

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Joseph J. Hancock SC16
Audited Account No. 3289A

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[Andy Lisenby has provided a photocopy of the following document obtained from the South Carolina Archives, Audited Accounts 3289A]

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To the Honorable the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of Joseph J Hancock sheweth to your Honorable body that your Petitioner is now in his seventy second year of age & is unusually infirm of his Age never being a very stout or large man; that he has a wife nearly as old as himself and besides the infirmities of Age is a cripple in his [her?] right Loin. In the Revolutionary War your Petitioner commenced his military course and that he at the Age of sixteen your Petitioner was frequently with General Marion [Francis Marion] in the low country & was with him at the taking of a parcel of Tories on a scout on the Santee [River]; the name of the place your Petitioner don't now recollect, was under a Captain ___ at a skirmish with the Tories near the Waxhaw Church which officer's name your Petitioner don't now recollect, was in different Companies, routes & skirmishes on the Peedee [Pee Dee River], Black River and on the Santee, besides those enumerated under Colonel Culp [Abel Kolb] & Colonel Hicks [George Hicks]. Your petitioner during the whole of the Revolutionary War was engaged as a soldier several times drafted – when not drafted would turn out as a volunteer. He providentially was not wounded during the whole period but his life & liberty was often in imminent danger. He never asked pay nor did he ever get any except Eight Dollars and besides your Petitioner then only owned one Horse & he was stolen by the Tories whilst the British were at Camden. Your Petitioner has been unfortunate during his life in amassing property having met with several reverses of fortune. He is now poor as you may tell from his schedule & too old to work & labor to support himself & his wife & she too is now rather a charge than a helpmate.

Your petitioner prays that now he is old poor & helplessness, that he spared neither the prime of life nor labor nor pains & exposed his life and his liberty for his Country's greatest good

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

that his Country now will not be a spectator of his poverty & helplessness, but will extend to him some assistance in his old age and grant him a pension.

[no sign of a signature or date]²

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Joseph John Hancock praying to be placed on the pension list.

Respectfully report,

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

December 1826

S/ John McCourt, Chairman

[pp 7 & 8: Receipts indicating the payment of an annual annuity of \$60 to Joseph J Hancock commencing May 26, 1831 and ending 20th May 1834.]

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Chesterfield Co. Ho. [Court House] SC

15 July 1836

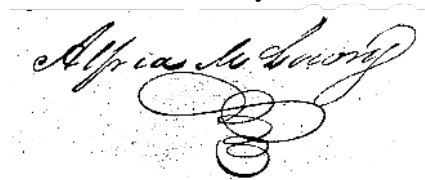
T. Walker Esqr.

Treasurer of the Upper Division

Sir – Enclosed is an affidavit³ and a Certificate which Elizabeth Hancock, the wife of Joseph J. Hancock deceased who was a pensioner on the State of South Carolina at the time of his death in 1834. Mrs. Hancock has been informed that she is entitled to \$30 per annum half the sum which her Husband was entitled to – Hancock drew his Pension in 1834 and died in the Summer of that year – please to inform Mrs. Hancock Whether or not she can draw anything, when you write to me – If she can and the papers are not sufficient or informal say how & what will be necessary for her to do – Inform her whether she can draw, & from what time, I will let her know the result, which will probably satisfy her some if she is not entitled.

Yours respectfully

S/ Alfred McLowry

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alfred McLowry". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. The letters are fluid and connected, with a prominent flourish at the end of the name.

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State of South Carolina

Chesterfield District }

We the Undersigned do hereby certify that we are acquainted with Elizabeth Hancock the widow of Jos. J. Hancock deceased (who was a pensioner on the State of South Carolina at the time of his death) she is at this time a widow & has not been married since Hancock's death and that full faith & credit is due, & are to be given to any declaration that she might make on oath or otherwise –

² I think it highly likely that documents have been removed from this file and not returned.

³ The papers in this file do not contain the widow's affidavit.

Given under our hands this this 6th day of July 1836
S/ Jn Wadsworth Q. U.
S/ J. W. Hudson

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