

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Henry Miller SC4810
Audited Account No. 5247A

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[Note: The following two documents present unique challenges. Included are images of them along with my attempt to decipher them line by line. Any suggested corrections will be welcomed.]

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On the States Service

Benjn. Waren [Warren?] Esqr.

P. M.

T: Waters

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Sr [Sir] Mr thos ^wWaters I Make No Doubt

hath Exlamd [exclaimed] aganst [against] Me for trite ing [treating]

him ill in the way of his Colleckshon [collection]

Perhaps I Mought [?] for I Belive [believe] if I had

Not a Detecktd [attacked] him I Mout [must] a Bin [of been] in Wors [worse]

surcumstane [circumstance] But I wish the Danger May

Be over pray Sir in Quier [inquire] What Returns

hath Bin [been] Made for ye year 1788 in Spisch [Special?]

Indents & whether any hath Bin [been] Made

and how Much of that years Tax hath Bin [been] Paid

--I am told you Sent a Letter to Me to

Desist from puting [putting] ye Exacushon [execution] on his Body

in fors [?] he hath Shune [shown?] Sich [such] a Letter to others

But Not to Me—DrSr [Dear Sir] I hope youl [you will] give

Me the Best in for Mushon [information] you Can how

Matters Stands With Mr. Waters in ye Way of ye Tox [tax]

--I paid pout om My one [own] purs [purse] for the Last

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.

Express I sent you I hope you'll pay of of ye
publicks [public's] for this as I think it all Concerns [concerns]
the State I have agreed [agreed] with ye Bard [Board] hear [here]
of for three Dollers [Dollars] & he Can give you a Count [account]
of Henry Miller.

I am Dr [Dear] Sr [Sir] yours to Cummd [Command]
B: Warren Esqr. S/ P Waters [Philemon Waters]²

*Mr Waters I Make No Doubt
hath Exclam'd a gainst Me for writing
him ill in the way of his Collection
Perhaps I thought you'd believe if I had
not a Detect'd him I Mout a Bin in some
circumstance But I wish the Danger May
Be over prays^d the Quier what Returns
hath Bin Made for ye year 1788 in Speck
Indents or whether any hath Bin Made
and how much of that years Tax hath Bin Paid
— I am to you sent a Letter to Me
Desist from putting of Execution on his Body
in favor he hath shun'd such a Letter to others
But not to Me — I hope you'll give
Me the Best info for Murther you Can how
Matters stand With Mr. Waters in y Way of Tax
— I paid out of My own purs for the last
Express sent you I hope you'll pay out of y
publicks for this as I think it all Concerns
the State I have agreed with y Board hear
of for three Dollers & he Can give you a Count
of Henry Miller
I am Dr yours to Cummd
B: Warren Esqr. P Waters*

² [Philemon Waters SC409](#)

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Fare Spring ye 17th Sepr. 1793

Dr Sr [Dear Sir]

The Invershon [inversion] of Man ye past finding out
other wise William Nelson & George Owens
Would Never a Shuded [?] out the in Vershon [inversion] to gett [get]
Money from the publick of this State for ye
Servis [service] of henry Miller Desest [deceased] By applying
to ye Wido [widow] Lidy Miller to Purshuse [purchase] hrir [her] Right
of annuaty [annuity] Now Sr [Sir] Mr. henry Miller was
in My Cumpany [Company] in the Beginning of ye Warr [War]
and I assert I Never Culd [could] git [get] one Howers [hour's]
Servis [service] for the State out of him But after the
fall of Cha^stun [Charleston]³ he turnd [turned] out in Be half [behalf] of
ye British & I Met him on the Rode [road] as
I Returned home from Confinement of his
Being Sent to ye Hand [?] a Driving a wagen [wagon]
in the British Servis With the Simtoms [symptoms]
of ye Small Pox & in a Short time after
I was in formed [informed] he Died With ye Small Pox
I affirm this to Be the Histry of Henry Miller
that Mr. Willm Nelson is So Desierus [desirous] to Serve the
Wido [widow] of Lidiy Miller Was to get any thing
By it only to Be a Cind [kind?] of Cats paw Be twene [Between]
Ham [?] & purgery [perjury] – I think Mr Blackston
Says in his Comments any person procuring
an other [another] to back a falls [false] oath is gilty [guilty] of porgery [perjury]
To this infirmashon [information] I hope you tack Miskins a Cordenly [????]

