

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Edward Threewits SC2422
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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Edward Threewits Sheweth

That your petitioner was wounded during the American Revolutionary war, in defense of his Country – That he had two Balls Shot into his shoulder which has frequently prevented his working. That about the year 1789 or 90 your petitioner was allowed an annuity by the Legislature, which annuity he received for the Term of five Years – And that in the year 1794 your petitioner removed to the State of Tennessee (leaving one Year's annuity then due him) in which State your petitioner has since resided. Your petitioner further Sheweth unto your Honorable body that in consequence of the wound which your petitioner received, he has been unable to use that arm in work.

Your petitioner is poor and not able to procure his living by Labor – That he is now fifty eight Years of age. Your petitioner prays that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration & grant such relief in the premises as to your Honorable body shall seem meet.² And your [petitioner] shall ever pray &c

S/ Edward Threewits



N.B. An affidavit is attached to the other
Petition & [undeciphered abbreviation] certificate of not having received
Pension

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¹ 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.

² 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.

The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition [of] Edward Threewits praying to have his arrears of Pension paid him –

Report, that they have considered the same, and recommend that the arrears of pension be paid said Edward Threewits on his proving to the Comptroller General or either of the Treasurers that he is the same Edward Threewits who was originally placed on the Pension List

S/ Samuel Warren
Chairman Committee on Pensions

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To the Honorable the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Edward Threewits Shows, That during the American Revolutionary War your petitioner was shot & wounded by the Tories and that he has since remained a cripple – That your Honorable body about the year 1789 or 1790 placed your petitioner on the pension list and continued to receive his pension until the year 1794 That in this year your petitioner being sickly poor and his wound continuing painful and as yet unhealed your petitioner removed to the State of Tennessee – That after his removal he suffered much from his wounds and was too poor to return for his pay until the year 1819 when he was again placed on the pension list. Your petitioner further shows unto your Honorable body that he has for many years expended money amounting to at least one hundred pounds for medical aid and assistance furnished, on account of the wound received – He therefore prays your Honorable body that Appropriation be made your petitioner for his pension from the year 1790, when he received his last pension, to the year 1819 when he was again placed on the pension list.

And your petitioner will ever pray

28 November 1821

S/ Edward Threewits

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To the Honorable the Legislature of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Edward Threewits Sheweth that he was engaged as a militia man during the Revolutionary war in the service of this State under the command of Captain Maurice Murphy [sic, Malachi Murphy, Jr.], and during the performance of his duty in the defense of his country he was wounded in his shoulder at Brown's Mill [April 17, 1781]³ in Marlborough District by two Balls, that in consequence of said wound he was disabled & prevented from obtaining his livelihood by his own labor & upon these facts being presented to the Legislature he was placed on Pension Roll at the rates of twenty-two dollars & thirty cents or thereabouts about the year 1788 – That he received from the Treasurer the said sum for several years until the year 1794 at which time his said Pension was stopped and withheld from him but for what particular reasons your Petitioner is unable to state. That afterwards about the year 1796 finding that he was residing in a sickly place on Pee Dee River he removed to the State of Tennessee. That afterwards by the act of 1816 he was placed on the Pension roll of this State at the rate of sixty dollars per annum, that he has received only three years pension since 1816 and that there are still arrears due to him on that account. [Paper damaged and text missing] petitioner therefore prays your Honorable Body to cause the arrears of Pension from 1794 up to the time at which he received his increase of pension to be paid to him and if to your Honorable body it should appear right and proper he hopes he may [be] allowed also the interest on the same as he applied several times during the said period by his friends but never received the same.

³ https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_browns_mill.html

Your Petitioner begs leave to state that his infirmities proceeding from the said wound has in addition to the effects of old age rendered his left arm altogether useless to him he is now old & poor & having devoted himself to his Country when young & active, and been disabled in its service he fondly trusts he will not now appeal to the liberality & Justice of the Legislature in vain.

He asked only what your Honorable Body have given to others and he will ever pray &c
Columbia December 4th, 1822

S/ Edward Threewits

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Treasury Office
Columbia 3rd December 1822

I certify that the name of Edward Threewits appears on the pension list, and from the Books in my Office appears to have received the annuity allowed viz., \$21.42 until the first of March 1785 from which time until the first of March 1819 I cannot find that he has received anything on that account when he was again placed on the pension list at the rate of \$60 per annum, which he has continued to receive from that time 1 March 1819.

S/ J Cunningham
Treasurer Up, Div.

24 years at \$21.42 per annum