

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>1</sup> relating to Berryman Bledsoe SC650  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 555

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No. 50

No. 176

Lib. [Book] U

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1785

Mr. Berryman Bletsor [sic] his Accot. [account] of Militia Duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown [Charleston SC fell to the British on May 12, 1780] Amotg. [amounting] to

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|---------------------------|----------|
| [old SC] Curry [Currency] | £130.0.0 |
| Stg. [Sterling]           | £18.11.5 |

Ex<sup>d</sup>. W. G. J. M<sup>c</sup>. A. G.” [Executed [by] William Galvan & John McCall, Adjutant General]

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State So. Carolina

Dr. to Berryman Bletsor

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| For Duty per Col. Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] Return [not known to be extant] | £130.0.0 |
| Stg.   | £18.11.5 |

8<sup>th</sup> July 1785 Received full Satisfaction for this Account in an Indent No. 176 Book U by Virtue of an Order

for Mrs. Millia Bletsor

S/ Bartelet Bledsoe



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I do request of the Commissioners of the auditor's office of the State of South Carolina to make out the Indent with the interest the same for Millia Bledsoe the widow of Berriman Bledsoe deceased the said Account now lying in the auditor's office pursuant to the resolve of the legislature in that case to Mr. Bartelet Bledsoe for me and to accept this as receipt of the same

<sup>1</sup> 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.

S/ Millia Bledsoe, X her mark

August 20<sup>th</sup> 1785

I do hereby Certify that I saw the above named Millia Bledsoe sign the above order for the use above mentioned Certified the date as above

S/ By me Solomon Bozre J. P.

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November 29 1815

The Petition of Milley Bledsoe praying to be placed on the Pension list & to be allowed Arrears of Pension

“Pensions”

agreed to

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To the Honorable President, and Honorable Members of the Senate of the House of South Carolina

The petition of Milley Bledsoe, an inhabitant of Edgefield district, Humbly Sheweth; That your petitioner is the widow of Berryman Bledsoe who was killed in defense of the Independence of the United States, in the revolutionary war; at the close of the war your petitioner was placed on the pension list of this state, And drew by the assistance of a friend her pension for many years – the person that drew for her being dead, your petitioner being a helpless widow has not drawn anything from the state for seventeen or eighteen years, the whole of which time she has resided in Edgefield district, and supported herself by her own labor and industry; but now being old and unable to labor as formerly your petitioner prays your Honorable body to make provision to pay the arrears due her, for her pension, and that she may be placed on the pension list – and your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

S/ Milly Bledsoe, X her mark

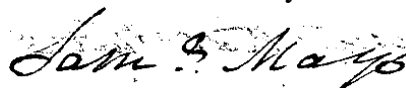
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South Carolina Edgefield District}

I do hereby certify that I have always understood that Berryman Bledsoe was killed with Captain Starling Turner [Sterling Turner] & Captain James Butler<sup>2</sup> by Major William Cunningham [William “Bloody Bill” Cunningham] and his party. I know that Mrs. Milly Bledsoe has formally drew her pension, and that she is still a widow, and, an inhabitant of Edgefield district, and I believe that what she states in her petition is true.

23<sup>rd</sup> November 1815

S/ Samuel Mays



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South Carolina Edgefield district}

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<sup>2</sup> Capt. Sterling Turner and Capt. James Butler, Sr., along with 26 men under their command, were killed in an engagement with Tories forces commanded by William Cunningham at Cloud’s Creek, SC on November 17, 1781. [http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_clouds\\_creek\\_2.html](http://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_clouds_creek_2.html)

Personally appeared before me, Milly Bledsoe, and made oath that her husband Berryman Bledsoe was killed in defense of the Independence of the United States of America, and that she did for many years draw a pension by the assistance of her brother-in-law Barkley Bledsoe [sic, Bartlet Bledsoe]<sup>3</sup>, from the state, that she has not drawn any thing since his death nor to the best of her recollection by any other person but him; that there are arrears for many years back. She further says that she is still a widow and is not possessed of any Negroes.

Sworn to before me the 25<sup>th</sup> day of November 1815

S/ George S Strother, JP

S/ Milly Bledsoe, X her mark

[pp 11-13: identical petitions and affidavit address to the SC House of Representatives]

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Treasury Office Columbia [South Carolina]

I do hereby Certify that Amelia Bledsoe of Edgefield District is on the list of Annuitants in this Office and that it appears from the Books in this office that she has drawn her Annuity up to March 1798 and not since— Given under my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1815

S/ Wm Ed. Hayne, Treasurer

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Report on the petition of Milly Bledsoe praying to be placed on the Pension list and to the be allowed arrears of pensions

In the Senate December 13, 1815

Resolved that this House do agree to the report, ordered that the same be sent to the House of Representatives for their concurrence

By order of the Senate

S/ J Murphy, C. S.

In the House of representatives December 13, 1815

Resolved that this House do concur in the within report

Ordered that the same be returned to the Senate

By order of the House

S/ [illegible signature]

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The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Milly Bledsoe praying to be placed on the Pension list and be Allowed arrears of Pension due her

Report

that they have taken the same into consideration and find the facts stated in the petition to be true they therefore recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay her Arrears of pension from March 1798 and that she be continued on the pension list.

12<sup>th</sup> December 1815

S/ John Hopkins, Chairman, C. Pensions

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<sup>3</sup> SC649 posted in this database