

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Fields Pardue SC4706
Audited Account No. 5680

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[p 2: There is a cover sheet for a claim the image of which is mostly illegible as posted online. It does not appear that an indent was issued based on this claim as there is no reference to an indent in this file. What can be discerned from the cover sheet is that the veteran claimed service for duty as a lieutenant since the fall of Charleston on May 12, 1780; also for wagon hire and a horse lost in 1779. Some of the documents transcribed below shed further light on this claim.]

[p 3]

State So. Carolina Dr. [Debtor] to Fields Pardue
for Duty in Ye Militia as Lieutenant

per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant]

£240.15

371.5

£612.0.0

110 Days Wagon Hire in 1779 at £4 [per day]

440

a Black Horse in July 1781

100

[old South Carolina] Currency

£1152

Stg. [Sterling]

£164.11.5

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[Note the top of this document is illegible as posted online]

in all 84 days at £10 is

£840

To a Driver 84 Days at 32/6

136.10

To a wages Cover taken by the Waggon Master to

976.10

Cut up & Make into Storage Baggs

60

£1036.10

[Illegible text] by the oath of Joel Pardue before me this 3rd day of August 1779

¹ 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.

S/ James Moore, JP

S/ Joel Pardue



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Please to Pay the within Contents to Ely Kershaw
To The Publick Treasurers

I am Sir
Your Humble Servant
S/ Fields Pardue



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The State of So. Carolina to Fields Pardue & James Wilson
1779

Dr.

To a Wagon & Team and driver in the public
Service from the 7th of March to the 25th June
Both days Included being 110 days at £4 per day

£440

State So. Carolina

Ninety Six District } Joel Pardue Came before me and made oath that the above service was
Performed by him as driver of The above said waggon in the public Service & he knows of no
satisfaction Ever Being made for the Same.

Sworn to before me

this 14th January 1784

S/ William Moon, JP

S/ Joel Pardue

State So. Carolina

Ninety Six District } James Wilson Came before me & made Oath that he believes there was an
account made out for the above Services which he is Informed by his Partner Fields Pardue is
Lost, which was the Reason he did not Give in this account to Col. Anderson the Commissioner
of Accounts when he did of all their other accounts which he also sworn he did not do

Sworn to before me

This 14th January 1784

S/ William Moon, JP

S/ Jms. Wilson



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State of So. Carolina

Fields Pardue made oath before me that he made out and Account for the Within
mentioned Waggoning before the Reduction of Charles-Town but on the Said Account received

in a Regiment of which Col. Samuel Hammond was a Lieutenant Colonel, to which Regiment was added to Companies of Mounted Rifle men, that the operations of said Regiment was confined to the State of South Carolina during all the time the said Fields Pardue Served therein as a Major and that he Served out the full period of his engagement, during which time he received a wound that ultimately caused his death, that the said Fields Pardue was entitled to three Negroes,² as a compensation for his Services as Major in said Regiment, and that Negroes at that time was reasonably worth the sum of _____ dollars a head: that the said Fields Pardue in his lifetime never received any compensation for his Services so rendered, from the State either directly or indirectly nor from any other Source whatsoever, neither has any other person or persons whomsoever received the same on account of said Pardue, your petitioner further Sheweth, that Gideon Pardue, Susan Pardue, Patsy Pardue and Lucilla Pardue ^{now Lucilla Covington} are the children and Legal Representatives of Fields Pardue, Therefore your petitioner prays your Honorable body's, that the said Gideon Pardue, Susan Pardue, Patsy Pardue, & Lucilla Pardue, May received from the State due Compensation for Services rendered by their father the said Fields Pardue in the war of the Revolution, as aforesaid, and your petitioner will pray &c

S/ John B Covington
for Guideon Pardue and others



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South Carolina in Edgefield District} Personally appeared before me, M. Gray, a Notary Public in and for the District aforesaid, Col. Samuel Hammond,³ who being duly Sworn, Saith on his oath, that he was well acquainted with the late Fields Pardue, That [undeciphered word]⁴ the war of revolution the Said Fields Pardue was appointed and commissioned a Major in a Regiment, of which this deponent was a Lieutenant Colonel, & to which was added two Companies of mounted Rifle men, that said Pardue was entitled to three Negroes for his Services as Major in Said Regiment, that Negroes was at that time worth the Sum of Eighty Pounds each, that the Services of the said Fields Pardue was confined to the Said State during the time that he Served in Said Regiment, that he Served out faithfully the period of his engagement, during which time he received a wound while in the performance of his duty, which ultimately caused his death. This deponent further Swears, that he has no knowledge of said Fields Pardue ever having received any compensation either directly or indirectly, for his Services, from the Said State, or from any other Source whatsoever, neither does he Know of any other person or persons whomsoever having received the same on account of said Pardue, and that Gideon Pardue, Susan