N:B:

the year he Rec'd [received] Spishel [special]
in Dents [Indents] I was appntd [?] By the
Lews [Laws?] Later & he Nomanald [nominated?] By the
govner [Governor] in My Std [stead?] the Every thing was
Carried there in My Name Such as ye
Tax Bill & in Struckshons [instructions] from the
trishurers [treasurers] & &

³ Battle of Charleston <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/800401-charleston/>
& <https://allthingsliberty.com/2020/10/britains-last-throw-of-the-dice-begins-the-charlestown-campaign-of-1780/>

Evening of 17th Sept 1793

The invasion of Man of past sending out
 other wise William Wilson & George Owens
 Would have a studied out the in invasion to gett
 Money from the publick of this State for of
 Service of being Miller Desist By applying
 to of Wido Ldy Miller to Purchase her Right
 of an annuity about £ 10000 Miller was
 in My Company in the Beginning of War
 and I assist of Steers but gett one Howers
 Service for the state out of him but of the the
 Hall of Chertum he turned out in the hands of
 of British & I met him on the Road as
 I returned home from confinement of his
 being led to of Man a driving a wagen
 in the British Service with the Simtoms
 of Small pox or in a short time after
 I was in form he died with Small Pox
 I affirm this to be the History of Henry Miller
 that Mr Will^m Wilson is so Deserous to Serve the
 Wido of Ldy Miller tho at the same time it Don
 appear the Wido woman Was to gett any thing
 By it only to be a kind of Cato pass betwene
 them & plorsery — I think Mr Blackstone
 says in his Comments any person procuring
 an other to take a false oath is guilty of perjury
 So this information I hope you will take notice of

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 in Dents I was affraid by the
 being later & be Hamanle by the
 gover in My 30 the Every thing was
 Carried there in My hand such is of
 100 to 100 in Struck down from the
 husband of

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Sir Please Deliver to Thomas Williams all my Indent or Indents in your office for services done in the Continental Line in the State of South Carolina in Col. Thompson's Regiment.

I have sold said Indents and received value for the same

I am Sir your H S

S/ Henry Miller, X his mark

William Hort Esquire Treasurer

None in Charleston

Richland County } Britton Spelling made oath that he did see the above named Henry Miller make his mark on the above order sworn before me this 27th August 179^s [sic]

S/ Richard Be??, J. P.

S/ Britton Spelling, B his mark

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To The Honorable Robert Barnwell Speaker of the House of Representatives

1795 3rd Dec. Petition of P. Waters

Genl. Anderson

Mr. Starke Mr. Threewits

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To the honorable Mr. Speaker of the house of representatives

Dr Sr. [Dear Sir]

I made an information in December 1793 in the House of Representatives against Benjamin Inman, Thomas Roll & John A. Summers [sic, John Adam Sumer] three of the justices for Lexington [Lexington] County for Signing a false Sertifuate [Certificate] for one Lyda Miller widow of Henry Miller deceased for her annuity by which means upwards of fifty pounds were drawn out of the Treasury. Henry Miller died in the service of the British, was a noted outyer [outlier] till the fall of Charleston and then joined the British at Granbey [Granby], and died with the smallpox on the rode [road] driving a waggon from Charleston to that Post, there is witnesses Enough to prove what I assert. When I made the information as above there was a Committy [committee] appointed and reported in favour of the State but the report was never taken up. If a Committy is appointed I will wait on it to give information; and am with due respect your most obedient and humble Servant

S/ P Waters [Philemon Waters]

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philemon Waters". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

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Report of a Letter from Philemon Waters respecting Pension formally drawn out of ye Treasury to be considered tomorrow

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The Committee to whom was referred a letter from Col. Waters stating that a Person by the name of Lydia Miller had improperly Received a Certificate for drawing a Pension out of the treasury

Report that on inquiry into the facts contained in said letter and on examining the certificate remaining in the Treasury find that Benjamin Inman, Thomas Roll & John Adam Summer three justices of the peace for Orangeburg District did certify to the treasury that the said Lydia Miller was entitled to receive a Pension [undeciphered word or abbreviation] from the State which said Certificate was endorsed by the said Lydia Miller to one William Nelson of Fairfield County on which the said William Nelson did Actually receive fifty three Pounds it also appears to your Committee on the Information of Col. Waters that it is Highly probable the said justices knew at the time of making the said Certificate the said Lydia Miller was not entitled to a Pension Your Committee also find that Daniel Odom of Orangeburg District has Received a pension to the Amount of thirty five Pounds not being entitled so to do it also appears to your Committee John Blakney of York County has received a Pension to the Amount of twenty Pounds the said John Blackney [sic] being a Prisoner of the Americans at the time of receiving his Wounds. In the two last cases it does not appear to your Committee whether the magistrates are blameable or not. Your Committee Therefore recommend that the Solicitors each in his circuit be directed to take effectual measures to recover back the said Pensions & that the Treasurer at Columbia do immediately furnish the said Solicitors with such papers & Certificates as may be necessary to facilitate the said Recovery & that the said Solicitors do issue Subpoenas for Col. Waters in the case of Lydia Miller, John Bloom in the case of Daniel Odom & Col. Bratton [William Bratton] in the case of John Blakeny to be & appear at the next Courts of Common Pleas to be holden in their respective Districts in order to give any further or necessary Information relative to the Drawing of said Pensions. Your Committee also recommend that the Solicitors for the Southern Circuit be directed & required to commence a Prosecution or Prosecutions against the said Justices of the peace for Orangeburg as for a Misdemeanor in their said offices.