

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Henry Weems SC36
Audited Account No. 8326-A

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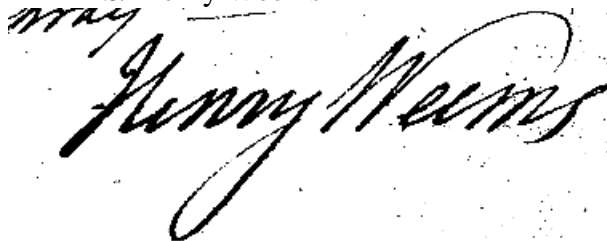
To the Honorable John J Pringle Esquire Speaker & the other Members of the Honorable House of Representatives

The Petition of Henry Weems humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner was wounded & lost a Leg in the year 1776² in an action with the Cherokee Indians. That the Legislature granted to your Petitioner an annuity of 90 pounds Currency per annum. That your Petitioner had then a small Family which is greatly increased having now seven small Daughters – & sometimes unable to provide for them. That in addition to your Petitioner's misfortunes said annuity has of late been reduced as he is informed to five pounds a year & forty Shillings to every child that was born at the time previous [?] My [being?] wounded or disabled. Your Petitioner begs leave humbly to represent that his unfortunate children born since his wound are not less objects of compassion than those born before – and equally [indecipherable word] their wants as he cannot disabled as he is follow his Plow & provide a maintenance for them.

Your petitioner humbly prays to grant him such relief as in the wisdom & humanity of your honors house he may seem to deserve and Your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray

S/ Henry Weems

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry Weems". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background. There is a small mark above the first few letters, possibly a flourish or a correction.

[Note: The South Carolina General Assembly reinstated the full 90 pounds [South Carolina currency equal to 12 pounds 17 shillings Sterling] annuity. The file contains annual affidavits from the veteran stating his continued disability up to 1799. In each of the affidavits, they the veteran states that he owns no Land but owns one Negro (not named).]

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

² Probably wounded during the campaign described in http://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html