

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John Verner S7793

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South Carolina Pickens District: SS March Term 1833

On this eleventh day of March 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Josiah J Evans of the Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas now sitting John Verner Esquire a resident of Pickens District and State aforesaid aged Seventy Years 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He went to McGowins Block House [McGowan's Blockhouse]<sup>1</sup> in Abbeville County SC near where his Father lived (15 miles) afterwards at Coleman's Fourt [Coleman's Fort] in Elbert County Georgia under Captain Wm Wilson [William Wilson] the time he was at McGowens he was under Captain Anderson [probably Robert Anderson] the length of times he does not recollect he was at each of these tours a substitute for his brother David Verner.<sup>2</sup> After the fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] He turned out Volunteer under Colonel Andrew Pickens,<sup>3</sup> went with him to Pacolet where he joined General Morgan [Daniel Morgan] and was with them in the Battle of the Cow Pen [Battle of Cowpens, January 17, 1781]<sup>4</sup> in January 1781 he was after Tarleton's defeat marched back to Abbeville and was taken down with the Small Pox after he recovered he was marched to the siege of 96 [Siege of Ninety Six, May 21-June 19, 1781]<sup>5</sup> where he was Commanded by Captain Carruthers [Robert Caruthers] after that he was sent under the same Captain Robert Carruthers to guard the Frontiers against the Tories and Indians. He afterwards volunteered under Captain John Norwood and was with him when Masterson & Andy Neil were killed. He was a private during all his services and quite young. He was in all upwards of one year in the service he is unable to give the dates &c &c. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person who can testify to his services whose testimony he can procure. His services were mostly confined to South Carolina and was but little with the regular Army or officers only the time he was at the Cow Pens & at 96 [Ninety Six]. This declarant was born in the State of North Carolina in Granville County, he lived there

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<sup>1</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/mcgowans-bh.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [David Verner S21550](#)

<sup>3</sup> Andrew Pickens initially took parole from the British after the fall of Charleston. He broke his parole in late November or early December 1780 after the British looted his plantation thereby giving him free conscience to break his parole.

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_cowpens.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_cowpens.html)

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

till he was upwards of ten years of age when his Father moved to Abbeville County SC where he resided until after the Revolution. He then moved to Pendleton County in 1787 and this declarant has lived in Pendleton ever since on the division of the district he fell into Pickens District and resides in 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.

Sworn to and Subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid  
S/ William L Keith, CC

S/ John Verner



[John Cobb, a clergyman and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of South Carolina Pickens District: Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the District of Pickens John Verner Esquire who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot Swear positively as to the precise length of his Service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grade viz. a private: he this deponent entered the service a substitute in place of his Brother David Verner under Captain Anderson and served under him at McGowens Block House in Abbeville District South Carolina on the Savannah River near the Cherokee Line this service was done in the spring of 1779 he believes the next service he did he was a substitute still in his Brother David Varner[']s place and was marched to Coleman's Fort Elbert County Georgia under the command of Captain William Wilson to guard the frontier versus the Indians and served not less than 15 days, this was in the latter part of the fall or winter of the year 1779 or the spring of 1780 he then in the year 1780 after the fall of Charleston volunteered under Colonel Pickens and was marched by him to Crindle Shoals [Grindel Shoals]<sup>6</sup> on Pacholet [Pacolet River] Spartanburg South Carolina and Joined General Morgan and was under him in the Battle at Cowpens in January 1781 and served not less than 4 months, he then went home, lay some time the small pox he then as soon as he recovered he returned to the Army under command of General Pickens previously Colonel Pickens and under Captain Curruthers and served not less than nine months for after the capture of Lord Corn Wallis [Cornwallis, Yorktown, October 19, 1781] he was placed under Captain Norwood to guard the frontiers of South Carolina in Abbeville District which service is included in the Last mentioned period of nine months and he thinks that he was not discharge until the beginning of the year 1782 making in all one year two months and fifteen days he thinks a great deal more for during years of 1780 and '81 he was not employed in any Civil pursuit whatever for which service he claims a pension. – Sworn to before me and subscribed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 1833

S/ F. N. Garvin, JP

S/ John Verner

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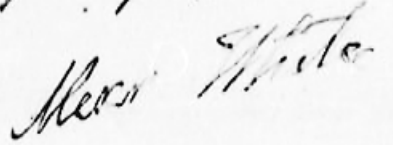
South Carolina Pickens District: Personally appeared before me the Subscribing Justice, Alexander White, an old citizen of said District who being duly sworn saith that during the revolutionary war with great Britain he resided with his father William White in Abbeville SC all

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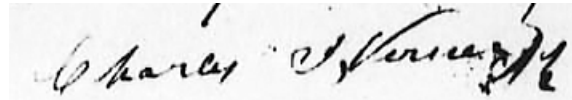
<sup>6</sup> <http://gaz.jrshelby.com/grindalshoals.htm>

this time he the deponent was under age to do Military duty he was born as stated in his father's record in the year 1765, and this deponent further states that he was personally acquainted with John Verner an applicant for a pension and that he does know that he said Verner was absent from his father's, who resided about two miles from that of his father, and it was said that he was out in the service, and he believes it was so for that the whole family of the Verners were true Whigs

