

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Ratchford SC4571  
Audited Account No. 6252

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[No.] 1043 [Book] X 1<sup>st</sup> November 85 [1785]

Mr. John Ratchford his Account of 171 days Militia Duty in 1780 & 1781

Amounting to £24.8.6 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Stg. [Sterling]

not Certified

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. [Examined by William Galvan]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

~~to be certified S/ JS~~

Passed S/ ED

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The State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to John Ratchford for personal Service done

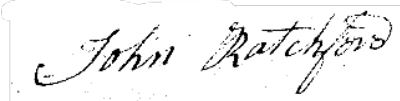
June 6 1780	25 days at 20 S [20 shillings old South Carolina currency] per day	£25	0 S	0 D
August 1780	40 Days at 20 S per day	40	0	0
November 1781	16 Days at 20 S per day 90 Days a prisoner	16 90	0 0	0 0
	£171 equals £24.8.6 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> Sterling	£171		

So. Carolina

York County} To the Commissioners of the Public Treasury of this State

Gentlemen Please to Deliver to Captain Andrew Love my Public Indent also the Interest due  
upon the Same & his Receipt will be Acknowledged by me

S/ John Ratchford



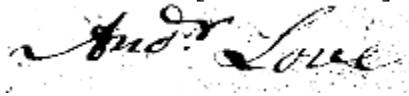
<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AAs) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name. The "SC" file number shown on this transcript has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number. The number behind the 'pp' indicates the number of pages in the file and the 'Audited Account No.' is the actual Account Number assigned by the South Carolina Archives.

Signed before me  
S/ Francis Adams, JP  
15 January 1787

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Jno Ratchford  
the within Account approved of by me  
S/ Wm Bratton Colo. [William Bratton]

Received \_\_\_ full Satisfaction for the within in an Indent No. 1043, X per Order  
S/ Andw Love [Andrew Love]



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State of South Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to John Ratchford for one waggon & gears Entered into  
publick service under Col. Thomas Neel ye 27<sup>th</sup> of March 1779 and was Lost in said Service.  
Appraised at one thousand three hundred pounds £1300  
the above account Certified by

Sworn Appraisers

S/ Archibald Barron [?]

S/ Thomas Burnet

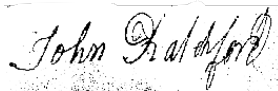


South Carolina  
New acquisition}

John Ratchford personally appeared before Me and made oath that the above account is Just and  
true and that he hath not Received any part of the same –  
Sworn Before Me this 13 November 1779

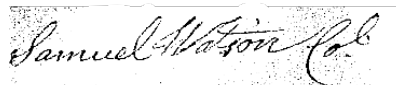
S/ Jos Howe, JP

S/ John Ratchford



The above approved of by me

S/ Samuel Watson Col



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The petition of John Ratchford praying for a pension  
Granted with 2 years [undeciphered word or words]  
Pensions

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To the Honorable the President and members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina

The humble petition of John Ratchford respectfully Sheweth that he entered the service of his Country as a Militia Man when a boy at the Commencement of the Revolutionary War. That his first service was an expedition against the Cherokee indians<sup>2</sup> under Capt. Ross [Francis Ross] – He was at Charleston when General Provost [Augustine Prevost] made his attack on that place – he was at the Battle of Stono [Stono Ferry, June 20, 1779].<sup>3</sup> The next engagement he was in was at Rocky Mount [July 30, 1780]<sup>4</sup> under Genl. Sumter [Thomas Sumter] – Under whose Command he continued and fought at the Hanging Rock [August 6, 1780],<sup>5</sup> where he was Shot through the body by musket ball, and was carried off the field after the battle was over – within about six months he became so far recovered as again to enable him to go into active service, soon after which he was taken prisoner by a party of Lord Cornwallis' Army, and Carried as a prisoner of War by him to Guilford, where he was paroled the next day after the battle [Battle of Guilford Court House, March 15, 1781].<sup>6</sup> As soon as he was exchanged, he went again into service and was present under Col. Brannon [sic, Thomas Brandon] at the Siege of Ninety Six [May 21-June 19, 1781].<sup>7</sup> He was also at the battle of Blackstock's [November 20, 1780]<sup>8</sup> under Genl. Sumter –

Your petitioner further states that he has been partially deprived of the use of his right arm ever since the battle at the hanging Rock in Consequence of his wound. That a few years ago, he had the misfortune to lose his right eye – that he has lately lost his wife and Several of his children by death. That he is now old and infirm and in necessitous circumstances.

He therefore prays that his case may be considered and placed on the pension list, with such arrears as your Honorable body may allow, in order that his few remaining days may be made Comfortable.

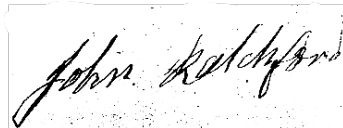
South Carolina

York District} Personally came John Ratchford before me and being duly Sworn made oath that the statements made in the above petition or strictly true.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1825

S/ William Jamieson, Q. U.

S/ John Ratchford



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South Carolina

York District} Personally came Thomas Carrell<sup>9</sup> before me and being duly Sworn made oath, that, he was present at the battle of the Hanging Rock, and Knows the fact that the within named John Ratchford was shot through the body by a musket ball of the enemy, during the heat of the battle where he was acting bravely, and that this deponent assisted in Carrying him off the field of battle after the firing ceased.

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<sup>2</sup> August 1 – November 1, 1776

[https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_cherokee\\_expedition\\_1776.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_cherokee_expedition_1776.html)

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_stono\\_ferry.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_stono_ferry.html)

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_rocky\\_mount.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_rocky_mount.html)

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_hanging\\_rock.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_hanging_rock.html)

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_guilford\\_courthouse.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_guilford_courthouse.html)

<sup>7</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

<sup>8</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_blackstocks.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_blackstocks.html)

<sup>9</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Carrell SC1197](#)

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this day of 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1825  
S/ G. E. Wright, JP [?] S/ Thomas Carroll, X his mark

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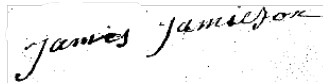
York District} Personally came Capt. James Jamieson<sup>10</sup> before me and made Oath in due form of law and saith that he was present at the Battle of Hanging Rock and knows the fact that the within named John Ratchford was shot through the body with a musket ball of the enemy And that he this deponent (being also wounded) and the said John Ratchford were carried off the battlefield together & both were nursed in the same Hospital and afterwards were both prisoners with Lord Cornwallis –

Sworn to and subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1825

Before me

S/ William Jamieson, Q. U.

S/ James Jamieson



South Carolina

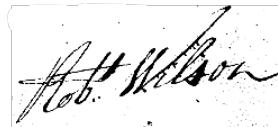
York District} Personally came Robert Wilson<sup>11</sup> before me and being duly sworn made Oath that he was present at the Battle of Hanging Rock and knows the fact that the within named John Ratchford was shot through the body by a musket ball of the enemy. That he this deponent saw him immediately after he was carried of [sic, off] the field of battle.

Sworn to and Subscribed the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 1825

Before me

S/ William Jamieson, Q. U.

S/ Robt. Wilson



[p 12: same petition as transcribed above except this one is addressed to the Speaker and members of the South Carolina House of Representatives. This petition is supported by affidavits of Thomas Carroll, James Jamieson and Robert Wilson as transcribed above.]

[Note: The veteran was granted a pension of \$60 per annum commencing June 29, 1826 and was also awarded 2 years arrears of pension from December 1825.]

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<sup>10</sup> [James Jamieson S21839](#)

<sup>11</sup> [Robert Wilson W2302](#)