

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Simon Lee SC4837  
Audited Account No. 4493A

pp 93

Transcribed and annotated by Will Graves

7/20/23

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' or 'undeciphered' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention. Researchers should not rely solely on the transcripts but should review the originals for themselves. These transcripts are intended as an aid to research, not to be used in lieu thereof.]

[p 2]

27 November 1809

X parte  
petition

Simon Lee admitted to a Pension  
Arh.[?] Bellinger – Chairman  
Pensions

[p 3]

South Carolina Williamsburgh District}

To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives  
The humble petition of Simon Lee Sheweth

That your Petitioner is a native American and one who during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain served during a part of that war as Ensign in Sheperds [sic, Abraham Sheppard's] regiment and during the latter of the said War as Captain of a Militia Company attached to Colonel Eaton's [Thomas Eaton's] Regiment. That your Petitioner was during the war in several battles and engagements, and one of which, to wit, at the Eautaws [Eutaw Springs, September 8, 1781]<sup>2</sup> he was shot through one leg and through the [undeciphered word].<sup>3</sup> That your Petitioner is a poor man with a very large family and that from his wounds he is disabled from working so as to maintain his family.

---

<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> [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_eutaw\\_springs.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_eutaw_springs.html) From later documents in this file and supporting affidavits, it is more likely that the veteran was at the March 3, 1779 Briar Creek March 3, 1779 <http://www.myrevolutionarywar.com/battles/790304-briar-creek/>

<sup>3</sup> 

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays, that your Honorable body will take his case into consideration and grant him such relief as you in your wisdom may see fit, that he may be put on the Pension list & be entitled to receive a pension from the time, that an act of the Legislature was passed for the purpose of providing for disabled Officers & Soldiers & your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Simon Lee



[p 4]

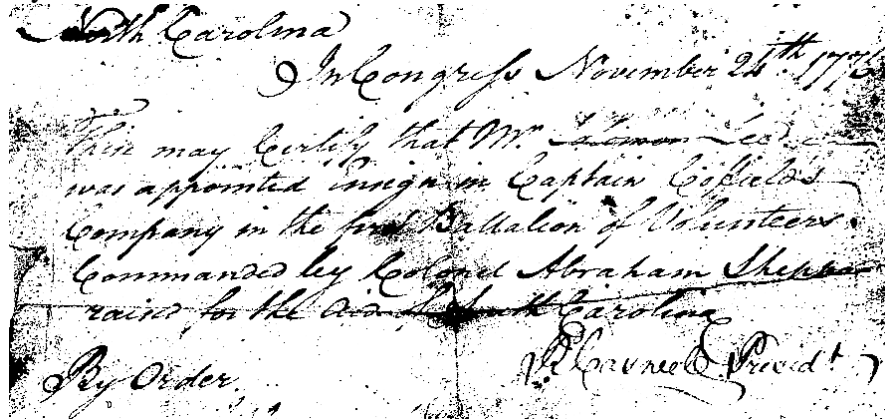
North Carolina

In Congress November 24<sup>th</sup> 1776

This may Certify that Mr. Solomon<sup>Simon</sup> Lee was appointed Ensign in Captain Coffield's [Gresham Coffield's]<sup>4</sup> Company in the first Battalion of Volunteers Commanded by Colonel Abraham Sheppard raised for the Aid of South Carolina

S/ R. Caswell Presidt. [Richard Caswell]

By Order



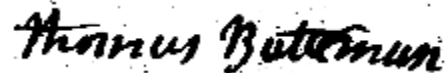
State of South Carolina Darlington District } To the Honorable the House of Representatives

This Day Personally appeared before me one of the justices of the Peace Thomas Bateman [sic] and Being Duly Sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty god Saith That he was present in the Battle of the Utaw [sic] when Captain Simon Lee was Shot Through the Leg and Shoulder and that the said Captain Simon Lee was carried all by the said Deponent.

