

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts¹ relating to Philip Will SC62

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State of South Carolina Charleston District}

Before me Peter Bounetheau one of the Justices appointed to keep the Peace for Charleston District personally appeared Mr. John Ginsall [sic] of Charleston who being duly sworn doth set forth and declare that in the year 1780 during the time the British were in possession of Charleston [Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780], he this deponent found a file of papers in Broad Street near the State House which he apprehended were thrown out of the said State House by the British Soldiers who were then in possession of the same – This deponent further saith that after carrying the papers to his dwelling House in looking over them he found the said papers were the property of Philip Will late of this City and contained his vouchers as Barrack Master [sic] and Deputy Quarter Master General in the service of this State.

Sworn to before me this 8th day 1790

S/ John Gensel



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South Carolina

To the Honorable Jacob Reid Esquire Speaker & the Honorable Members of the House of Representatives of said State

The Petition of Philip Will humbly Sheweth. That your Petitioner was engaged in the service of this State in the late War as a Barrack Master & also as a Deputy Quarter Master General . that before the surrender of Charleston to the British Army he delivered into the hands of Benjamin Dark Esquire then Auditor General sundry accounts & vouchers to support them against this State to be audited. That he afterwards often called on said Dark for those Papers to secure them from Accidents but was informed they had not been inspected. That before the Capitulation he left Charleston, leaving his Papers in the Auditor's Office which soon after fell into the

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possession of the British Army and were exposed to the destroying hand of the Enemy. That fortunately for your Petitioner Mr. John Gensell of Charleston while in their possession, by accident found in the streets a bundle of Papers which on Examination appeared to be a part of his Accounts and Vouchers, as may appear to the Honorable House from the affidavit which accompanies this Petition. That he has since delivered unto the Auditor General's Office his Accounts to the amount of about eight hundred pounds which have been examined but not passed for the want of all the Vouchers, a part of which your Petitioner still has preserved by the aforementioned accident, and also his Original Books of Entry which he apprehends will prove the Justice of his Accounts. That he is convinced the House have only to be persuaded of the Justice of his Claim to induce them to do him that Justice which he is entitled to and which has been done to others in similar Circumstances, and that no advantage will be taken of the loss of his Papers which he could not prevent & which were lodged with the proper Officer to receive them. Confiding therefore in the Wisdom & Goodness of the House and that readiness they have discovered to do Justice to every Individual, He humbly prays they would take his Case into Consideration and grant him such relief as they shall think fit.

And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray &c &c

S/ Philip Will

January 28th 1791

[p 10: An identical petition addressed to David Ramsey as president of the Senate and the members thereof]

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The State of South Carolina

To Philip Will Barrack Master G. [Barrack Master General]

1776	To pay due as Barrack M. G. for the State of South Carolina from the 25 th of March 1776 to the 25 th of December 1779 is 2 years & 9 months at \$40 Specie per month	Dollars 1320
	2 Subsistence in lieu of Rations from the 25 th of March 1776 to the 25 th of December 1779 is 2 years & 9 months at 2 Rations per day at 10/90 per Ration	177 Dollars
	To Pay due for Horse hire from the 25 th of March 1776 to the 25 th of December 1779 is 2 years & 9 months at Half Dollar per day	1000 ½ Dollars
		2497 ½ Dollars

The State of South Carolina

To Philip Will D. Q. M. G. [Deputy Quarter Master General]

1779	To pay as D. Q. M. G. from the 17 th of March 1779 to the 16 th of August 1780 is 14 months at \$40 per month	560 Dollars
	To Subsistence in lieu of Rations from the 17 th of March 1779 to the 16 th of	76 Dollars

	August 1780 is 14 months at 2 Rations per Day at 10/90 per Ration	
	To pay for Horse hire from the 17 of March 1779 to the 16 th of August 1780 is 14 months at half Dollar per Day	212 ½ Dollars
	Total	3346 Dollars

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Mr. Philip Will was appointed by me Deputy Quarter Master General 17 March 1779. – He had before that Time been appointed Barrack Master. I believe by the Council of Safety – but how long he acted in those Offices I know not.

S/ J. Rutledge [John Rutledge, Governor of South Carolina]



[p 23: in what appears to be a general ledger, there appear the following entries regarding services by men not otherwise found in known rolls of SC veterans:

<i>To Cash paid Edmund Sarjant for 4 ½ Months Service as an Assistant at 30/</i>	202.10
<i>To do paid Robert Wilson for 6 Months & 23 days Service in the Room of Edmund Serjant [sic] at 25/ per day</i>	227.10

[p 31: Letter postmarked 18 Mile House 16th of May 1792 in which Philip Will indicates that pressing business has required him to leave Charleston and to appoint his son (not named) to act in his behalf in pursuing his claim against the state of South Carolina.]

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Received June 30, 1792 from the Commissioners Appointed to Settle the Public Accounts a Certificate No. 147 two hundred & seventy 2/9 Stg. [Sterling] being in full for Philip Will's Claim against the State as Barrack Master and Deputy Quarter Master General.

S/ John Will



[Philip's son?]