

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to James Williams² SC579
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8554

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No. [illegible]


[Book] U [No.] 394 6th July

Mr. James Williams his acct. [account] of Militia duty as Lieut. And Captain also for Waggon service and for provisions supplied in 1779 & 1780 the whole amtg. [amounting] to

[old SC] Curry [Currency]	<u>£3471.19.3</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£495.19.10 ½

Received 6th of July 1785 full Satisfaction for the Within in an Indent No. 394 Book U by an Order

S/ John Hunter



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State of So. Carola.

	To James Williams	Dr.
To Militia Duty as Colo. p [per] Colo. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return		£1,680
229 days Waggon hire at 80/		916
Property lost in Service p. Colo. Anderson's Return		125
Provisions p. do		20.2.6
Febr. 79 a Mare & Saddle lost £3800 a 2040.10/		186.4.6
Mar. 79 Provi'n del'd [delivered] James Moore £4866.5/ a 893.10/		<u>544.12.3</u>
	Currency	<u>£3471.19.3</u>
	Stg.	£495.19.10 ½

¹ The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [ENTER ON-LINE RECORDS INDEX](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Individual" 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.

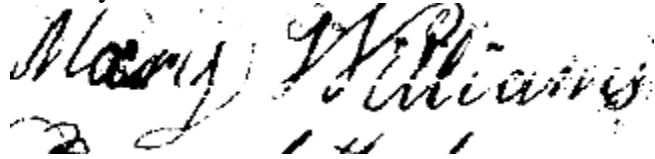
² The veteran is the subject of William T. Graves. *Backcountry Revolutionary: James Williams (1740-1780) with source documents*. Lugoff, South Carolina, Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution Press, 2012

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Whereas I Mary Williams widow of the late Deceased James Williams Do authorize & empower John Hunter Esquire to Draw from the treasury the within mentioned Indent for Publick account Due to the said James Williams Deceased & his Receipt shall be your Discharge.

Given under my hand this 19th September 1785

S/ Mary Williams

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Williams". The ink is dark and the handwriting is somewhat slanted and fluid.

I Do Certify that the above Mrs. Mary Williams widow of the aforesaid Colonel James Williams Did Sign the above order before me this 19th September 1785

Certified by me

S/ Charles Nixon, JP

[p 9: claim by the estate of Col. James Williams for provisions [flour and sundries] amounting to £60.10.1 Sterling. At the bottom of the claim, in very faint handwriting, is the following:

"The Auditor is requested to examine Gen. Williamson's [Andrew Williamson's] Accot. under whom Col. Williams acted in 1779 & to ascertain what payment he rec'd -- & remark respecting Mr. Rutledge [illegible] in 5000 Dollars" [this is a reference to \$5,000 SC Governor in exile gave Col Williams in Hillsborough NC sometime in September of 1780 to enable Williams to recruit men to join him in his attempt to track down and bring to battle the forces under British Major Patrick Ferguson. Williams, with others, eventually caught up with Ferguson and his forces at Kings Mountain SC and defeated them on October 7, 1780. Williams was mortally wounded in that Battle and died the next day. Because of his death at Kings Mountain, no accounting for the \$5,000 has been found to date, but Williams did successfully recruit around 190 men to join him in his march to Kings Mountain. Doubtless some or all that money was used to pay bounties to some or all those men.]

"Also the sum of 5000 Dollars paid him by Govr. Rutledge

At Hillsborough 16 Sept. 1780 in Currency

Genl. Williamson's Acct. were carefully examined & do not find any money charged to Col. Jas. Williams."

[p 11: claim by the estate of Col. James Williams for provisions and sundries provided in October 1779 including 150 gallons of whiskey at 4 shillings a gallon; 1,000 weight of Corn; 600 weight of Flower [flour] and another entry which is illegible.]

[p 12: very faint claim which appears to be in James Williams' own handwriting & to read as follows:]

My own sarvis is from 5 of January 1779 to this Day

At 46 pr. Day

My Wagon & team the same time

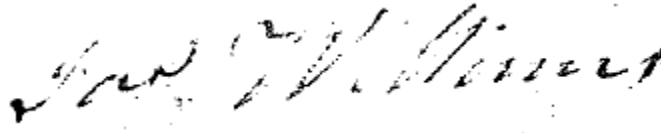
My boy & horse to Wat [wait] on me the same time at 40/ Day

There is [indecipherable] of [indecipherable] on My books against

The publick that Will fall in [indecipherable] the above

[the balance is too faint to discern]

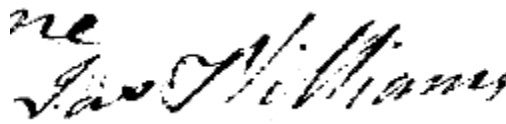
S/ Jas Williams



[pp 13-14: appears to be an accounting by Col. James Williams of various provisions from Genl. Andrew Williamson in March and June of 1779 and received by Capt. James Moore; p. 14 bears the following in James Williams' handwriting:

