

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Isaiah Fitten SC2177 AA48

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Isaiah Cunningham Fitten's Petition to the house of Representatives December 1801

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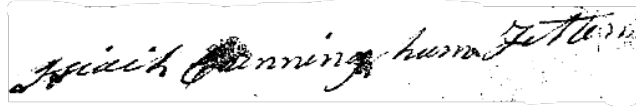
To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina The Petition of Isaiah Cunningham Fitten Humbly Sheweth Isaiah Fitten, father of your petitioner, was killed at the battle of the Eutaw Springs [September 8, 1781], while out and performing State Troop Service in General Sumters [Thomas Sumter's] Brigade – that your Petitioner the eldest and only son or child of the deceased then about one year old together with his Mother was left in narrow circumstances. That your Petitioner's Mother and Grandfather Roger Cunningham administered on his father's Estate in Mecklenburg County Court in the State of North Carolina in the County your Petitioner resides, as Resided his father previous to his death. The aforesaid Administratrix and Administrator (as your Petitioner understood) applications, in divers ways made application for pay for the services rendered by the said deceased and never could obtain any compensation for the same either by Indent, certificate or otherwise. Your Petitioner having now arrived at the age of twenty one years, has within two weeks last past been down to Charleston with Mr. Doyley [sic, D'Oyley] Treasurer at that place, claiming restitution from the State of South Carolina for the services rendered this State by his deceased parent from that place he has come to this, and made further inquiry of the Treasurer and Comptroller but at both Offices he has been unsuccessful, as will appear by Mr. Doyley's receipt and an inquiry at the two Offices aforesaid in this place together with papers accompanying this petition.

Wherefore your Petitioner humbly conceives that your Honorable Body [text too faint to discern] and infancy of your petitioner, his having only just arrived at such an age as will authorize him as an heir to a hearing, will take his case under your immediate consideration and grant the usual allowance for State troops ten Months service due to a private Soldier, together with interest thereon from such time as hath generally been given by the Legislature of your

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State which although not an adequate to the loss of a father to a child of one year old, will grant some relief to your petitioner – and as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Isaiah Cunningham Fitten



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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

This Day Margaret fitain [sic] wife of [text too faint to discern] fitain Deceased appeared Before Me William Wilson [text too faint to discern] of the peace for the Said County and being sworn [text too faint to discern] Law on Oath Deposeh and Saith that the State of South Carolina is Justly Indented to her husband Isaia fittain deceased who was killed at the Eutaw Battle for his Services Done in the Light horse Troop or State troops under the command of Colonel William Polk of said County who was under the Command of General Thomas Sumpter of South Carolina, and that the Said State Is Justly Indebted to him his Negro Draw with Clothing &c as promised that she said Margaret further Saith said fitain found his own horse [undeciphered interlineation] in the Services and Got no part of Clothing to her knowledge or any [undeciphered word or words] only one Lether [Leather] cap and that she said Margaret Never knew to his taking any plunder.

Sworn and Subscribed Before me

S/ Wm Wilson

S/ Margret fitain, M her mark

Treasury office

Columbia 1 December 1801

I do hereby certify that I have examined the Register Book in this Office, And do not find that any claim has been entered in the name of Isaiah Fitton or Felton –

Given under my hand and Seal of Office the day above mentioned

S/ James S. Guignard, Treasurer

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I do hereby Certify that I have examined the late Auditors register Book – And do not find that any claim has been Entered in the name of Isaiah Fitten or Felton – Given under my hand at the Treasury Office Charleston November 26th, 1801

S/ Daniel D'Oyley

State Treasurer

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County} This Day Roger Cunningham appeared before Me a Justice of the peace of said County & was Sworn that he said Roger Cunningham himself being Administrator of Isaiah fitton Deceased Received this Certificate from Captain Samuel Martin Clerk of Mecklenburg County who that the name within Mentioned and called felton & Isaiah was not his name but wrong name by the Clerk & that his Name was Isaiah fitton January ye 13th 1790 N. B. Also wrong Named in the Letters of Administration

S/ Wm Wilson

S/ Roger Cunningham



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Mecklenburg County State of North Carolina

This Certifies that there was no soldier in my Troupe of Horse in the Service of South Carolina in the year 1781 of the name of Felton and that Joshua Fittin was returned by me in my Pay Roll as entitled to pay in General Sumter's Brigade.

Given under my hand this 28th Day of May 1786

S/ Sam Martin [Samuel Martin, Captain]



The Commissioners to pay
the Brigade Commanded by General Sumter
State South Carolina

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County }

Personally appeared before me George Alexander one of the Justices for said County Roger Cunningham & Margaret Sharp Administrator horse of Isaiah Fittin deceased & maketh oath that they have never received any Compensation for said Isaiah Fittin's Service as a Soldier in General Sumpters Brigade (ten months Service) and further maketh oath that Isaiah Cunningham Fitten is the lawful heir of said deceased & is now Capable of acting for himself.