² Men who enlisted for ten months in April 1781 in the SC State Troops of Light Dragoons under Hammond were promised wages payable in slaves taken from the Tories. Such 'pay' was known as "Sumter's Wages." When the number of confiscated slaves proved inadequate to pay this horrendous form of payment, the South Carolina Legislature authorized the payment of £94 Sterling in lieu of one grown Negro slave.

³ [Samuel Hammond S21807](#)



Pardue, Patsy Pardue and Lucilla Pardue ^{now Lucilla Covington} are the Children and legal representatives of the said Fields Pardue.

Sworn to before me

this the 8th of December 1835

S/ M. Gray, Notary Public

S/ S. Hammond

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "S. Hammond", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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The Committee on Claims to which was referred the Petition of John B. Covington praying compensation for services rendered by the late Fields Pardue in the War of the revolution ass leave to Report

That they have considered the same and recommend that it be referred to Comptroller General to examine into all the facts of the case and report at the next session of the Legislature.

S/ J. Fickling [?]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Fickling", written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

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To the Honorable the President, and other Members of the Senate of South Carolina

The Comptroller General to whom was referred the Petition of John B Covington, praying for compensation for services rendered to the State in the War of the Revolution, by the late Fields Pardue a Major in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Hammond Reports, that he has examined into the facts of the Case as far as it was practicable for him to do; That in conducting the examination, it appeared that to facts only were required to be established, first the performance of the Services, stated to have been rendered, and Secondly, the fact of no compensation having been made for those Services. The evidence which was adduced to Substantiate the first point, (and which accompanies this Report) is of the highest Character. It is the Testimony under Oath of Col. Samuel Hammond, who was the immediate Commander of the Regiment, in which Major Pardue is said to have served; Col. Hammond a Gentleman of high Reputation, and of distinguished ability and Zeal in the Revolutionary War, Testifies in the most unequivocal manner to the identity and the Services which were rendered by Major Pardue as an Officer in his Regiment, and holding the Commission etc. it as set forth in the Petition. The testimony in support of the Second point (as to compensation) is of a negative character, but is strongly confirmatory of the Statement in the petition that no compensation was ever made to Major Pardue in his lifetime, or subsequently to any of his Representatives for Revolutionary Services; The first is the affidavit of Col. Hammond, that he does not Know of the Said **[out of sequence p 24]** Fields Pardue ever having received any compensation from the State for Military Services rendered during the War of the Revolution, or of his Representatives ever having received anything on that account. The next is the entire absence of documentary or of any other proof that compensation was made to the said Pardue or to any of his Representatives for Military Services. The records in this office do not furnish any evidence that a Settlement was

ever made with any of the parties in this Case. The [undeciphered word]⁵ of evidence which the Registry in this office furnishes of Settlement for Revolutionary claims, and the total absence of all proof that any Settlement of the claims of Major Pardue was ever made induces the Comptroller to venture the opinion that the facts stated in the petition (and corroborated by the affidavit of Col. Hammond) are to be relied upon.

Office of Comptroller General
Columbia December 8th 1836

Respectfully submitted
S/ W. Laval Comptroller General

[p 19: The same report as transcribed above but addressed to the SC House of Representatives]

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The Committee on Claims, was referred the Petition of John B Covington praying compensation for Revolutionary services rendered the State by the late Fields Pardue, ass leave to Report –

Your Committee have given the matter of the Petition a patient and jealous scrutiny, and are convinced by the very unexceptionable testimony brought before them, by reference to the necessary public documents and the Report of the Comptroller-General ordered to be made by a committee of the Senate last Session, that the prayer is a just one; and they unanimously recommend that the sum of two thousand four hundred and ~~fifty nine~~^{forty} 22/100 dollars be appropriated in satisfaction of it to be paid to the Heirs of Fields Pardue respectively.

S/ Albert Moore Smith Chairman

[Note: The remaining pages in this file are duplicates of the above.]

