

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Richard Britt (Brett) S39226

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State of South Carolina Kershaw District }

Memorandum That Richard Britt this day appeared in open Court and on his oath stated that he the said Richard was enlisted in the revolutionary war as a Continental Soldier. That he was in service when Charleston was surrendered to the British.¹ That he had served before that surrender upwards of nine months and was taken prisoner & kept as such till Washington's exchange of prisoners which took place in Virginia where he was exchanged -- That he served in the line of South Carolina in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson [sic, William Thomson] and in the company commanded by Captain Baker [Jefferson Baker] and after his capture by Lieutenant Knoff [probably a reference to Lt. John Knapp]. That he enlisted at Orangeburg SC under Lieutenant Colonel James Mayson -- 3 Regiment --

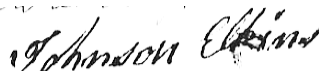
Sworn to in open Court before
me S/ Richard Gantt

S/ Richard Britt, X his mark

Also appeared Johnson Elkins² who on his oath saith that he well knew Richard Britt in the regular Army of the United States during the revolutionary war. That he was in said service this deponent believes upwards of nine months.

Sworn to

S/ Johnson Elkins



in open Court before me 16 [sic] 1819

S/ Thos. P. Evans, Clk.

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State of South Carolina Camden District } On the 27th day of June in the year of our Lord 1820 personally appeared Richard Britt in Open Court being a Court of record for the aforesaid District aged seventy-seven or eight years resident on Lynches Creek in the District aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law deposeth that he served three years in the regular service during the revolutionary War in Captain Tolls' [sic, Oliver Towles'] Company of the third Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson on or about the year of our Lord 1779 he enlisted he thinks under Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Mayson [sic, James Mayson] at that time of said Regiment -- that he made his Original declaration on the 16th day of November in the year of our

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

² [Johnson Elkins S39494](#)

Lord 1819 and that his pension Certificate is No. 16127, & the aforesaid declarant doth solemnly swear that he was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that he has not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner whatever disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that he has not nor has any person in trust for me any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to him nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed he has two sows and seven or eight shoats worth \$10 a disputed claim for 40 acres of land to which he cannot obtain \$30.00, one pot, one oven, one tub & pan worth four dollars amounting not altogether two \$45 (this deponent adds moreover that his wife is the only remaining member of his family who he thinks is older than himself and equally infirm so much so that she cannot make a garment for him that he has hitherto supported himself as well as his decrepit state would admit by the culture of the land & but for the friendly aid of his neighbors would not now be able to support himself.

Sworn before me
in Open Court on the
27th June 1820

S/ Richard Britt, X his mark

S/ Henry W. DeSaussure

a disputed claim for 40 acres land	\$30
2 Sows and 7 or 8 shoats	10
1 Pot 1 Oven 1 Tub 1 pail	<u>4</u>
	\$44.

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of eight dollars per month commencing November 16, 1819, for two years service as a private in the South Carolina Continental line.]

South Carolina Audited Accounts³ relating to Richard Britt AA8
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 758A
Transcribed by Will Graves

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The Petition of Richard Britt praying to be placed on the pension list
Pensions
Joseph Patterson

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To the Honorable the Speaker & Members of the House of Representatives of South Carolina
The Humble petition of Richard Brit [sic] Sheweth that your Petitioner enlisted in the Continental Army of the United States in the line of South Carolina in a Regiment commanded by Lieutenant James Mayson of the third Regiment, that your petitioner was taken prisoner at the Siege of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] & remained

³ 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.

so until the exchange of prisoners by Washington took place in Virginia. That he served in the South Carolina line in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson & in the company commanded by Captain Baker & his enlistment by James Mayson took place at Orangeburg South Carolina. Your petitioner further Sheweth that he never before applied to his country for support because he was able by his labor to provide for himself but he has for a few years past become [word written over and rendered illegible] that he is utterly incapable to do anything for his own Support. Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honorable body to make a provision for his future Subsistence by placing him on the pension list & your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Richard Brit, X his mark

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Johnson Elkins being duly Sworn maketh oath that he well knew Richard Brit [sic] during the Revolution war he well knows the Richard Brit served as a Soldier in the American Army of the United States & in the South Carolina line during the Revolutionary war & this deponent believes the said Richard Britt to have [served] at least nine months this deponent further states that the said Richard Brit is very infirm & poor & unable to support himself & is of good character

Sworn to before me this the 18th October 1819

S/ A. Watkins, JP

S/ Johnson Elkins

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The Committee on Pensions on the Petition of Richard Brite [sic]

Report

That they have considered the same, and find he was a Continental Soldier of the Revolutionary War, therefore entitled to a pension from Congress. Your Committee recommends the prayer be rejected.

S/ Sam. Warren, Chairman Con. & Pens.