

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Thomas Durant SC2531
Audited Account No. 2106

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No. 538, Book P

Mr. Thomas Durant his Account of 40 days Militia Duty in 1783

Amounting to £2.13.4 Stg. [Sterling]

certified with Sgt. Singleton

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G. [Examined by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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The State of South Carolina to Thomas Durant

Dr. for Duty done in General Marryon's [Francis Marion's] Brigade

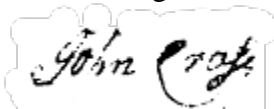
June 5 1783 to 49 Days duty at 1.5 per day

£3.10

See order in [illegible] if 40 days at 1/4 £2.13.4 Sterling

Received ___ full satisfaction for the above in an Indent No. 538 P by Order

S/ John Craze [Crafe?]



Personally appeared Thomas Durant Private who swears that the above account is Just and true
and that he hath Received no part thereof

Sworn before me the 8th of August 1783

S/ John Baxter

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Petition of Thomas Durant praying for relief for services rendered during the Revolutionary War

William Woodbery

Referred to pensions

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has been before Claims
Claims

stands over for information or certificate of Mr. Woodbury to be [undeciphered words]

[p 6: retake of p 4]

To the Honorable the Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Humble petition of Thomas Durant Senior a Resident of the District of Horry, respectfully Sheweth that in the beginning of the Revolutionary War, he entered as a soldier in a company of independent Volunteers, foot Rangers or Riflemen called “Governor Rutledge’s Life Guard” commanded by Captain John Alston [John Allston] and Lieutenants Withers and Coachmen [James Coachmen], that under their command he went to Sullivan’s Island when the British Ships of War lay at the end of the Island and burnt the pest [?] House and brought off some of the British Sailors prisoners – When the British fleet and Army under Clinton [Henry Clinton] and Parker invaded the State he was on Sullivan’s Island and on Haddrell’s Point when the Officers resigned their Commissions. He then went with Colonel Daniel Horry who commanded a Regiment of Horse to the Continental Army commanded by General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln] which lay in Purrysburg on the Savannah River – and then to Orangeburg under the command of Colonel McDonald [Archibald McDonald] and Major Hugh Horry. After the defeat of General Gates [Horatio Gates’ defeat at the Battle of Camden, August 15-16, 1780], General Marion passed through the Settlement where I live with about 25 men – I voluntarily joined him and was under his command until the end of the War.

As your Petitioner kept no journal he cannot at this time recollect all the circumstances or fatigues he then encountered, He has been in two Battles one at Parkers ferry² near Charleston – the other on Waccamaw³ – And is near 72 years of age – and from his age and infirmities, the pressure of the times and the [word too faint to discern] of his circumstances – he solicits your hands such relief as has been extended to others in similar circumstances.

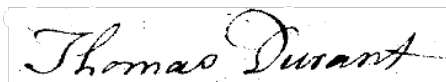
South Carolina Horry District } Personally appeared before me One of the Justices of said
District Thomas Durant Senior and Swears on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the
above petition is truth According to the best of his knowledge

Sworn to before me

this 12th November 1825

S/ Den’ Hankins, QU

S/ Thomas Durant



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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Durant praying
compensation for Revolutionary Services

Beg leave to report

That they have duly considered the same and have no doubt but what the
Petitioner was a faithful Soldier in the revolutionary War but as it appears from his Petition that
he has no Specific claim Your Committee Respectfully recommend that the Petition be rejected
December 1st 1825

S/ John K Griffin, Chairman

² https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_parkers_ferry_2.html

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

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of Thomas Durant praying for Relief for services rendered During the Revolutionary War,

Respectfully Report

That having taken the same into Consideration, recommend to this house that the prayer of the Petitioner be granted and that he be allowed a pension from & after the present Session of this Legislature, December 1825

S/ Wm Ranse, Chairman Committee

[p 16: Receipt indicating the payment to the veteran of \$60 on May 22, 1828]

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

The Petition of Frances Graham of Horry district

Sheweth,

That by the act of your Honorable body in Fall term 1825 your petitioner's father Thomas Durrant [sic] was inscribed on the pension Roll for Services rendered in the War of American Independence, that this petitioner in behalf of herself and two old indigent and infirm Sisters, makes this her petition to your Honorable Assembly to grant an order on the Treasurer of the State to pay the amount of pension due at the date of her said father's death on the 27th day of February 1827 and your petitioner will ever Pray &c and she hereby Constitutes and appoints James Taylor of Sumter South Carolina in behalf of herself and two Sisters to receive the Balance of pensions aforesaid.

In witness whereof she has hereunto set her hand and seal this 29 day of October 1858

S/ Francis Graham, X her mark

[p 24: a receipt showing that \$74 was paid by the state to the heirs of Thomas Durant Senior for the arrears of pension due him at the time of his death. The receipt is dated May 24, 1828.]