Sworn to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of November 1809

S/ Joseph Swales, JP

S/ Thomas Bateman<sup>5</sup>



[p 7]

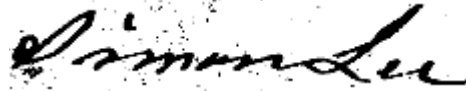
Received from the Treasurer of the lower division Sixty four Dollars 26/100 in full for three years pensions up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 1811 – received this 27 November 1810.

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc\\_patriot\\_military\\_captains.html](https://www.carolana.com/NC/Revolution/nc_patriot_military_captains.html)

<sup>5</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Thomas Bateman R606](#)

\$64.26

S/ Simon Lee



[p 10]

South Carolina

Mary Lee the Wife of the within declares upon Oath that her husband is alive and entitled to the pension

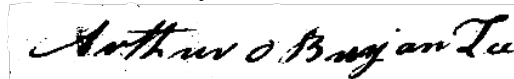
Sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> January 1812

[undeciphered signature], JP

[no indication of a signature]

Received 6 January 1812 Twenty one dollars 42 Cents in full for my father

S/ Arthur O'Bryan Lee



[p 11]

Mr. Lee

I have Sent my son Arthur O'Bryan Lee In my Stead to Draw my pension please to Let him have the same and this my order shall be a Receipt for the his present year up to the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1812

January 3<sup>rd</sup> Day 1811

S/ Simon Lee

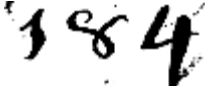
[p 14]

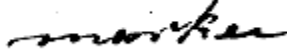
petition of Simon Lee kept praying for the grant of a pension from the year 184 [sic]<sup>6</sup>

[p 15]

To the Honorable the House of Senators

The humble petition of your humble petitioner Sheweth forth the Great Kneed [Need] and Distress of your Honors not granting him a pention [pension] from the year 1784 in which the greater part of pentioners [pensioners] was allowed he therefore Ever thinks that as he came Capt. of a Company of volunteers from the North State commanded by Pink Eaton [Pinketham Eaton] in the Defense of this State and was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs, and there Received a Bullet in his Right Leg and a shot in his Left Sholder [Shoulder] and then taken prisoner and Kept twelve months and foreteen [fourteen] Days and in the same Battle Lost a Large marker[?]<sup>7</sup> and a very good sword and two uniform Soots [Suits] of Cloths of which he never Received any satisfaction nor pay for the same which Causes him to think that your Honors might not think it amiss to grant him a Repetition [?]<sup>8</sup> from the year 1784 up to the time that it was before granted

<sup>6</sup>  [1814 or 1811??]

<sup>7</sup>  [marquee?]

<sup>8</sup>  Repetition

it was said when he petitioned before that he should have come forward sooner the Reason of that was because he did not want to Run [?]<sup>9</sup> his Country to any Expense and strove as hard as possible he could to prevent the same But through old age and great Infirmness Compell him to Repetition to your honers [honors] again for some assistance it might be said that this should have been proved it was proved by the testimony of Thomas Bateman and by his Commission which was Lade [laid] before the honorable House and was granted of which he has Received five years pay

S/ Simon Lee

[p 16]

November 27, 1812

Report of the committee on claims on the petition of Simon Lee for arrears of Pension

[p 17]

Committee on Claims to whom was referred the petition of Simon Lee praying for arrears of Petition. –

Report that they have duly considered the Same, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted, as it appears from his Petition that he belonged to the North Carolina Line

S/ Samuel Mays, Chairman of Committee on Claims

[p 28]

State of South Carolina Williamsburg District

To the Honorable House of Representatives

Whereas your humble petitioner prays that your Honorable House would take into consideration and Allow him Something for a Loss of Certain property Lost in the revolutionary War and at the Battle of the Eutaw Springs That is to Say one horse Saddle & Bridle Worth one Hundred and Twenty Dollars one Silver Watch worth thirty Dollars one Sword worth thirty five Dollars one Trunk of officers Uniform Cloaths worth Fifty him Dollars and twenty Dollars Cash

