

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Knighton SC4731  
Audited Account No. 4359

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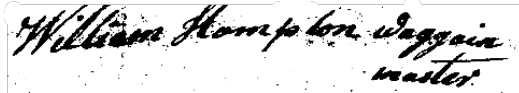
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This is to Sertify that John Niten [sic] – Had a waggain [wagon] and Teem [team] in the Servas [service] fore [four] months and Twenty Days and he forrag [forage] his horses too [two] Days and provison [provision] for him Self Six days and in the time lost three bels [bells] and fore bags and one Waggain Clorth and one horse

S/ William Hampton Waggain master [Wagon Master]



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Publick Debter [Debtor] to John Knighton July 5<sup>th</sup> 1779 for the worker of a Waggain team and driver 18 days as Baggage Waggain In Col. Singletons<sup>2</sup> Redgmt [Regiment] on an expedition to Agusta [Augusta] prest [Prest] 19 February and discharged 9<sup>th</sup> of March 1779 which being 18 days at £11.12.6 per day £209.5.0

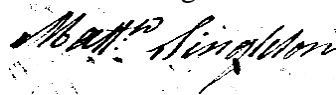
Camden District } personally appeared before me John Knighton and duly made oath that the above Account is Just and true Sworn 21 January 1780 before me

S/ John James Junior

This is to Certify that the within Mentioned wagen and Teem was in the Publick service Eighteen Days for the use of My Regiment of Militia

Certified this 28<sup>th</sup> January 1780

S/ Mattw. Singleton



<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.

<sup>2</sup> Lt. Col. Matthew Singleton of the Camden District Regiment in 1779 and 1780.

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To the Honorable the President and others the Members of the Senate of the State of South Carolina –

The Petition of John Knighton – Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioner having served in the late war under the officers Subscribing a certificate thereof hereunto annexed for a Considerable time, and having lost a Horse in the Service, for all which he has neither received Certificate, or Compensation, neither would he have looked for any – had not the distressed Situation he is reduced to by losing his Eyesight, incapacitated him to procure a Subsistence for himself – and having no dependence [sic], or means of Support but what comes from the Compassionate – He therefore humbly presents to this Honorable House the Consideration of his distressed Situation, hoping that his Calamitous Circumstances will induce you to do something for him in whatever way may [text obliterated and rendered illegible]

Petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray

November 28<sup>th</sup>, 1793

S/ John Knighton, X his mark

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To the Honorable the Speaker and the other Honorable gentlemen of the House of Representatives the petition of John Knighton humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner did 18 months Service in General Marion's [Francis Marion's] brigade as will [word obliterated] by his certificate and also had a horse pressed into the service by Major Snipes<sup>3</sup> for neither of which he has never received any compensation and he hopes your Honorable House will not take advantage of his being a poor blind man and could not get anybody to deliver in his accounts in time and he humbly hopes your Honors will grant him sum [some] relief and he will always pray for your Honors.

S/ John Knighton, X his mark

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This is to Certify that John Knighton Served under me during the war in the militia and Did faithful duty as any man whenever he was called on and never received pay for any part of his duty nor yet Received any certificate a likely Brown Bay horse taken into the Service which General Marion promised that he should receive his horse at different times but never Received a horse nor certificate

November 25 1793

S Wm Dukes Cpt. [William Dukes, Captain]<sup>4</sup>

S/ Joseph Terry Lieut.

S/ R. Richardson [Jr.]

Colo. St. Mks [St. Marks Parish] Militia

A rectangular box containing three handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature reads 'Wm Dukes Cpt', the middle one 'Joseph Terry Lieut', and the bottom one 'R. Richardson Col. St. Marks Militia'.

<sup>3</sup> Major William Clay Snipes served in Lt. Col. William Polk's regiment in 1781

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<sup>4</sup> William Dukes served in the Berkeley County Regiment under Col. Richard Richardson, Jr.

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This is to Certify that the Bearer hereof John Knighton [sic] Lived a Near neighbor to me two years in time of the British Invading this State and I have reason to Believe he Conducted himself as an honest Man – and friend to the American Cause, by doing his Duty In the Militia when called on – and that I know of no Compensation nor means of Coming at his pay, for Services done about that time.

Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1793  
State of South Carolina  
Clarendon County

S/ Wm McConnico, JP

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wm McConnico, JP". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

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To all of whom it may Concern –

Whereas the bearer John Knighton is deprived of Site and rendered unable to Labour for a Livelihood –

I am induced to give him this as a Certificate to obviate such Scruples as some are too apt to object to the Unfortunate, he being Such in every Sense of the Word, merits the Attention of every humane Person

S/ John Hughes, MB

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Hughes, MB". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Granby December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1793

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The Committee to whom was Referred the Petition of John Knighton –  
Report –

That they have examined the Petition and the certificates and vouchers Accompanying the same and beg leave to recommend in the words of the unfortunate petitioner that no advantage be taken of his blindness and Poverty, but That the Treasurers be directed to pay him the Sum of Sixty Six pounds  $13/4$  to be provided for in the next year's tax bill