

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Michael Finney SC1531 AA19

Audited Account Microfilm file No. 2400

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No. 28 20 April 85 [1785]

[Book] O [No.] 410

Mr. Michael Finney his Account of 250 Days Duty as Private in the Militia per Captain ~~John~~ Calhoun's Pay Bill commencing in May 1781 & ending in April 1783 done on Horseback at 20/ [20 shillings per day] [old South Carolina currency] £250

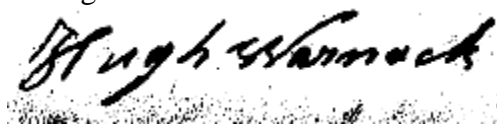
Stg. [Sterling] £35.14.3 ¼

Ex^d. W.R. [Examined by W. R. [identity unknown]]

J. M^c. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Received the 20th April 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 410, Book O by an order

S/ Hugh Warnock



[p 3: Repeat of the above information]

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Petition of Michael Finney 1st December 1800

Committee on pensions

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To the Honorable ~~Speaker and House of Representatives~~ ^{the President & members of the Senate} of South Carolina in General Assembly

The Humble petition of Michael Finney Sheweth that your petitioner Served this State three years in the third Regiment commanded by Colonel William Thompson [William

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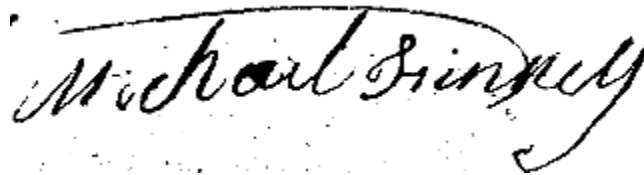
Thomson] and Received three wounds in said Service at the attack of the British lines before Savannah on the 9th day of October 1779² by the said wound your petitioner lost two fingers off his left hand Eighteen Peaces of Boan [Pieces of Bone] was Extracted from his Right arm and Slightly wounded in his left ancle [ankle], he was therefore Returned as an Invelead [Invalid], and allowed by the State a pension of five pounds annually, your petitioner has only Received three years of said pension and on application to the Treasury he was informed he must apply to the lone office where he was informed that the South Carolina line was overlooked by the officers therefore there was no provision made for him and other Inveleads –

Your petitioner conseaves [conceives] it Extremely hard thus to be cut off from a Support which is his Just Right – as he was disabled in your Service he hopes that in your wisdom you will Grant him such Relief as to you shall seem Right

And your Petitioner shall Ever Pray

S/ Zachariah Bailey

S/ Michael Finney

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Finney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Michael Finney".

Angus Campbell

[p 6: long list of signatures of men which I supposed to have been in support of the veteran's petition]

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Report on the Petition of Michael Finney

15th December 1800

to be considered tomorrow

16th agreed to & sent to Ho. Rep. for their consideration

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Michael Finney

Report – That they have considered the same & recommend that he ^{the petition be} put upon the pension list

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In the Senate December 16 1800

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Michael Finney

Report. That they have considered the same and recommend that the Petitioner be put upon the pension List.

Resolved. That this House do agree to the Report

Ordered. That the Report & Resolution be sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence

by order of the Senate

S/ Felix Warley, C. S.

² Siege of Savannah September 16-October 9, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790916-savannah/>

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South Carolina Laurens District} We do hereby Certify that we were acquainted with Michael Finney a petitioner of the Revolutionary War that he Resided in Laurens District; was a man of Good moral Character and Well entitled to the increase of annuity made by the Legislature that he died on or about 15th of December 1818 last, that Administration of his Estate have since his Death been Committed to John Cook; who have signed the within petition. Given under our hands and seals this 21st Day of November 1818

S/ Patrick Todd

S/ James Saxon

S/ William Burnside

The Petition of John Cook Administrator of Michael Finney deceased a State Pensioner praying for the balance of said deceased Pension

Claims

Committee on Pensions

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State of South Carolina Laurens District} To the Honorable the Speaker and other members of the house of Representatives – the Humble petition of John Cook Sheweth; that Michael Finney pensioner of the Revolutionary War, Departed this life on or about 15th day of December 1818 last; that since his death, Administration of his Estate hath been Granted to your petitioner That the said Michael Finney in Consequence of the legislative provision made for him Obtained a Credit against his neighbors and acquaintances; and at the time of his death was more indebted than his Estate is sufficient to pay – that he lived nine months after the payment of his last year’s pension – which would have amounted to the rate of Sixty Dollars per annum – which agreeable to the time of his Deceased would make the Sum of forty-five dollars, which if your petitioner Could Obtain would enable him to pay off the debts and funeral Expenses of the said Pensioner –

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honors would take this his petition into Consideration and authorize the Treasurer to pay to your petitioner the Sum of forty-five Dollars for the nine months which the said pensioner lived after the payment which he last Received on account of his Pension, and your petitioner will Ever pray – this 15th of November 1819

S/ John Cook, Admr.

[pp 13-14: repeat copies of documents transcribed above]

[p 15: petition by John Cook addressed to the South Carolina Senate in identical language to his petition to the South Carolina House of Representatives as transcribed above]

[pp 16-19: The South Carolina legislature approved the payment to John Cook of \$45 pursuant to his petition]