Whereas your humble petitioner States to your Honors that he is Sixty Six years of age and is reduced much in health and property and therefore prayeth for Some relief for his losses is the prayer of your most humble Petitioner

South Carolina

Sumter District} Personally appeared before me Simon Lee Esquire and being duly sworn saith on oath that the within Petition is Just and True

Sworn to before me

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 1818

S/ John Baker, JP

S/ Simon Lee

[p 29]

State of So. Carolina

Sumter District} Personally appeared before me Simon Lee Esquire – & saith on oath that he was a Lieutenant under Capt. Abraham Shepard [Abraham Sheppard] the 10 Regiment North Carolina Troops commanded by Col. Abraham Shepred Senr. [Abraham Sheppard Senior] For

the Term of 2 Years & 6 month also Jesse Floy [sic, Jesse Floyd] appeared before me & saith on Oath that he New [knew] Simon Lee & that he passt [passed?] as an officer under Col. Abraham Sheperd Senr Army in 1777

Sworn to before me

November 1518 18

S/ William Kennedy, Q. U.

S/ Simon Lee

S/ Jesse Floyd



[p 33: Report of the committee recommending that the petition be rejected for lack of vouchers]

[p 44]

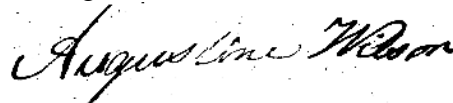
State of South Carolina

Williamsburg District}

Personally appeared before me Philip W. McRae one of the Justices Assigned to keep the Peace for said District Augustine Wilson<sup>10</sup> Who being duly Sworn Saith that he Served in the Same Regiment with Simon Lee in the State of South Carolina and as to his Losses of Property I cannot ascertain only by Good Information that It was So. Sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1819

S/ Philip W. McRae QU

S/ Augustine Wilson



[p 59]

To the Honourable the House of Representatives

your Humble pertitioner prayeth that your Honourable Boddy would Take his pertition In to consideration and grant him Some Increase of pention as he is now Seventy one years of age and through the Hard Ship That he under went In the Revelation war of five years In Servis and Two more a Prisoner of war which has Brought on him The Rheumattick pains which has Rendered him In Capable of Doing Labour Sufficient To mentain him Self on Sixty Dollars pr Year Which is the prayer of your most Humble pertitioner

S/ Simon Lee

[p 61: Report of the committee on Pensions dated December 12, 1822 recommending that the prayer of the petition be not granted]

[p 74]

Capt. John Graham after my Best Respects to you I am in a very Low State of health at present so that I am obliged to send my papers and please to do what you can for me and I will always Do the same for you in the first place please to get me on the pension Roll as Captain you may see By searching the Record of Major Clay where I was paid off as a Captain of the volunteers

---

<sup>10</sup> This MAY be the same man as [Augustin Wilson S7920](#) although Wilson did not claim in his pension application to have been at Eutaw Springs. Wilson was at Briar Creek on March 3, 1779. Is it possible Lee confused being at Eutaw Springs with have actually been at Briar Creek when he was wounded? I think it highly likely that he did. See the transcript of the document on page 75 of this file below.

from North Carolina for the aid of South Carolina and Georgia and was taken a prisoner in the State of Georgia and if that is granted please to get it back as far as you can and in the next place try if you cannot get a certain sum of three or four years at once Deducting the Interest of Every year or else try and get me three or four hundred Dollars and Take me off the pension Roll and in the next please to have pensioners ordered so that no Debt can take it from them and that they shall not be cased or imprisoned for Debt for Major [undeciphered word or name]<sup>11</sup> cased me for Cost when it was not just a note of fifteen dollars was put into his hands and he went and write in stead of a summon and I have paid twenty five Dollars and then he put me in jail for the balance if in your power to prevent pensioners from that Law do as they have ventured those living [text obscured] the survivors after them and I remain [text obscured] 16 [undeciphered month] 1826

S/ Simon Lee

[p 75: very faint document]

