

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Prescott Bush SC1056
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Petition of Prescott Bush praying that he may be placed on the pension list
Pensions
Rejected
S/ DH Brown

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South Carolina Barnwell District} To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives; –
Whereas the petition of Prescott Bush, humbly Sheweth to your Honorable bodies, that he feels constrained to make application to become a State pensioner for Services rendered, for three or four years as a Soldier during the first Revolutionary war, he went into the Service at sixteen years old; first under Captain Turner [Sterling Turner], Captain Mitchell [John Mitchell] and Captain William Butler to which there is not one of his officers alive – whom he served under, or they would testify to his being a faithful and true Soldier during the revolutionary contest, he was considered to be a very active and brave man in many scouting parties, to which it was very important to have such man on certain occasions, your petitioner is about Sixty-two years old, whose circumstances are very limited as his Schedule will show, from [undeciphered word or words] enough that his labors under it renders it out of his power of laboring hard, for a Support, he therefore humbly prays that your honors will view the propriety of his claim and grant him such relief as in your wisdom and discretion you think he may deserve

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it would seem hard to deny the old patriot a pension for his future days, which can't be many he being very infirm and far advanced in years, there is no doubt – but – the petitioner is in every respect well deserving of the bounty and commiseration of a generous Republic, we the undersigned do confidently hope that you may grant his prayer, as we individually Concur him to be Justly entitled to,

¹ 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. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

We as in duty bound will ever pray October 12, 1827

S/ Wm W. Williams [William W. Williams]

S/ Dr. Bunch

S/ Jno McBacon

S/ A. M. Wade

S/ E. Evans

S/ William Conaway

S/ Jesse Johnson

S/ Isaac Johnson

S/ George Bush

James Smith

S/ L. O'Bannon [Lewis O'Bannon]

S/ Preston Harley

S/ G. O. Riley

S/ Benjn. O'Dom

S/ W. Barker

S/ John Dyches

S/ Jacob Shipes

S/ Beverly Samuel

South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before me E. Evans [1] of the Justices assigned to keep [the peace] of said District, Mr. Prescott Bush who after being duly sworn as the Law directs, saith that the contents of the above petition as therein set forth are Just & true Sworn to before me the 19th October 1827

S/ E. Evans, JP

S/ Prescott Bush

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South Carolina Barnwell District} Personally appeared before E. Evans one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace of said District Mr. Richard Bush who after being duly Sworn as the law directs, deposeth & saith that the Petitioner Prescott Bush faithfully served his country as a soldier during the latter part of the Revolutionary War.

Sworn to before me this 29th day of September 1827

S/ E Evans, JP

S/ R. Bush

A Schedule of the Property of the Petitioner Prescott Bush

350 acres of Pine Land

3 Head of Horses

14 head of Cattle

a few head of Hogs
Sworn to before me this 29th of September 1827
S/ E. Evans, JP

S/ Prescott Bush

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South Carolina Edgefield District} Personally appeared before me John W. Keel one of the
Justices of the Quorum George Sawyer & being duly Sworn saith that the petitioner Prescott
Bush faithfully served his Country as a Soldier during the Revolutionary war.
Sworn to before me this 1st day of October 1827
S/ John W Keel, JQ S/ George Sawyer, X his mark

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of Prescott Bush praying for a
pension

Respectfully Report

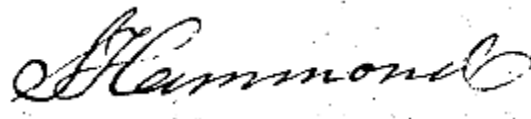
That they have considered the same and recommended to this house that the prayer of the
petitioner be not granted

S/ John McComb, Chairman

Nov. 1827

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I certify that Captains Butler and Turner within named belonged to the militia service of this
State in the revolutionary War. The former commanded a rifle company attached to my
Regiment, and Captain Turner commanded a volunteer Company – He was killed in an
engagement with the Tories on Clouds Creek²

S/ S. Hammond [Samuel Hammond]³



The Petition of Prescott Bush praying for a pension
Granted
Pensions
Senate Past
S/ Patterson

[pp 11-14: copy of the above petition & supporting affidavits]

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South Carolina Barnwell District} Prescott Bush being sworn says that his circumstances are
much the same now as when his petition for a pension was presented to the Legislature, except
he is more affected by disease and being dependent on his personal labor for maintenance of
himself and family, his situation is becoming gradually more [undeciphered word] and

² http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_clouds_creek_2.html

³ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)

uncomfortable. Indeed this deponent says that he is to greatly afflicted with the asthma which is yearly becoming more oppressive on him that he is now and has been for some time unable to do a whole day's labor – his health and strength is also most sensibly affected by old age as well as infirmity

Sworn to this 23rd of October 1829 before me

S/ A. Patterson, Q U

S/ Prescott Bush

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Prescott Bush praying for a Pension –

Report they have considered the same, and recommend the prayer thereof be granted –

December 9th – 1829

S/ R. Richardson, Chairman

[pp 18-19—receipts reflecting payment to the veteran of a pension of \$60 per annum from June 5, 1830 to June 13, 1834; and receipts for June 15, 1842 and November 28th 1845 for \$80 each, the last of which bears the signature of the veteran as Prescott Bush Snr.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Prescott Bush Snr." The signature is written in dark ink on a light background. The letters are connected and fluid, with a prominent initial 'P'. The signature is enclosed in a small square bracket on the right side.