

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Thomas Davidson SC1805  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 1766A

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Petition of Thomas Davidson  
5<sup>th</sup> December 1799  
Committee on pensions

[p 4: retake of p 3]

To the Honorable John Ward President and the Honorable the members of the Senate of South Carolina

The Petition of Thomas Davidson  
Humbly Sheweth –

That your petitioner served in the late American war under the command of Captain Stephen Buckner<sup>2</sup> in Colonel William Heath's [probably William Heth's]<sup>3</sup> Regiment and was wounded in this State in such a manner that he is unable to work for his livelihood and has Received his pay as Pensioner up to the year 1793 and not any part since. Your petitioner Humbly Begg that your Honors will take his Case into your Consideration and do as seems most Meet<sup>4</sup> to you

And your petitioner as in Duty Bound will ever Pray  
S/ Thomas Davidson



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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> I could not identify an officer by this name. I believe, however, the veteran was mistakenly trying to name Captain Thomas Buckner of the Virginia Continental line who was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston South Carolina on May 12, 1780 and remained a prisoner on parole until the end of the war.

<sup>3</sup> Col. William Heth was an officer in the Virginia Continental Line. He was taken prisoner at the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780. He remained a prisoner on parole until the end of the war.

<sup>4</sup> In Samuel Johnson's Dictionary of 1755, the first definition of the word "meet" he gives is "Fit; proper...." Johnson noted that even at that time the word "meet" was rarely so used. It must have become fairly popular in South Carolina in the early 1800's, however, as it appears in many petitions submitted to the SC Legislature.

William Hughs  
Dan Schults  
Samuel Griffith  
Joseph Horiel  
Charles DeWitt  
John Gordon

Amos Arnold  
Thomas Swindin  
Thomas Hughs  
David Hughs  
Jacob Lamly  
William Hughs

Thomas Davidson  
Hughes  
Dan Schults  
Samuel Griffith  
Joseph Horiel  
Chas DeWitt  
Jno Gordon

Amos Arnold  
Thomas Swindin  
Jno Hughs  
David Hughs  
Jacob Lamly  
William Hughs

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We Certify Thomas Davidson is the person and entitled by Law to an annuity and resides in [undeciphered word]<sup>5</sup> District St. George's Parish

Given under our hands this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 1800

S/ R Rumph, [???

S/ John Shieder, JQ

S/ James P. Appleby, JP

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Received April 14<sup>th</sup> 1800 of Daniel D'Oyley Treasurer the sum of £30 by the order on James R. Stewart Tax Collector of St. George's Dorchester

S/ Thomas Davidson

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State Treasury Office

Charleston the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1800

Charles R Stewart Esquire  
Tax Collector of St. George's Parish

Sir

Pursuant to an act passed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December 1799 entitled "an Act to Authorized the Treasurer to pay certain persons therein mentioned their annuities and regulating payment to annuitants" you are hereby Authorized and required to pay out of any public monies in your hands unto Thomas Davidson (and unto no other person who may hold

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<sup>5</sup>

I can't make this either "Dorchester" (the most likely district) or "Charleston". St. George's Parish was in Dorchester County South Carolina.

this order) the sum of £30 and his receipt for that amount will be passed for the same to Your credit in this Office

S/ Daniel D'Oyley  
Treasurer

[pp 9-17: Receipts signed by Thomas Davidson indicating receipt by him of \$21.42 per annum through May 15, 1808 (last voucher not signed)]

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Petition from Rosana Davidson, praying that the pension her late husband Thomas Davidson was entitled unto may be continued to her

Claims

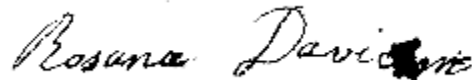
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To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

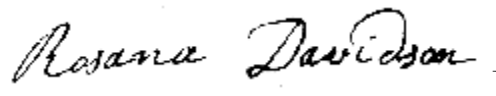
The petition of Rosana Davidson widow of Thomas Davidson late a soldier in the Army of the State during the Revolution sheweth that her husband Thomas Davidson was wounded during the war in the Services of the State and were put on the pension list until November 1807 when he died that your petitioner his widow is in low Circumstances and has five Children to Support. She therefore prayeth your Honorable body to Continue the pension to her and her Children and as in duty bound She will ever pray

November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1809

S/ Rosana Davidson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosana Davidson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[p 21: identical petition addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives but bearing a cleaner signature by the widow as follows

A cleaner handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosana Davidson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

[Note: her petition was not granted. The reasons for not granting the widow's petition are not stated.]