Sworn & subscribed before me this 10th day of January 1801

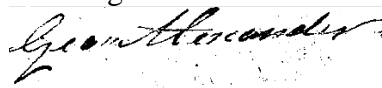
Test S/ Geo. Alexander, JP

S/ Roger Cunningham

S/ Margaret Sharp, is her mark

I do Certify that I saw said Isaiah Fitten is a Soldier in the 10 months Service General Sumpters brigade & believe he was killed at the battle of the Eutaw

S/ George Alexander




[pp 14-15: Another petition made by Isaiah Cunningham Fitten to the South Carolina house of Representatives almost identically worded as the above petition with in material variations. This petition is dated November 1802.]

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State of North Carolina Mecklenburg County

Personally appeared before George Alexander Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid Dr. Nathaniel Alexander, and being sworn made oath that he was a Surgeon's Mate in the General Hospital for the Southern Department during the Revolutionary War. That at the Battle of the Eutaws which happened in the month of September 1781, he was ordered forward to the relief of the wounded. That at the Plantation of the late General

Richardson [Richard Richardson], on Santee [River] he met a number of them brought in wagons from Laurens ferry. That on the morning after they were brought there and with their wounds examined it was found it expedient to leave about 25 of the worst cases under my direction and care until they could be removed with safety [...] amongst those left was a certain Isaiah Fitten a Soldier in the ten Months service under the command of General Sumter, who had his thigh broken by a Musket Ball of which wound he in a few days after expired, and at whose Burial I was present. Further this deponent saith not. Sworn before me this 7th of November 1802
S/ Geo. Alexander, JQ

S/ Nat'l Alexander


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Office of the Comptroller General November 1803

To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives

The Comptroller General, on the Case of Isaiah C Fitten specially referred at the last Session respectfully submits the following Report –

On examining the Indent Check Books, in the Office of the Secretary it appears that an Indent Book M, No. 572 for the principal sum of ninety-four Pounds, on the first of October 1784, was as the Check Book States, issued to Isaiah Fitten late a Private in S Martin's Troop Polk's Regiment, Sumters Brigade; the similarity of this name with that of the Petitioner's Father and the Certificate of Dr. Alexander accompanying the Petition render it probable that this is the Claim to which the Petition relates. There is no receipt of the person who drew this Indent (an omission unfortunately too common in the Treasury at that time) which might lead to the detection of the imposition, that appears to have been practiced in this case: but it being certain that the Petitioner could never have drawn it, and as he sets forth that the Administratrix and Administrator on the Estate of his Father never drew the Indent it rests wholly with the Legislature whether the relief prayed for will now be extended to the Petitioner.

S/ Paul Hamilton

Comptroller General

[p 26: Yet another almost identical petition addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives but this one is dated November 30th 1805]

[p 30: Yet another almost identical petition addressed to the South Carolina House of Representatives but this one is dated simply November 1806]

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Isaiah Cunningham Fitten praying Compensation for the Services of his Father who died of a Wound in the Battle of Eutaw report that they have had the same under Consideration and from the Documents submitted to them find that one Isaiah Fitten was enlisted for ten months Service in the Brigade commanded by General Sumter and that he died of a Wound which he received in the Battle of Eutaw. It also appears to the Committee from the Certificate of the Administrator and Administratrix of the said Isaiah Fitten that the Petitioner is entitled to receive what may be due from the State to their Intestate & from the Certificates of James S Guigard & Daniel Doyley

Treasury that no Claim has been entered either in the Register's Book at Columbia or in the Auditor's Register at Charleston for the Pay of the said Isaiah Fitten – They report further that the Men enlisted in the above Service were entitled to receive a Negro for each man which was afterwards commuted for an indent of £82.10 instead of the Negro. That the Petitioner hath made repeated Applications to the Legislature for Relief since the year 1801. They have been in general favorably received but never finally disposed of till the last year when a Committee of this House reported that the Claim of the Petitioner was barred by an act of the Legislature. The Committee taking all the Circumstances of this Case into Consideration particularly that the Petitioner was an Infant of tender years at the death of his Father that he has been expeditious in the Pursuit of this Claim since he came of Age & that the delay to apply for Relief in due course has not been owing to his Fault but to the Fault of the Administrator and Administratrix of his Father who they understood are very ignorant Persons & perhaps do not how to act, think him entitled to the Relief he has prayed for – Wherefore they recommend that the Comptroller General be authorized to issue his Warrant on the Treasury of the State in favor of the Petitioner for the Sum of eighty-two Pounds ten shillings and Interest at seven percent from the time when the said Sum should have carried Interest had the Claim been duly registered, in Discharge of the Pay of the Petitioner's Father with regard to his Claim for Clothing the Committee are of Opinion that the Evidence submitted to them is not sufficient to authorize their recommending Compensation therefor.