

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Oliver Towles<sup>2</sup> SC50  
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Jane Towles AA19

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To the Honourable the Speaker and House of Representative

The Petition of Jeane Tols Widdow of Olivpher Tols in the County of Newberry – Humbly  
Sheweth

That your Petitioner's Husband was a prisoner 14 Months after the Fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], after which time he was killed, in the year 1781 and your Petitioner depending on Some of the Officers whose duty it was to have Returned the same to the Publick by which Means it was Neglected your Petitioner therefore Humbly prays your Honorable House to take her Case into your Serious consideration and grant her such Relief as Your Honours shall think fit and in Duty bound will ever Pray  
S/ Jeane Tols, X her mark

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In the House of Representatives March 2, 1789

The Committee on the Petition of Jane Towles, Widow of Captain Oliver Towels, deceased  
Report.

That the allegations set forth in said Petition appeared to be founded in truth and by the Pay Master's Books, it appears that Captain Oliver Towels, deceased, of the late 3<sup>rd</sup> South Carolina Regiment of Infantry on the Continental establishment, received no pay since the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 1779.

Your Committee recommend that the Auditor General be directed to audit the Accounts of Captain Towels amounting to 381 pounds 13 shillings Sterling, and that Mrs. Towels be allowed Interest thereon payable in Special Indents from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1785.

Resolved, that this House do agree with the Report

Ordered. That the Report & Resolution be sent to the Senate for their concurrence.

By Order of the House  
S/ John Sandford Dark, CHR

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<sup>1</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts are available on microfilm at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC. They will eventually be available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. The "SC" file number has been assigned by the administrator of this website for indexing purposes only and is not an officially recognized file number.

<sup>2</sup> This veteran's name is spelled variously as follows: Olivpher Tols; Oliver Towls.

In the Senate March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1789

Resolved. That this House do concur with the House of Representatives in the said Report & Resolution.

Ordered. That the Report & Resolutions be sent to the House of Representatives.

By Order of the Senate

S/ Felix Warley, CS

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State South Carolina Newberry District } The Honorable Senate and House of Representatives

The petition of Daniel Towles, humbly Sheweth, that he is the heir at law of Jane Towles, deceased, late of the State and district aforesaid; and that at her death the State was indebted to her [in] the Sum of \$30 as a Revolutionary pensioner. Your Petitioner further sheweth that he has become old and infirm, and that the above some although small, and inconsiderable will add much to his comfort if [?] your Honorable body will give a gracious answer to this petition; your petitioner will ever pray.

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1827

S/ Daniel Towles

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Towles". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid, with a large initial 'D'.

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We the Subscribers, Justices and members of the Legislature, do hereby certify that Jane Towles, Widow of Captain Oliver Towles, deceased, lived until August 21<sup>st</sup> 1826 in Newberry District on which Day she departed this life, and in the opinion of the undersigned, up to the day of her death was entitled to the pension heretofore allowed as well as the additional pension lately allowed by law that in her lifetime she lived with her Daniel Towles up to the Day of Her Death, and that in our opinion he is entitled to draw the pension that his Mother was entitled to up to the time of her death, he being then heir at law of his Mother. Given under our hands and seals  
November 13<sup>th</sup> 1827

S/ Tandy Walker, JQ

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The Committee on the Military, to whom was referred the report of the Senate upon the petition of Oliver Towles Junior praying that a certain claim of his may be audited by law do

Report

That they have considered the same. They find that Oliver Towles Senior was a Captain in the Revolutionary War – that he was killed in said service and left a Widow Jane Towles surviving him, who died in 1826. – The Petitioner is one of the heirs of Jane Towles.

Your Committee find that the claim of the heirs of Jane Towles for seven years half pay of her husband Oliver Towles Senior, is a claim against the United States, and not this State: – And they further find that this State has never paid the same on account of the United States under the resolution of 1780.

Resolved

Your Committee therefore in place of the resolution recommended by the Senate – Report, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution viz. –

That the claim of the heirs of Jane Towles for seven years half pay of her husband Oliver Towles, who was a Captain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Continental Regiment South Carolina Line, and killed in the service, appears to be equitable and just. – That the same has never been audited or paid by this State on account of the United States under the Resolution of Congress of 1780; and it is therefore recommended that Congress make provision for the payment of the same.

All which is respectfully submitted

S/ S. McGanner [?]

Chairman

[p 18: the heirs' claim was renewed in 1852 and again rejected by the SC General Assembly with the recommendation that the same be paid by the US under the Resolve of Congress of 1780.]

[Note:

Bobby Gilmer Moss. *Roster of South Carolina Patriots in the American Revolution*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983, p 937 notes the following regarding this veteran:

He served as a Sergeant in the Rangers under Captain John Caldwell and Colonel Thomson [William Thomson] during 1775 and was a Captain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment during 1778. One source states that from August 1779, he served as a Captain in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment. During the fall of Charleston, he was taken prisoner. He was killed by Tories under “Bloody Bill” Cunningham.]