Rec'd of Capt. Jas More [James Moore] by paying an order to My [illegibly faint word] of Mine I say rec'd per me August 1st 1779 £2920 18/

S/ Jas. Williams

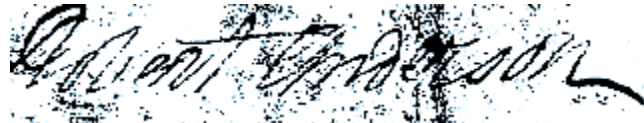


To an order give to Mr. Thomas Burk on Mr. Jas. More for 2029.17.3

[In the handwriting I think of Col. Robert Anderson appears the following:]

As Colo. Williams is Dead his Attestation to this Account Cannot be had but from Sundry Informations it Appears he furnished the Quantity of Flower & I Cannot find out that he Rec'd Any pay but the Credit Given

S/ Robert Anderson



N. B. James Moore the Commissary is also Dead—Col. Williams' Hair [heir?] when I took this Acct. promised to Search Mr. Moore's Books & if any thing Appeared on the Books they were to bring a Certificate thereof from the Executors which they have not Done.

[p 15: receipts given by officers for provisions provided by Col. Williams: 1 from John Winn dated March 12th 1779 for 6 bushels of corn and fodder; and the other for from John McCulloch dated April 18th 1779 for three barrels of flour.]

[p 17: receipt dated April 30, 1779 for 86 lbs of [indecipherable] and a peck of salt provided by Williams to Capt. John Davis for his troops.]

[pp 23-27 are illegibly faint images of the following documents. I have examined the originals at the SC State Archives in Columbia and from those have made the following transcription.]

The State of South Carolina

To the Honorable the Speaker and other Members of the House of Representatives of this State

The petition of Col. James Williams of the Newberry Dist. for himself and the other heirs of Col. James Williams Decd.

Sheweth:

That his father James Williams in the year 1776 was elected Colonel and served in the Cherokee expedition, that from that time until his death at the battle of Kings Mountain he continued in the active service of the state. That he was in the battle of Stono, at the siege of Savannah, in the battles of Musgroves' Mills, and that of Kings Mountain in which he was shott in ? of the advancing parties ascending the mountain and fell near to Col. Ferguson.

That for the whole of his services he never rec'd any compensation (so far as your petitioner is informed).

That your Petitioner for himself and the other heirs of Col. James Williams, is desirous that these facts should be inquired into and if found to be true that then that such compensation may be rendered as the state in its wisdom may think proper.

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that this claim may be investigated and that payment for the same may be made to your Petitioner and the other heirs of Col. James Williams Dec'd.

And your Petitioner will pray.

S/ James Williams

I Hugh Oneall do hereby certify that I knew Col. James Williams, that I recollect distinctly his service as Colonel in the Cherokee expedition in 1776, that from that time to his death at Kings Mountain he was constantly engaged as a Colonel in the service of this State, that he commanded the troops who went from the section of country in which I was raised to the battle of Stono, the siege of Savannah, the battles of Musgroves Mills and of Kings Mountain.

Novr. 3rd 1829

S/ Hugh O'Neill

Robert Stark Esq., Col. Samuel Hammond & Thomas Taylor are referred to by the Petitioner for the proof of Col. James Williams Revolutionary Services.

Resolved --- that the Heirs of Col. James Williams who was killed at the battle of Kings Mountain have leave to take the examination in writing of Col. Thomas Taylor, Robert Stark, Esq., Col. Samuel Hammond and Hugh Oneal aged & infirm persons to be read in evidence before this House or its committee in any future investigation of their claims against the State and that Col. James [looks like "Grady"] Col. Wm Preston and Col John G. Brown or either of them be appointed commissioners to take said examinations

S/ ? Caldwell

In the House of Representatives

Resolution appointing Commissioners to take the examination of certain witnesses. Dec. 18, 1829

Resolved that the House do agree to the Resolution --- to Senate for consideration

By action of the House. S/ R. Anderson, CHR Senate Dec. 18, 1829

The Joint Committee of both branches of this Legislature to whom was referred the examination of the Claims of Col. James Williams for Revolutionary services _____ [something illegible] that they have considered the same and beg leave to recommend that a joint committee be appointed from both branches of the Legislature to examine into the details on which the Claims have been predicated and to -__ [illegible] the __ [illegible] of their investigations at the next Session of this Legislature.

S/ Richard Gillaming [?]

Acting Chairman of the Joint Committee

No. 33 Treasury Office

(Duplicate)

Columbia 29 May 1833

Received of Tandy Walker, Treasurer of the Upper Division

Four Thousand Dollars on account of Claims for the Revolutionary Services of Col. James Williams, appropriated at December Session 1832 for James Williams and others heirs of said Col. James Williams.

\$4,000

S/ Abra. P. Pool

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