

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Beard SC428
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[Note: This file contains documents relating to more than one veteran by this name. Use the page number of the file to identify the specific veteran to whom I believe the document relates. It is not always clear, however, which documents relate to specific veterans, so use my attribution with care.]

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To the Honorable Speaker & Members of Assembly
Now Sitting at Columbia

This Petition of James Beard Humbly Sheweth

That in the year 1781 your Petitioner being with Command of Waggons to bring provision to General Andrew Pickens's Block-House, Was taken by a party of Tories with several others and carried prisoner to the Cherokee Nation where his father fell a Victim to the Indians, and himself stripped of all his Cloathing Except an old Hunting shirt to defend him from the Inclemency of the Weather, Which has been the cause of your Petitioner Losing the proper Use of Some of his Members as Will more fully appear by a probate taken before Samuel Watt Esquire and Annexed to this –

Now your Petitioner Humbly pray if that his case may Sincerely [be] considered and necessary Support Granted him which will give your Petitioner reason ever to pray

S/ James Beard, X his mark

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Abbeville County} Personally appeared before me Samuel Watt one of the Justices Assigned to keep the Peace in and for the County aforesaid James Beard and being Duly Sworn Saith that about the Month of December 1781, being on a command with Waggons to bring provisions to General Andrew Pickens's Block-House Was taken a prisoner by a party of Tories (together with his father and others) and delivered to the Cherokee Indians in their Nation Who killed the chief part of the persons But spared this deponent's Life, He believes, Because he was but a boy and this Deponent further saith that the Indians stripped him of his cloathing, except a hunting shirt and shortly after his release month he was taken with pains In his knee (he believes by reason of

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the cold and hard Usage he received when a prisoner) and the pains has continued and has fallen into one of his Ankles Which Boded [bleed ?] and Was Lanced in Nine different places and Continues to be Lame and Incapable of Earning his Living by Industry and does Saith that he never applied for any annuity still hoping to recover.

Sworn to this 22nd day of November 1792

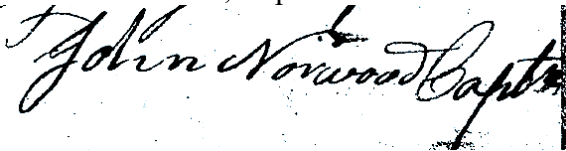
Before me

S/ Samuel Watt, JP

S/ James Beard, X his mark

I do hereby Certify that the Above is a Just & True Representation & that the said James Beard at that time & has continued ever since to be a Liver within the Limits of my Militia Company signed by me

S/ John Norwood, Captain

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Norwood Captain". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name. The word "Captain" is written in a smaller, more compact script than the first name.

[pp 7-10: repeat of the petition and affidavit addressed to the SC Senate in identical wording as above.]

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The Committee to where the Petition of James Baird [sic] was referred

Report,

That they have Considered the prayer of his petition, and from the very peculiar, & distressing Circumstances of his Situation, Recommend that he be put on a footing with persons wounded or disabled in defense of this State & entitled in future to all the benefits of the Resolution of the Legislature passed on their behalf 15 March 1786