

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to John Pickens SC530 AA8
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Mr. John Pickens, Deceased, his Account of Militia Duty as Private done since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780]; also for his Mare lost in Service in 1781 the whole Amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	<u>£290.0.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£41.8.6 ³ / ₄

Ex^d. J. M^c. A. G.” [Executed by John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State So. Carolina

Dr. to John Pickens Deceased

for Duty as Private per Colonel Anderson’s [Robert Anderson’s] return	£180
A Mare Appraised	<u>110</u>
Currency	<u>£290</u>
Stg.	£41.8.6 ³ / ₄

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I do hereby authorize and empower (my present Husband) William Black, to draw & receive the Indent or Indents with the Interest due for the use of my orphaned Children, by my former Husband John Pickens, and which was due to him for Sundry Militia Services of this State, as a private, Serving mostly as a Horse-man, both before the Reduction of Charleston & afterwards, until he was taken Prisoner by the Enemy, and given into the hands of the Indians, who, in a most barbarous manner put him & others to Death – Colonel Robert Anderson, Commissioner saith that he returned the accounts, of said former Husband John Pickens Militia duty or services – to the auditor’s office

Given under my hand this 3rd day of February 1790

S/ Mary Black, M her mark, Administratrix

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Abbeville County Ninety Six District }SS, The above Mary Black, signed & acknowledged the above order in my presence and also made oath, that neither herself nor Children, hath never Received any Indent nor Indents, or any Interest, in Consequence of the above duty or Services – and that there is not besides this any order out for the same. Sworn to this 3rd day of February 1790 before me

S/ Pat. Calhoun, JP

S/ Mary Black, M her mark

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To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate

Your Petitioner humbly Sheweth that her former Husband John Pickens was killed in service of this State on the 16th day of December 1781 – and left your Petitioner with a family of small and very helpless Children – & that your petitioner continued the widow of the said John Pickens until the 1st day of January 1784 – when she Intermarried with William Black who has been dead for many years – and your petitioner is now very old and infirm and unable to make a support and prays that your Honorable body will place her on your pension list and thereby enable her to drag out the few remaining days which she may yet have to live and at least she hopes she will not be refused the three years annuity which she might have drawn she refers you to the records of the treasury office – where she did draw for her minor Children but did not draw for herself.

19th of November 1819

S/ Mary Black, X her mark

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To the Honorable the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives

Your Petitioner humbly Sheweth that her former Husband John Pickens was killed whilst in the defense of this State on the 16th day of December 1781 and that she remained three years a widow – she then Intermarried with William Black who had been dead many years since – that she was left at the Death of her first Husband with a Small and Helpless family – that she drew for her minor children the pay allowed by law – but did not apply for herself at that time. She is now very old and very poor and prays to be placed on the pension list or at least that she may receive the three years to which she was Entitled before her marriage the second time – I refer you to the Information of Joseph Black – a Member of the Senate and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

19th of November 1819

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S/ Mary Black, X her Mark