

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Jesse Helton SC3778
Audited Account No. 3513.5

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1827

Petition of Jesse Helton praying to be placed on the pension list

Pensions

JP Richardson

Con dis.

60?? on pensions discharge December 19, 1827

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To the Members of the H. Representatives assembled of the State of South Carolina

The petition of Jesse Helton respectfully Sheweth, that your petitioner served as a private during the revolutionary war: that he was on duty with Captain John James at the Commencement of the war in the upper part of this State: that while under Captain James your petitioner was constantly on duty, and was one of the party who took prisoner the Tory Colonel Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall], whom they found hid in a cave, and that your petitioner was one of the party who guarded him to Charleston, and delivered him there for safe custody [sic]. Your petitioner being discharged from that duty, returned to the country, that in January after, your petitioner was ordered to Charleston on a tour of duty, where your petitioner remained six weeks until relieved by another Corps of the regiment – That shortly after his return into the country your petitioner was ordered to Moncks Corner, from where he was marched to the Quarter House near Charleston: that your petitioner was detailed from thence on duty to Purrysburg near Savannah River: that your petitioner was attacked with severe sickness: that after being discharged, your petitioner went home, but shortly afterwards he was ordered to Orangeburg, from thence to Charleston: that your petitioner did duty on the lines, that your petitioner was on duty from Charleston to the Army at Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779], where the Army engaged the British: your petitioner being at that time one of the picket guard: That at the retreat of the British to Savannah, your petitioner was remained on duty at Stono until

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relieved in July following: that your petitioner was at Charleston and on Gadson's Wharf [sic, Gadsden's Wharf] when it was attacked by the Squadron under Sir Peter Parker 1776 [June 28, 1776]: that after the defeat of the British your petitioner was discharged until further Orders – That after the subjugation of the Country,² having received orders from Captain Robert Bowman [?]³ to join the Tory Colonel Tynes [Lt. Col. Samuel Tynes], your petitioner left home & went and attached himself to Col. Marion [Francis Marion] on Tawcaw [Taw Caw Swamp]. Your petitioner was with him to the close of the Revolutionary war: that your petitioner was with Marion when Captain Lewis was killed by Gwinn, when Fort Watson [April 16, 1781] on Scott's Lake & Fort Motte [May 7, 1781] on Bulkhead was taken & when George Town was evacuated in 1781 [June 5, 1781]. That your petitioner was on duty at the Battle of Utah [Utah Springs, September 8, 1781] under General Green [Nathanael Greene] & was detailed as a guard over the prisoners to Nelson's ferry. – That your petitioner remained with General Marion until after the evacuation of Charleston in 1782 [December 1782] after which he was discharged at Watboo [sic, Wadboo], near Biggin Church. Your petitioner further states, that during the Revolutionary war, the British stole from him a valuable Mare: and further states, that he never received but fifteen pounds South Currency [old South Carolina Currency which was subsequently converted to pounds Sterling at a ratio of 7 to 1], after carrying Colonel Fletcher to Charleston, for his services –.

Your petitioner prays therefore, that the wages due him for serving his country may be paid, and that he may be placed on the Pension List and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Jesse Helton, X his mark

South Carolina

Sumter District} Appeared Jesse Helton of State & District aforesaid & made Oath that the within statement of services rendered by him in the Revolutionary war is just & true

S/ Jesse Helton, X his mark

Sworn before me this
25th November 1826

S/ Jas. Long, JP

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South Carolina Sumter District} Personally appeared before me William Brunson, who after being duly sworn saith, that he was personally acquainted with Jesse Helton During the Revolutionary war & Knew him to be a whig of the Revolutionary war, & to his country a faithful friend, through the whole war from the beginning to the end: that I served on many tours of service with him, & Knew him he underwent all or many of the Toils & sufferings of that bloody war & could detail many of the sore trials & difficulties he went through.

Sworn to before me this 15 November 1827

S/ Levy F. Rhame, JP

S/ Wm Brunson⁴



² Charleston South Carolina was surrendered to the British on May 12, 1780. Thereafter, the British invested the entire state of South Carolina.

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⁴ [William R. Brunson S21655](#)