

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Richard Tutt SC527 AA31

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The Petition of Betty Tutt widow of Richard Tutt & the children of the said Richard Tutt
Deceased praying compensation for the Revolutionary Services of the said Richard Tutt

Claims

Granted \$1500

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To the Honorable the Speaker & members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina

The Humble Petition of Betty Tutt, Widow of Richard Tutt deceased, Mary Tutt daughter of the said Richard Tutt, Henry Tutt, son of the said Richard Tutt, Matthew Mims, who intermarried with Eliza Tutt, daughter of the said Richard Tutt, James H Randolph, who intermarried with Ann Tutt, daughter of the said Richard Tutt, & Elizabeth Tutt Guardian to the children of John Tutt deceased who was son of the said Richard Tutt, all of which being the heirs & legal representatives of the said Richard Tutt respectfully Sheweth

That the said Richard Tutt deceased, in his lifetime, say on the __ day of __ was duly commissioned a Lieutenant in the fifth Regiment raised by this State on the Continental establishment – That he thus became entitled to all the pay, rations & emoluments granted by Congress to the Officers of the Continental Army, one of which was their commutation of full pay for five years and lieu of half pay for life. That on the __ day of __ the said Richard Tutt with his men were detached from the Continental establishment under a resolve of the Legislature of this State, and on the express condition that they should be in all respects and purposes on the same footing as the Continental Officers as to pay, rations &c & was made an independent Company, subject to the rules & articles of war, and expressly declared to be under the Command of the President & Commander in chief of this State – That being so detached, the said Richard Tutt, was disabled from claiming the commutation of his pay from Congress.

That the said Richard Tutt continued faithfully to perform & discharge his duty in the service of the State, & confidently entertained the reasonable hope that this state would comply

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with its engagements in his behalf – But owing to divers causes unknown to your present Petitioners, the claim of the said Richard Tutt was not presented to the Legislature until the year 1792 when reports in both houses favorable to the claim were obtained; but disagreed to as your Petitioners are informed & believe, on the ground that it was Barred by the Act of Limitations. The claim of the said Richard Tutt being thus rejected & his belief that such rejection proceeded from the embarrassed situation of the finances of the state arising out of a long & expensive War, that he the said Richard Tutt, in his lifetime remained silent, & so would your present Petitioners have been, but for the generous liberality of the Legislature which has for several years past opened a door for such claims.

Relying now on the Justice of the state, & the fairness of the claim of the said Richard Tutt, your Petitioners Humbly pray your Honorable body to grant them the said commutation agreeably to a statement of the same underwritten, & as in duty bound, they will pray &c.

S/ Betty Tutt
S/ Mary Tutt
S/ Henry Tutt
S/ M. Mims
S/ J. H. Randolph
S/ Elizabeth Tutt, guardian &c

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The State of South Carolina

To the heirs & legal representatives of Richard Tutt deceased	Dr.
To the commutation of full pay for 5 years, in lieu of half pay for life, at five shillings per day, that being the pay of a Lieutenant which Commission the said Richard Tutt, in his lifetime, bore in the Continental Service	£1952.75

Interest on the above from the year 1792 until the present } \$

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Richard H Tutt – about 25 years of age
Mary Tutt, about 38 years of age
M. Mims } who intermarried with Eliza, now about 30 years
J. H. Randolph } who intermarried with Ann, who is now dead, leaving 2 female children,
Eleanor & Elizabeth Ann, 7 & 5 years old
John Tutt } who died at about 28 years of age – leaving a Widow and 2 children, females –
named Francis and Elizabeth age is about 8 years & 6 years

The above, including the Widow, are all the Representatives of Richard Tutt Deceased

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The committee on claims to whom was referred the Petition of Betty Tutt, Widow of Richard Tutt, & the children of Richard Tutt deceased praying compensation for Revolutionary Services of the said Richard Tutt – Beg leave to Report

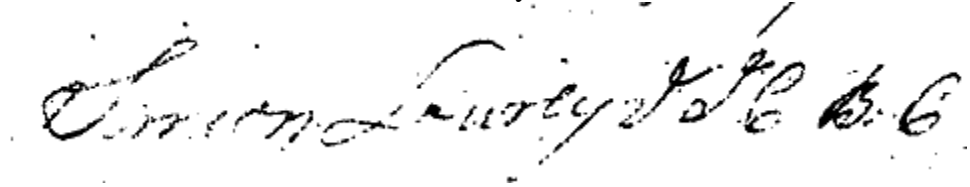
That they have had the same under consideration & recommend that the prayer thereof be granted and that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose

S/ Thomas Carr, Chairman

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State of Georgia Burke County} I do hereby Certify that I served 3 years in the Revolutionary War under Benjamin Tutt of South Carolina at Fort Rutledge and Richard Tutt acted as 1st Lieutenant under him during the time. Given under my hand at Walnut Spring my residence August 16th 1821

S/ Simeon Lowrey,² JIC B. C.



