

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Devlin S39435

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District} SS

By the Honorable Waddy Thompson one of the Judges of the Court of Equity for the State aforesaid.

Before me personally appeared James Devlin who being duly sworn declared under oath that he is a citizen of the United States resident in this District & State aforesaid; that he served in the War of the Revolution three years as a private in Captain Felix Warley's Company, third Battalion of South Carolina commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William Thomson], which during his service was transferred or put upon the Continental Establishment; that he enlisted in July 1775 & was Discharged at Charleston 14 August 1778; that his discharge was burned in the conflagration of his house in 1786, & that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support

S/ James Devlin, X his mark

In testimony that the above-mentioned James Devlin has sworn to & subscribed the foregoing affidavit before me; I have hereunto caused the seal of the Court of Equity aforesaid to be applied, & set my hand this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord 1818 & in the forty third year of the sovereignty & Independence of the United States of America

S/ W. Thompson

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District} SS

By Andrew Hamilton Esquire, one of the Justices of the Quorum for the District & State aforesaid

Before me personally James Russell ¹ who being duly sworn deposed that he served three years as a fellow-soldier with James Devlin in the War of the Revolution; & that he knows that the said James Devlin together with himself, belonged to Captain Warley's company third Battalion of South Carolina, placed during their service upon the Continental Establishment, & after three years served was honorably discharged at Charleston.

Sworn to this 23rd day of July 1818

Before me

¹ [James Russell R9097](#)

S/ A. Hamilton, J Q

S/ James Russell, X his mark

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The State of South Carolina Abbeville District}

On the 20 October 1820 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said district James Devlin aged about Seventy years resident in said district who being first duly Sworn According to law on his oath declared in the words following –

I Served in the revolutionary war as follows –

Viz./In Captain Felix Warley’s company third Regiment of the South Carolina Line commanded by Colonel W Thompson, that I made an application for a pension under the Act of 18 March 1818 on the 26th day of August 1818 and that I received a pension certificate Numbered 7289

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any other manner disposed of my property so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions 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 I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or Securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me Subscribed –

The ordinary occupation of my life has been farming but I am now unable to pursue it, I have no home nor family but live with my Son James who may at any moment leave me entirely destitute of Subsistence –

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court this 20th of October 1820

TestL James Wardlow, Clerk

S/ James Devlin, X his mark

Schedule

one Horse worth about	\$60.00
Saddle & Bridle worth about	6.00
[undeciphered] ²	2.00
1 Ewe 1 Ram & 2 lambs	<u>5.00</u>
	73.00

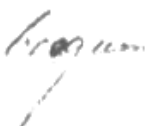
Sworn to and Subscribed in Open Court 20th of October 1820

Test

S/ Jas. Wardlow, Clerk

S/ James Devlin, X his mark

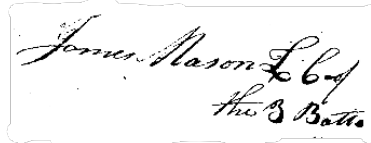
[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing August 26, 1818.]



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I do hereby Certify that the bearer James Devlin has Served the just and full Term of three Years in the third Battalion of South Carolina Commanded by Colonel William Thompson Esquire during which Term of time he has behaved himself as an honest and Faithful Soldier ought to do under Colonel Felix Warley and is now discharged upon the Continental Establishment at head Quarters in Charleston by me this 12 day of August 1778

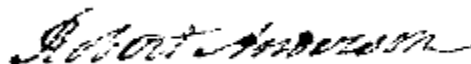
S/ James Mason, L. Col.
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South Carolina Pendleton District}

I do hereby Certify that James Devlin obtained a Warrant from me (then Commissioner of Locations) for a bounty of two hundred acres of land on account of his discharge from three years service in the Army of the United States of America, in the Revolutionary war of which Discharge the above seems to be a Copy – That he obtained a Grant for the two hundred acres of land from the State aforesaid But it turned out, that the Warrant was unfortunately laid on land which had been surveyed and Granted to other persons or person to the said James Devlin, who brought Suit against him the said [undeciphered word or words] and recovered the land and Cost against him. So that the said James Devlin lost the two hundred acres of land on the Bounty Granted to him as aforesaid for his service in the Revolutionary War as aforesaid. Therefore having lost it and having received no other Bounty for his said Services, must now be entitled to a bounty by the laws of this State or of the United States. Given under my hand this 29th day of March in the year of our Lord 1810

S/ Robert Anderson



South Carolina Pendleton District

The above Discharge is a True copy from the Original Protested before me

S/ J. C. Griffin, JP

[p 3: Printed form of indent No. 379 Book O dated April 19, 1785 “delivered to Mr. James Devlin this our Indented Certificate for the Sum of Eleven pounds eight Shillings and six pence three farthings Sterling duty done in the Militia in 1779 & 1782 per Account Audited.”]

