

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to John Lethem [Lathem, Latham, Lathern] pp 17  
Audited Account No. 4533

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[p 3: very faint image: rely on this transcript with caution]

State of South Carolina

To the President & Members of the Senate

The humble Petition of John Latham [sic]

Sheweth to your Honorable body that he done Service in this State & that of North Carolina in the Revolutionary war. He was not one of those who wore the name of a soldier, but done none of the duties [?] of a soldier. He Searched for the place where his Services would be most profitable, & then rendered them willingly. No danger, trouble or difficulty baffled him in any of his distress [?], but hazzarded all for the good of his Country. Your Petitioner was under the command of various officers & done duty in many places. In this State he was at Charleston when it was taken by the British [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780],<sup>2</sup> was at the battle at Blufords – Your Petitioner with four others were sent out upon a Scouting party was overtaken by a parcel of Tories, & by them your Petitioner was wounded by the Sword on the head, and on the hand. The wound on the head was a very severe One, the incision was made on the left side & the whole of the flesh & skin was so cut that the skin & flesh being [text too faint to discern] my ear & up me neck. I attempted to parry the strokes aimed at my head, & by this means received the wound in my left hand by reason of which he lost one of his knuckles. The cleft in the hand was a considerable one, & the injury done by it, I feel to this day. From the wound in the head Your Petitioner at certain times in cloudy weather feels pains; & is an annoyance [?] to him. Your Petitioner has long deferred to apply for any assistance from a State in which he has suffered so much but he is now getting old, & has no one to work for himself & a large family – His Children are all females & after so long a forbearance he hopes your Honorable body will grant him a pension

December 1, 1824

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<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> 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/>

S/ Joh Lethem



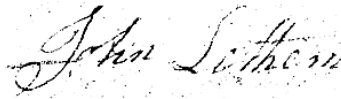
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State of South Carolina  
Lancaster District

The Petitioner came before me and states on oath that the facts set forth in his petition are true. That there is no One living in the knowledge of the petitioner that was present when he was wounded but the scars of the ones are his only testimony.

Sworn to before me  
this 1 December 1824  
S/ R. M. Crockett, J Q

S/ John Lethem



We Certify that we are acquainted with the character of the petitioner in the Revolutionary war, He was always reputed to be a great friend to [the] liberty Side – & have always understood that he was wounded as set forth in his petition.

Dec. 1, 1824

S/ Saml. Caskey, X his mark [Samuel Caskey]  
S/ James Hood



[Note: The prayer of the petition was granted and the petitioner was placed on the SC pension list at the annual rate of \$60 with the first payment being made on June 9, 1826 of \$120 to “John Lathern [sic]. Subsequent payments were made through May 30, 1831, all at the rate of \$60 per annum.]

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To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of South Carolina  
The petition of Margaret Lathern [sic] Executrix of John Lathern late of Lancaster District deceased was 1 of the Pensioners of this State that he died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 1831 leaving a Will appointing me the Sole Executrix.  
At the time of his death there was an Arrear of Pension due to him, up to the day of his death, which was on 12<sup>th</sup> of October, 1831, I therefore Respectfully petition your body to grant me the Arrears of Pension whatever Amount may be found due my Testator. The above is Submitted by your Petitioner

S/ Margaret Lathern, X her mark  
Executrix of John Lathern

Witness

S/ James H Witherspoon O L D [Ordinary for Lancaster District]

[Note: Her petition was granted.]