

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to William Meloy SC3010
Audited Account No. 4747.5

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State of South Carolina Abbeville District}

To the Honorable the members of the Senate and house of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The humble Petition of William Meloy,
Sheweth,

That your petitioner sometime in the year 1776 enlisted under Captain Simons White [Sims White] of the Artillery in the Regiment that was then commanded by Colonel Owen Roberts. That he remained in the said Company and Regiment two years in Charleston and was then removed to James Island and continued there sometime, from thence he was removed to Georgia Town under Captain James Mitchell and from thence returned to James Island where he again remained sometime, he then was under the command of Ephraim Mitchell and Colonel Bateman [sic, Barnard Beeckman] then had the command of their Regiment Colonel Roberts being dead, that from thence they received orders to march to Purrysburg, There they Joined the Army under General Lincoln [Benjamin Lincoln], from thence the march was taken up to Savannah, where they joined the Army from France, and assisted at the Siege of Savannah,² from thence they were pursued by the British and returned to Charleston, where he remained till the siege of Charleston³ where he was wounded in the left Shoulder by a Bomb Shell and taken prisoner by the British and remained a prisoner several months, and was marched by the British to Camden and compelled there to serve against his country men where he lost an eye in the [text compromised and rendered illegible as posted online] and was then carried back to Charleston from [text compromised and rendered illegible as posted online] where with great difficulty himself and three others escaped being at that time much afflicted with the wound received at the battle siege of Charleston, from thence he made his way with very great difficulty

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) 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. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

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

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/> Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780.

into the State of North Carolina, and soon after peace was made with Great Britain, and the Independence of America acknowledged, your petitioner would further States to your Honorable body, that from having been left a prisoner in Charleston he never received a discharge, lost all his clothing; and the greater part of his pay as a soldier never was received. That he was at that time reduced to considerable difficulties; and was unable for some time to pursue the labor necessary for a livelihood, from the injury sustained by his wounds, That afterwards your petitioner measurably recovered from his wounds and has since entirely supported himself and his family by his own labor, and well hoped that necessity never would have compelled him to call upon his country for support; but in this expectation he has failed; for old age & age has crept upon him, and necessity now urges his request. He is now near seventy years of age, in very indigent circumstances and entirely incapable of laboring for his necessary support;

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honorable body would take his case into consideration, and grant him such relief as his necessities require, by placing him on the pension list, or otherwise as to your body may seem meet,⁴ and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

16 November 1825

S/ William Meloy, X his mark

State of South Carolina Abbeville District}

Before me personally appeared William Miloy [sic] of the State and District aforesaid and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing petition to the best of his recollection are true.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 16th day of
November 1825

S/ Jas. Foster, JP

S/ Wm Meloy, X his mark

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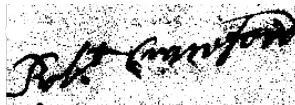
Before me personally appeared Robert Crawford and made oath, that, William Meloy was living with him and in his employment at the time he enlisted in the American Army. That he afterwards saw him during the time he was in the service in Charleston; That he has often heard his fellow soldiers who served in the same company, speak of him as a good and faithful soldier, That he has a perfect knowledge of his indigent circumstances and incapacity to labor, And to the best of his knowledge and belief, that the facts stated in his petition are true.

Sworn to and subscribed
16th day of November 1825

before me

S/ Jas. Foster, JP

S/ Robt. Crawford



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⁴ 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 Wm Meloy, praying to be put on the Pension List,

Respectfully Report.

That having taken the same under Consideration, Recommend to this house that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the said Wm Meloy be allowed a Pension from and after this Session of the Legislature, December 1825

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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of William Meloy, praying to be put on the Pension List,

Respectfully Report.

That having taken the same under consideration and recommend to this house that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the said William Meloy be allowed a Pension from and after this Session of the Legislature, December 1826

S/ Jno. McComb, Chairman