State of South Carolina Williams Burgh District} Personally appeared before me Solomon Coward one of the [text too faint to discern] Simon Lee Senior being duly sworn Saith on oath that he served as a Captain in the [text too faint to discern] Regiment of Volunteers of North Carolina commanded by Colonel Thomas Eaton raised for Aid of South Carolina and Georgia and taken prisoner in general ashes defeat at Briar Creek in Georgia on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1779 and afterwards paid off as Captain by Major Clay then paymaster of this State in the year 1779. The above Sworn to this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1826

S/ Solomon Coward Q U

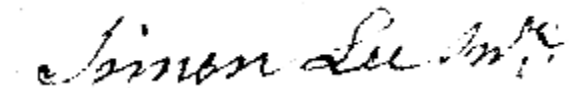
S/ Simon Lee Snr.

[p 77]

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives

Your humble pertitioner Sheweth forth that he Served as a Capt. in the North Redgement of Vollenteers of North Carolina Commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton Raised for the aid of South Carolina and georgia and was taken prisoner in Genl. Ashes Defeat at Brier Creek in the State of Georgia on the third day of March 1779 and afterwards was paid off as Capt. by Major Clay then paymaster of South Carolina in the <sup>month</sup> of December 1779 – your Humble pertitioner prayeth That your honorable Body would place him on the pention roll as Capt. as my Commission has been sent to the assembly by Col. R. L. Witherspoon and the proof of my service are wounds. This is the prayer of your faithful Solger [Soldier] who served five years in the Revelation war November the 22 Day 1826

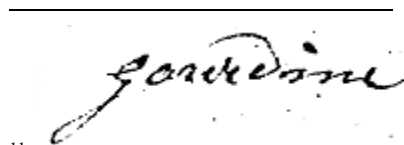
S/ Simon Lee Snr.



[p 79]

Captain Graham I now 74 years old and have no house nor home and you must know that sixty dollars will not serve my Board and find me Cloths and I am at this time at a loss for a home as no one will keep me for that sum and I think it hard after all my hardship to be brought to Suffer

---



when the officers of State is above such Large fees for their Services when I underwent more in one year than they do in five.

S/ Simon Lee

November the 16<sup>th</sup> day 1826

Please to send me an answer to Kingstree of the proceedings of my papers

[p 84]

To the Honorable the House of Representatives

When as your Petitioner Simon Lee did in the Revolutionary War command a Volunteer Company as Captain, Raised in North Carolina for the aid of South Carolina & Georgia in the South Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Eaton the whole Commanded by Major General John Ash– my commission & the Proof of my Service & of a wound I received I sent on by Col. Robert L Witherspoon to the Satisfaction of your Honorable House and only has been allowed a Private Soldier's Pension your Petitioner therefore wish that his Case may be considered & his Pension Raised to that of a Captain of this State & your Petitioner will always pray

S/ Captain Simon Lee

[p 86: Report of the committee indicates that the prayer was again not granted in December 1827]

[p 89]

These will Certify to all whom it may Concern that the subscribers hereto Solemnly Declare that Simon Lee of Williamsburg District and State of South Carolina – Died on the Tenth day of April A.D. 1829 and also that two of them saw him Expire

Williamsburg District

this 4<sup>th</sup> September 1829

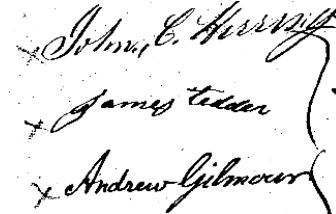
Sworn to before

S/ James Folly, QU

S/ John C. Herring

S/ James tedder

S/ Andrew Gilmore [?]

Handwritten signatures of John C. Herring, James tedder, and Andrew Gilmore. The signatures are written in cursive and are arranged vertically, with John C. Herring at the top, James tedder in the middle, and Andrew Gilmore at the bottom. Each signature is preceded by a small cross or mark.

[p 90: Solomon Coward was named administrator of the Estate of Simon Lee and received the last payment due him as a pensioner at the rate of \$60 per annum.]