

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Steel SC2237

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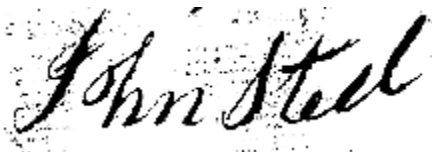
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South Carolina Darlington District } To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives

The humble Petition of the subscriber Sheweth that in the late war your Petitioner was a listed [enlisted] Soldier in the South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel [text too faint to discern] at the Battle at Savannah-town² was wounded in the Shoulder which has ever since been a considerable disadvantage to him in labor though much more so as he [text too faint to discern] years your Petitioner could not ask Assistance [text too faint to discern] to make a support for himself and Family but [text too faint to discern] himself now so much [text too faint to discern] from said wound he has [text too faint to discern] you would consider his Case and bestow on him what in your wisdom and good [text too faint to discern] may seem proper. Your Petitioner has since his misfortune not been possessed of Lands or Negroes [undeciphered word] himself [text too faint to discern] you will take his case into Consideration your Petitioner will ever pray.

November 23rd 1804

S/ John Steel



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A Petition from John Steel Senior praying to become a pensioner Pensions

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To the Honorable President of the Senate and other Members thereof in the State of South Carolina –

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

The petition of the Subscriber humbly Sheweth That in the revolutionary War your petitioner was a listed Soldier in the 3rd South Carolina Regiment commanded by Colonel Thompson [William Thomson] and in the Battle at Savannah your petitioner was wounded in his left Shoulder by a musket ball, from which he has ever since been somewhat disabled; though not so much as to induce him to claim any thing from the provisions made in such Cases: but from Age and hardships which he has necessarily undergone in raising a large Family, he finds the wound he received to weaken him so much in that Arm that he has frequently no use of it, consequently unable to support himself and Family. He therefore reluctantly throws himself at this Time on your bounty, and prays that your honors will take his Case in consideration and place him on the pension list, or grant him such other Relief as you in your Goodness may think proper and in Duty bound your Petitioner will ever pray

S/ John Steel Sr.

October 26, 1812

[p 26 State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District} Personally appeared before me William [undeciphered surname]³ Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in and for the District aforesaid John Steel who being duly Sworn saith that he was a private Soldier in the third Regiment of the United States Rangers Commanded by Colonel Thompson and Lieutenant Mason [Luke Mayson was a Lt. in Capt. David Hopkins' Co. of the 3rd SC Regt.] and that he the said John Steel was wounded on the lines at the attempt to storm Savannah on the 9th day of October 1779 the wound he received was from a musket Ball in the underside of the point of the left shoulder so as to shatter the shoulder and the Ball came out next to [the] small of his back and Broke one of his ribs and that the said wound has rendered him incapable of making a sufficient living for himself and family and deprived him of the full use of his arm so as he can't raise it over his head. Sworn to the same before me this 10th day of November 1812

S/ John Steel

S/ William [undeciphered surname], JP

State of South Carolina Williamsburgh District} Personally appeared John Smith before me William [undeciphered surname] Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in and for said District and made oath that he was acquainted with John Steel before the day of the attempt to Storm Savannah and knows that he was a private soldier in the third Regiment of the United States Rangers commanded by Colonel Thompson and Lieutenant Mason and that the said John Steel was Wounded on the lines of the said attempt to storm Savannah on the 9th day of October 1779 and also says he knows that the said John Steel was wounded in the Shoulder and also saw him several times in the Hospital under the Doctors Care.

Sworn to the same before me this 10th day of Nov. 1812

S/ William [same undeciphered surname], JP

S/ John Smith





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I William [undeciphered surname] Esquire do Certify that I examined the place where the within named John Steel received the wound and finds the place where the Ball entered right at the Point of the shoulder on the underside and also where it came out at the small of the Back about [undeciphered words] from the Back Bone – and also examined how high he could raise his arm and finds he can't raise it to his head so it appears to me to be of little use to him

Given under my hand this 10th day of November 1812

S/ William [undeciphered]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William [undeciphered]". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

[Note: Petitioner was placed on the Pension Roll of South Carolina at the rate of \$60 per annum. The only receipts in this file indicate that the 1st payment was made on June 8, 1819 and again on June 19th 1820.]