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South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John James SC4280
Audited Account No. 3993

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[Note: Bobby Gilmer Moss treats this following veteran as being the same man as [John James S18051](#). That may be the case, but I have elected to treat him differently because, although some of the claims of services appear to overlap, the veteran whose petition is presented below does not claim to have been an officer as does John James S18051 and some of the officers under whom the veteran below claims to have served are not named in the petition transcribed below. Also, to my admittedly untrained eye, the signatures of the two claimants appear to me to have significant differences.]

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To the Honorable the President & members of the Senate of South Carolina.
Your petitioner offers for the considerations of your honorable body, the following view of his services during the Revolutionary War – & from his pecuniary embarrassments, his age, (being now sixty six) & his infirmities trusts that your honorable body may be disposed to extend to him the same benefits as has been to others, who have served faithfully in their country's cause. Your petitioner states as follows viz. – That when the expedition went against Colonel Fletcher [sic, Thomas Fletchall] at the Snow Camps² under the command of General Richard Richardson [sic, then Col. Richard Richardson] – your petitioner was then about sixteen years of age, & had volunteered his services to join the expedition but, was prevented from joining by his parents – that after Fletcher was taken & on his way to Charleston as a prisoner, he assisted to guard him at Statesburg in this State (Captain William R Davis acting as Captain of the Guard) – that your Petitioner was in the company commanded by his Father Captain John James, Col. Richard Richardson's Regiment Genl. Marion's [Francis Marion's] Brigade State troops – was at Mossy Camps, Purrysburg, Augusta, Georgetown, & at the taking of Fort Watson on Lake, called Scotts Lake,³ – that he performed various services under Genl. Marion, & in several instances was

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² December 1775 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_snow_campaign.html

³ April 16-23, 1781 https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_fort_watson_2.html

entrusted with important dispatches from him – that his Father’s house & much property was destroyed by fire by the enemies of his Country – as well as much property of his own –

Your petitioner also begs leave to represent his having a valuable horse impressed into service by Genl. Williamson [Andrew Williamson] – valued & appraised at eight hundred dollars Continental Money – & for the horse & the whole of his services he has never received any compensation –

Aware of the disadvantages under which Your petitioner has to contend with not offering such proofs as may be deemed necessary, owing to the few surviving soldiers & officers of the Revolution – & of the total destruction of the whole of the papers of Cols Richardson, Singleton & James by the British – he has only to offer & rely upon his bare assertion of facts – with such accompanying documents as are herewith presented.

S/ John James

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John James". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

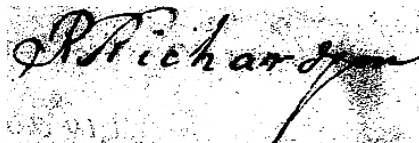
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I do certify that John James served most of the War (Revolutionary) in my father’s Regiment – & have the best reasons to believe the within statement of his services correct.

Given under my hand this 20th November 1826

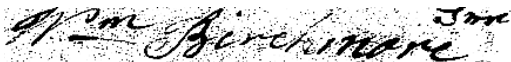
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S/ R. Richardson

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I do certify that John James – did actually do duty under his Father in his campaigns during the Revolutionary War & was at the taking of Fort Watson – & at the different places stated in his petition.

S/ Wm Birchmore⁴

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wm Birchmore". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

[Note: The veteran’s petition was rejected for reasons not stated in the documents in this file. The rejection was noted by John K Griffin, Chairman of the Committee on claims in the document dated December 4, 1829.]

⁴ [William Birchmore SC590](#)