

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Lyles (Lyles) SC3263
Audited Account No. 4582

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The Committee on the Resolutions of the House of Representatives respecting the Accounts of Berkeley McCrery & James Lyles
Report

They have examined the said Accounts & are of opinion that they are just therefore recommend that the resolutions of the House of the Representatives be concurred in

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Senate

Petition of James Lyles praying a pension
Pensions

The committee of the Senate will be good enough to suspend the consideration of this petition until the documents are before them

Player

(Evans)

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To the Honorable the President & other members of the Senate: the petition of James Lyles Sheweth, that your petitioner Served as a soldier throughout the War of the Revolution, under different commanders; (Under General Sumter [Thomas Sumter] at Blackstock's [November 20, 1780], Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780] & Fish-dam [November 9, 1780], under Williamson [Andrew Williamson] at Augusta; under Morgan [Daniel Morgan] at Cowpens [January 17, 1781], & under other Commanders at deep Creek, Congaree Fort;) That your petitioner is now Eighty-five or six years of age, that he is without any mode of subsistence, being extremely indigent & infirm & that without the assistance of your Honorable body, he is likely to become a

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charge on his neighbors & acquaintances – His only property is 1 Negro near between 60 & 65 years of age – worth \$100, 1 bed worth 10.
& your petitioner will pray &c signed James Lyles, X his mark

Personally appeared before me Benjamin Rawls one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace in & for the district of Richland James Lyles who being duly sworn saith that the above facts as set forth in his petition are true to the best of his recollection & belief

Sworn to before me

4 December 1827 [could be 4/12/1829]

S/ Benj. Rawls, Q U

S/ James Lyles, X his mark

[p 30: The same petition presented to the South Carolina House of Representatives]

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South Carolina Fairfield District}

Personally appeared before me Philip Pearson and William Cato² who being duly sworn, saith that they knew James Lyles as a faithful soldier of the Revolutionary War – and believes that he was in many important engagements, and served throughout the war. In consideration of which we verily believe that he is intitled to a pension.

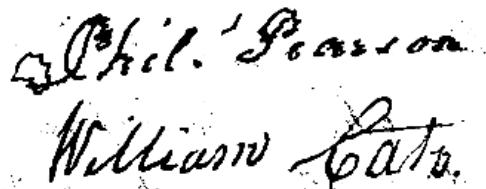
Sworn to before me

this 8th day of December 1829

S/ R. D. A. Sharp, JP

S/ Phil Pearson

S/ William Cato



Handwritten signatures of Philip Pearson and William Cato. The signature of Philip Pearson is written in cursive and includes a small crest or mark to the left. The signature of William Cato is also in cursive and is positioned below the first signature.

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Report of the Committee on pensions on the petition of James Lyles

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The Committee on pensions to whom was referred the petition of James Lyles praying to be placed on the pension list

Respectfully Report

They have considered the same and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be rejected

15th December 1829

S/ Sampson Hope, Chairman

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Memorandum

“The memorial presented to this house of Representatives is sworn to by the memorialist as the law requires, and certified by Phil Pearson, William Cato, John L Bradford and Robert [undeciphered surname] to which paper reference is submitted”

² [William Cato R1805](#)

Senate
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To the Honorable the President, and Other members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina.

The memorial of James Lyles, a Citizen of Fairfield District, is hereby respectfully submitted to the consideration of your Honorable body. Your petitioner begs leave to State, that he is an aged and infirm, and helpless man; being to the best of his recollection, considerably above Eighty years of age: – he further ventures confidently to observe, that his circumstances are indigent and uncomfortable, from the want of means of subsistence, being unable to work through age and infirmity; – having thro misfortune, lost all kind of property except an old Negro man, who is upwards of Seventy years of age, and also helpless and entirely unable to Support himself: – Your memorialist in the earliest Stage of the American Revolution, entered into the Service of his country; and continued in active duty throughout the War; – he states that he was on duty at the memorable battle of the Cowpens; – was also in the camp near Augusta, and a trooper in the Florida expedition; – he fought also at Hanging Rock; and was under Colonel James Lyles at Blackstocks; – marched with the Same Regiment, within a few miles of the Eutaw engagement [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781], but was not in the action, being detailed with others as a guard to the sick: – Your petitioner has inquired and searched for some of his old officers and comrades in service – but to his great disappointment they are nearly all dead or removed from this State: – In all these services in person and office furnished in the American Cause your Petitioner never received one Solitary cent: – his youthful vigor [undeciphered word] to the common defense of our common country has yet remained for near half a century without compensation or assistance; and is now in distress! – With a Solemn feeling and with unwavering confidence your memorialist submits his claim to public munificence; – he is well informed and in [undeciphered word] to believe that the gray headed war worn Soldier, has but “to ask and receive comfort from Republican Justice.” Therefore your Petitioner prays such relief in his case as the wisdom of your Honorable body may dictate and prescribe; – and should it be considered that your petitioner is entitled to the grant of a Pension, a grateful acknowledgment will be inscribed to your wisdom and justice. – For this is the respectful prayer of your memorialist, who in your friendship will ever trust.

S/ James Lyles, X his mark

Test S/ Robt. D. A. Sharp JP
3rd December 1830

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South Carolina Fairfield District} Personally appeared Ephraim Lyles³ of the State & District above Said and Says on oath before me a Subscribing Justice for said District that he knew James Lyles to be in the Revolutionary war and that he done duty as a militia [man] under the Command of Captain John Lyles and Frederick Gray Major and James Lyles Colonel and Says further that he was in the Service himself and knew him to be stationed in Fairfield District near

³ [Ephram \(Ephraim\) Liles \(Lisles\) W8051](#)

the mouth of the Rocky Creek and also was moved from there in Newberry District at a place called the long Canes besides many other places (the precise date is not Recollected) but Says that he often Seen him the said James Lyles doing duty after that time –

Sworn to and Subscribed to the 8th of December 1830

before me

S/ Thomas B. Cockrell, JP

S/ Ephraim Lyles Junior, X his mark

[p 4: Documents indicate payment to the veteran of a pension of \$60 per annum beginning June 9, 1831. The last receipt in this file is dated June 7, 1834.]