

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Stephen Jackson SC11¹
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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina:

The humble petition of Stephen Jackson sheweth that during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain your petitioner rendered many valuable services to the United States, and more particularly to the State of South Carolina, in which service he was engaged nearly the whole of said war, both in the capacity of a private soldier and Captain of a militia Company; and altho he cannot claim as some of his fellow soldiers can the praise of being in any very conspicuous Battles, yet he is persuaded that his services were not the less beneficial for the country it being especially necessary for the protection of the property and Families of the Whig party in this section of the state, that a company of the militia should be kept in readiness and very often in actual service, to surprise the Tories, with which this part of the State was particularly infested.

Your petitioner has very much to regret that his commission of Captain of Militia is so much demolished by the lapse of time as to be altogether unintelligible and not less to regret that many of his fellow soldiers who were both acquainted with his services in said war, have long since been consigned to eternity, at the time when their testimony might have been obtained, your Petitioner had not the most distant idea of ever supplicating your Honorable Body for any support but having now arrived at the advanced age of seventy Eight years with an impaired constitution without any means of supporting himself but that of his own bodily exertion; he is constrained to approach your Honorable Body in the character of a humble supplicant for a pension, and your petitioner cannot but flatter himself that you will take his case into serious consideration and make such provision for him in his old age as will prevent him from suffering from the want of the common necessities of life – and in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray.

S/ Stephen Jackson

[There is no date or locality on this Petition]

¹ Source: Accounts Audited of Claims Growing out of the American Revolution
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