shillings per Day old Currency which is Eighty Seven pounds old Currency for his services upon that Tower of Duty

Sworn to this 25th day of July 1785 before me

S/ Pat. Calhoun, JP

S/ John Leard



£12.8.6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Stg.

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Sertified by me

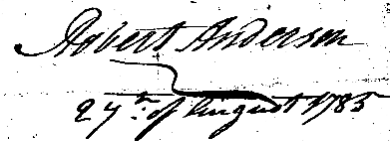
S/ William McGaw Capt.



I do Certify that no part of the Above Account was Included in the Returns made by me into the Auditor's Office

S/ Robert Anderson

27th of August 1785



Robert Anderson
27th of August 1785

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I do hereby Authorize & impower Mr. Andrew Taylor to draw & receive for my use, My Indent & the Interest due thereon, for Militia duty as a private in Capt. William McGaw's Company, with William McClelan Lieut. of said Company, in Col. Andrew Pickens Regiment in the Midway Expedition, a little before the reduction of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], my Account of duty was about 87 days and was afterwards Certified by Col. Robert Anderson, but by some neglect was not Returned to the Auditor's Office until sometime after Col. Anderson had made his General Returns, the said duty was as a private on horse-back – I do also order that there may be a discount entered on my said Indent for 130 acres of land on account of Patrick Cain.

Given under my hand this 5th day of November 1787

Abbeville County
in 96 District

John Leard

Abbeville County

South Carolina} I do hereby Authorize & Impower Mr. Samuel McClinton to draw & receive the Indents due to me for my Services to the public with the Interest due thereon as particularly described by another order given to Andrew Taylor, now in said McClinton's Possession
Given under my hand in the state & county aforesaid this 26th day of November 1787

John Leard

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Abbeville District} To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

The humble petition of John Leard Sheweth

That he entered the Revolutionary service about the year seventy six, He served under Captains Patterson,⁴ Anderson,⁵ William McGaw and John McGaw. He served a tour of 3 months under Patterson. He was at the Florida expedition under James Noble Lieutenant of Anderson. He was at the Midway expedition a tour of about three months under William McClelland a Lieutenant of said Anderson. He was at the Siege of Ninety Six⁶ a tour of 5 or 6 months under Captain John McGaw. He was also in the Kettle Creek⁷ battle under the command of William McGaw.

South Carolina

Abbeville District} Before me personally appeared John Laird who being duly sworn saith that the facts stated in the above petition are true to the best of his knowledge and memory

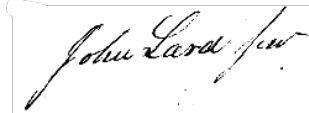
S/ John Lard Jur. [? Snr?]

⁴ I am not aware of any Captain in the South Carolina service with this surname

⁵ Perhaps then Captain Robert Anderson

⁶ May 21-June 19, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html

⁷ Kettle Creek February 14, 1779 <https://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790214-kettle-creek/>



Sworn to and subscribed this 17 day
January 1828 before
S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ

A Schedule of property belonging to the above named John Lard is as follows

(viz) Two horse beasts	\$90.00
Nine head cattle small and great	50.00
Three sows and pigs	12.00
Two beds and other house hold furniture	30.00
plantation tools	<u>8.00</u>
	190.00
Wheel rights tools	<u>9.</u>
	\$199.00

South Carolina
Abbeville District} Before me personally came John Leard who being duly sworn saith that
the above is a true schedule and valuation of all the property he owns or property to the best of
his knowledge

S/ John Leard Senr.

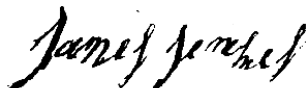
Sworn to and subscribed 17 January 1828
before me Patrick Gibson JQ

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Sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Leard in the old Revolutionary War. He served
with him a tour of five or six months under Pickens. He was with him at the Siege of Ninety Six
and that he believes and ever understood the said John Leard to be a true friend to his country.
Sworn to this 17th day of January 1828 before me

S/ Patrick Gibson, JQ

S/ James Shanks [?]



South Carolina Abbeville District} Before me personally came George McFarlin who being duly
Sworn saith that he was acquainted with John Leard while a Soldier in the old Revolutionary
War, towards the close, He Served with him a short tour under Capt. John McGaw. And that he
believes and ever understood that said John Leard to be a true friend to his Country
Sworn to this 17th day of January 1828
before me Patrick Gibson JQ

S/ George McFerlin, X his mark

[pp 15-17: Vouchers showing payment of a pension of \$60 per annum to the veteran by the State
of SC from May 28, 1829 to Jun 4 1834]

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To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina
The Humble Petition of Mary Laird [sic], of Abbeville District

Sheweth, unto your Honorable body, that she is the widow (and now resides in Abbeville District) of John Laird, deceased, who was a State Pensioner, at the time of his death, which happened on the 8th day of November last, your petitioner respectfully Sheweth unto your Honorable bodies, that John Laird, had not at the time of his death received any portion of his Pension since the 1st of March 1843. Your petitioner does not claim this as of right, but merely suggest it to your Honorable bodies; Your petitioner, is now in Extreme old age, and utterly destitute of the means of living comfortably. In her Extreme old age & indigent circumstances, she humbly prays your Honorable bodies to give her \$60, the one year's pension to which her late Husband would have been entitled if he had lived but a few months longer,

And your petitioner will ever pray this 29th November 1843

S/ Mary Laird, X her mark

[Note: The legislature paid the widow the sum of \$41.25 as being the accrued pension due her husband at the time of his death.]