

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to George Sawyer SC3011
Audited Account No. 6792A

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State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate of said State

The humble petition of George Sawyer Sheweth

that he is now tottering under the weight of Seventy years, is poor, & in his old age has to bear the infirmities of weakness & pain of a wound he received in the Revolutionary war; Your Petitioner, because he is unable to labor & provide for himself, a wife & one Child, asks of your body the Annual allowance, granted by the legislature to old revolutionists, if the following Services, entitle him to it, –

Your Petitioner in this State, enlisted under General Moultrie [William Moultrie], was stationed at Fort Moultrie, was in the fort when the British Fleet attacked it, and remained in the Fort until after Charleston fell [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780].² The bravery displayed by the Americans at this time is known to all, during the whole time of the Conflict from the duties of a soldier I never Shrunk. When Charleston fell I was taken prisoner, & kept in confinement for fourteen Months – during which time I got no other fair than other prisoners, which was such as to teach me, that the British are Cruel to their Prisoners – At their hand I suffered disease, hunger & thirst, – I however at last effected [sic] my escape, and again Joined in the ranks of my Country, & continued to do those duties which I thought were incumbent on me as a Soldier; after I joined the Americans the Second time I was shot in the Head, behind the right ear & since the wound I have lost all feeling in that part of my head – I was at York Town when Cornwallis was captured [October 19, 1781]³ and much other service did I do out of this State, Though I say it myself & Should not boast, yet not many fought more bravely & constantly than myself – I was wounded only one time – were I not miserably poor I would not ask a pension nor would I in poverty had I heart and Strength to labor. I have refrained

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² Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>

³ This is highly doubtful given that no SC units were at the taking of Yorktown.

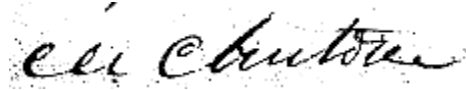
asking it until now as now is the time I most need it. My time here is but short and it will be but a few years at most that I will live on your bounty, if I am placed on the pension roll
October 25, 1825 S/ George Sawyer, X his mark

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So. Car.
Lancaster district }

I drew the petition of George Sawyer & he left with me a voucher & I think it stated he was wounded but I lost it some how & [undeciphered words] he should [undeciphered words] by wound, & there was a piece of Silver [?] fixed in it—I have no doubt but he received the wound as Stated in his petition.

Sworn to before me
this 25 Nov. 1825

S/ Jno. McKenzie, Q U [John McKenzie] S/ C U Clinton [?]



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The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the Petition of George Sawyer praying to be placed on the Pension List,

Respectfully Report

That the same has been taken into consideration, and your Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, and George Sawyer be placed on the Pension List from after the Session of this legislature December 1825

S/ Wm Douse C of C [Chairman of Committee]

See Senate Report here with

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of George Sawyer praying for a pension

Report that they have had his petition under their consideration and recommend that the prayer thereof be Granted and that he be placed on the pension list

S/ ? Benbow, Chairman

[pp 10-11: Receipts of the \$60 per annum annuity granted to George Sawyer, the 1st of which is dated June 14, 1828 and the last of which is dated January 10, 1831. The last 2 receipts are signed by George Sawyer with his mark.]