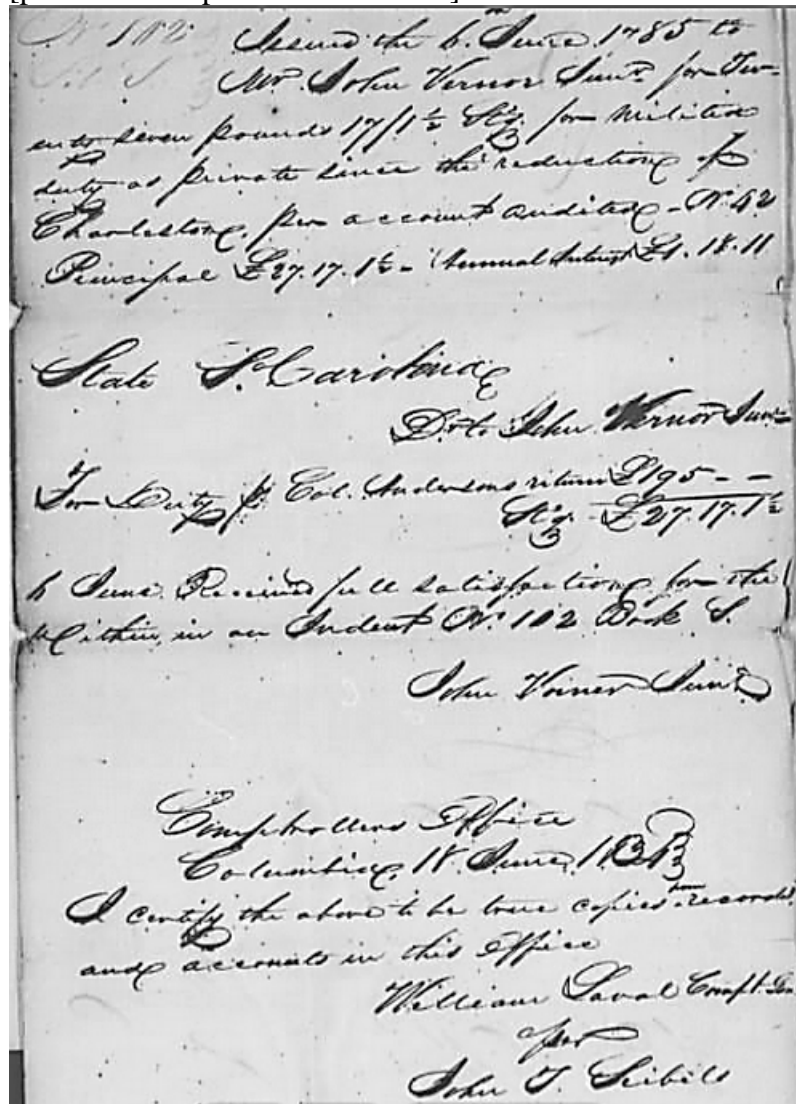
S/ Alexr White



Sworn and's subscribed to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> October 1833  
S/ Charles J Verner, JP



[p 21: SC Comptroller's certificate]



1833 Received the b. Sum. 1785 to  
Mr. John Verner Sum. for the  
sum of seven pounds 17/11/2 for military  
duty as private since the reduction of  
Charleston, per account audited - N. 42  
Principal £27. 17. 11 - Annual interest £4. 18. 11

State of Carolina  
D. to John Verner Sum.  
For Duty of Col. Anderson's return 1795 -  
£27. 17. 11

to Sum. Received full satisfaction for the  
within in an Indent N. 102 Book 1.

John Verner Sum.

Comptroller's Office  
Columbiana, N. Carolina 1833  
I certify the above to be true copies, records,  
and accounts in this Office

William Caval Comptroller

John T. Sibbald

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The State of South Carolina

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the \_\_\_ for Pickens District & State aforesaid, John Verner Esquire, who being Sworn deposeth and saith, That by reason of loss of memory occasioned by old age, He cannot Swear positively as to the precise length of his Services: but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades, all the time a private.

In the year 1778

For one month at McGowens ferry under Captain Anderson	1 mo.
For fifteen days at Coleman's Fort Captain Wilson	15 days

In the Year 1780

For one month under Colonel Pickens	1 mo.
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In the Year 1781

For the whole year a part of the time under Captain Norwood, part under Captain Carruthers, Colonel Andrew Pickens – a part of the time he was confined with the Small Pox, during this year he was employed in no Civil pursuit or employment whatever

1 year  
1 Yr. 2 mo. 15 ds.

In all one year 2 months & 15 days and for such service I claim a pension.

Sworn to 4<sup>th</sup> June 1833 Before

S/ Nathan Boon, JP

S/ John Verner

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$48.32 per annum commencing March 4<sup>th</sup>, 1831, for service as a private for 14 ½ months in the South Carolina militia.]