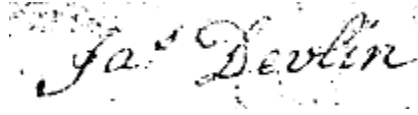
[p 4: Reverse of the above Indent bearing, among others, the following endorsement:

I do hereby assign over my Right Title and Interest of the within Indent to Alexander Robertson

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.

for Value Received

S/ Jas. Devlin



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That your Petitioner entered early into the Cause of his Country as a Regular Soldier under the Command of Colonel William Thompson and continued in the Service till the Month of August 1778 when your Petitioner was regularly discharged – That sometime in the Month of November then following your Petitioner was engaged to Render certain Extra Services under the command of Colonel Andrew Pickens, the particular Nature and extent of which are set forth in an account within transmitted and laid before your Honors, to which he begs your Honors to Refer – That after the performance of these Services your Petitioner made out a particular Account thereof and gave it unto the Care of Captain Joseph Dawson, who engaged to make a Return of it to the Auditor’s Office, to enable your Petitioner to have his Account liquidated and Settled – Your Petitioner conceived that Dawson had Returned your Petitioner’s Account to the Auditor, and that his Claim had been liquidated & was never undeceived, till about 2 years ago your Petitioner applied for his pay, and found that Captain Dawson had neglected making a Return of it – Your Petitioner therefore prays your Honors to take his case into Consideration, and to Grant him such Relief in the Premises as to your Honors shall seem meet⁴

S/ James Develin [sic]

We whose names are underwritten do certified that the Facts above set forth are true as far as they Relate respectively to us, and We also Certify that the Petitioner was a faithful Soldier, and we are convinced that his Claim is well-founded, and that it has never been satisfied owing to the Reason set forth in the Petition

Cpt

I believe the facts Set }
forth in this Petition is Just & true } Andrew Hamilton
Cpt }

Thomas Weems

Samuel Foster, Senr.

Benjamin Clarke

Thomas McKedy

John McKedy Junier

John Fulton

Enos Crawford

Francis Hunter

William Blacke

Bartholomew Weems

John Chalmers

James Nelson

Cpt. Joseph Dawson

Thomas Jordon

[pp 8-9: another version of the above petition but with clearer signatures by the supporting affiants as follows:

⁴ In Samuel Johnson’s Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word “meet” he gives is “Fit; proper....”. Johnson noted that even at that time the word “meet” was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800’s, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

Petitioners (det)
List in the within Petition (Andrew Hamilton
Esq. Secy.

Thomas Stearns

Samuel Foster sen

Benj. Clarke

Thomas M'Kedy

John M'Kedy junier

John Johnston

Enos Crawford

Francis Hunter,

William Black

Joseph Monro

John Calmery

John Nelson

Chas. Carson

Thomas Jordan

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To the Honorable the President & other Members of the Senate

Your Petitioner Humbly Sheweth that he is an old Revolutionary Soldier & that he was Entitled to a Bounty of land, which was laid on lands previously Granted, which land has been since Recovered from him by due course of law, with a large Expense of Cost, which Entirely ruined your Petitioner that in Addition to these his losses, he had done Several years Service for which he never received any pay, and is now become old & infirm & would be glad to close the Evening of his life, by participating in some of the liberalities which in Early life he fought to acquire, - That your Petitioner wished to refer you to General Pickens who will inform you more

fully on the Subject, and your Petitioner as in duty Bound will ever pray
S/ James Devilin [sic]

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The Honorable President and other Members of the Senate not met & Assisting

Your petitioner humbly Sheweth that he was Enlisted a regular Soldier in Colonel Thompson's Regiment and Served his time and was duly discharged and that he was entitled to a bounty of land of two hundred acres which land was granted to him by the State, but unfortunately for your petitioner his warrant was laid on land before granted to another and your petitioner lost the said land in a Suit at law and fifty dollars Cost that your petitioner is now an old man and very poor and has vouchers to prove the above Statement hopes from the Justness of his Case and humanity of his Country to receive a remuneration and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ James Davelin, Petitioner [Sic]

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The Committee on the petition of James Devlin
Report

That the said petitioner has been a soldier of the Revolutionary war in Colonel Thompson's Regiment and appears to have never received that compensation that his services entitle him to, and is now a very old and infirm man and not capable of supporting himself and family. We therefore recommend that he be put on the pension list

S/ Samuel Fickling [?], Chairman

[pp 21-22: Vouchers indicate that payments of \$60 per annum were made to the veteran commencing June 7, 1820 through June 4, 1823]

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The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker & other Members of the House of Representatives –
The humble Petition of John Devlin, Administrator of James Devlin deceased,
Sheweth,

That James Devlin Senior your petitioner's intestate, was a Revolutionary soldier in the militia of South Carolina & for many years prior to his death a pensioner of the State at the rate of sixty dollars a year that the said James Devlin received his pension up to the first day of March 1825, and died on the 26 November 1825, having about forty-five dollars arrears of his pension unpaid and that the Treasurer refuses to pay those arrears to your petitioner who has duly received letters of administration upon the estate of the said James Devlin

Your petitioner therefore prays that \$45, arrears of pension as aforesaid, may be paid to him as administrator as aforesaid. And he will pray &c

[undeciphered words] 21 November 1826

S/ John Devlin, Administrator