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South Carolina Edgefield District} Personally appeared before me Samuel Garner who having been duly sworn deposed and saith that he was well acquainted with the late Richard Tutt of Edgefield District & that he knew that he served as first Lieutenant in Captain Benjamin Tutt's independent Company. That he went up to the Fort at Seneca and that he was there enlisted by the said Richard Tutt the Captain being absent. That he cannot recollect the exact time the said Richard Tutt served as Lieutenant but he well remembers that he was a considerable time at the said Fort and that he firmly believes that he remained in the Service until a short time after the Fall of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] when the said Fort was given up to a Command of the British Troops and the Officers & Garrison were paroled.

Sworn & subscribed to before me 14 March 1821

S/ M. Mims, CCP

S/ Samuel Garner,³ X his mark

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South Carolina Edgefield District} Before me personally came Matthew Barrett and made oath that he was personally acquainted with Richard Tutt of the District of Edgefield deceased from the year 1776 till his death. That he was acquainted with the late Captain Benjamin Tutt, that he enlisted as a soldier under the said Benjamin, of which company Richard Tutt was the first Lieutenant and that he went with the said Richard to Charleston some time in the year 1776 there he enlisted for the term of fifteen months, that he knows that the said Benjamin & Richard Enlisted another company from the date of his discharge for three years, and were stationed at Sinecca [Seneca], where he remained for the protection of the inhabitants of the up Country, that Deponent further states that he believes that the said Richard Tutt remained in service during the War, and was in the service of his Country.

Sworn to before me this 20th August 1821

S/ William Thurman, J. Q.

S/ Matthew Barrett⁴, X his mark

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² [Simeon Lowrey \(Lourey\) S31826](#)

³ [Samuel Garner S38720](#)

⁴ This MAY be the same man as [Mathew \[Matthew\] Barrett \[Barret\] SC374](#)

So. Carolina To the Honorable the Speaker and the other Members of the Honorable the House of Representatives

The Comptroller General to whom was referred the petition of Betty Tutt Widow of Richard Tutt deceased respectfully reports

That he has examined the Books in his Office and find that there was issued on the 8th April 1785 an Indent for £196.10 Sterling and on the 5th of July in the same year another Indent for £20.11.5 Sterling both for duty done in the State Troops.

Respectfully submitted

By

S/ Tho Lee, C. G. [Thomas Lee]

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The Committee on Claims to whom was referred the Petition of Betty Tutt, widow of Richard Tutt, an Officer in the Revolutionary War, on behalf of herself and in behalf of the heirs of the said Richard, praying compensation for revolutionary services performed by her late husband.

Beg leave to Report

That they have had the Petition and documents before them, and have duly considered their subject matter; In the investigation of these claims, the committee find the following facts – viz. – That the said Richard Tutt was an Officer in the Revolutionary War, on the Continental Establishment. That according to a resolution of the Congress of the United States, All Officers on that establishment who should serve to the end of the War, should be entitled to a commutation of full pay for 5 years, or half pay for life; The Committee also find that the said Richard did serve in the service, until he was detached by a Resolution of the Legislature of this State, and placed in the service of the State; to be entitled nevertheless to all the pay, rations and emoluments, that the officers of the Continental establishment would be.

The committee, moreover, find, that the commutation of a Lieutenant for full pay for five years would amount to eighteen hundred dollars. Your committee therefore respectfully recommend, that the prayer of the Petitioner, be granted, and that the sum of eighteen hundred dollars with interest, at the rate of three percent, from December 1793 to the present time be paid to the said Betty Tutt, administratrix with the will attached of Richard Tutt deceased.

The amount of this claim with the interest thereon at the rate reported by your committee is three thousand three hundred twelve dollars.

All of which is respectfully Submitted

S/ Thomas Carr, Chairman